



# BUILDING POLICY TEAM

EXPERTISE • COLLABORATION • RESULTS



MEEA's building policy team helps communities adopt and implement common-sense building energy code and benchmarking policies.

With over 50 years of combined experience in the building industry, our technical experts and policy advocates are helping cities & states decrease energy usage, save money and reduce emissions.

## WHAT WE DO

### ENERGY CODES

- Educate policymakers and building professionals to encourage code adoption that meets state & local needs
- Ensure compliance through focused research and effective training
- Participate in the development of the residential and commercial national model codes

### BENCHMARKING

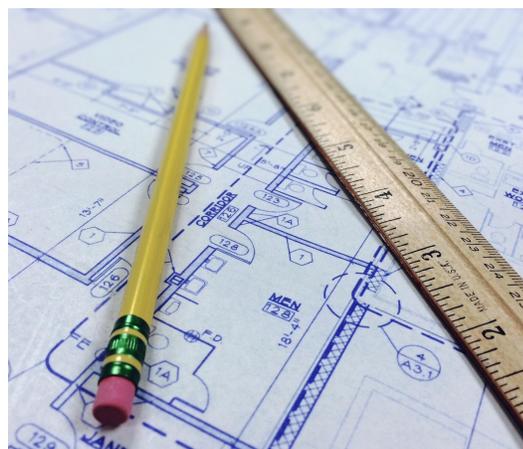
- Provide technical expertise for ordinance adoption and implementation
- Facilitate free trainings to help track and reduce energy use
- Actively engage jurisdictions and municipalities to encourage streamlined data access

### RESEARCH

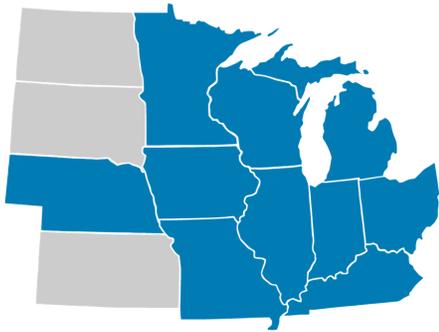
- Gather data on cost-effectiveness, emissions and energy usage
- Analyze data to understand industry trends, identify best practices and make informed recommendations
- Conduct assessments of state energy code compliance

### NETWORKING

- Coordinate state-level working groups and collaboratives
- Connect decision-makers and technical experts
- Host an annual conference focused on building energy policy to connect and inform stakeholders in the industry



# OUR IMPACT



States where MEEA has helped improve building policy



## WHAT CODES CONFERENCE ATTENDEES SAY

"I liked having some really knowledgeable professionals in the room who were willing to engage each other on alternative approaches and understandings"

"Small group, but big reach."

# MEET THE TEAM



**Chris Burgess**

**Technical Manager for Compliance**

Licensed architect & veteran of the building industry



**Alison Lindburg**

**Building Policy Manager**

Green building innovator with 15 years experience



**Ian Blanding**

**Sr. Building Policy Associate**

Data virtuoso with an MA in Urban Planning

Since 2009, building energy codes have saved the Midwest:



**\$555 million on utility bills**

**36 million MMBTUs of energy**

**3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e**



## SPOTLIGHT: MISSOURI ACTIVITIES

- **Outreach:** Our team strengthened existing relationships and forged new partnerships with local leaders and building professionals to highlight the myriad benefits of strong building energy codes.
- **Adoption:** We served as a key technical resource and leader in assisting multiple jurisdictions throughout the state with updating their building energy codes.
- **Research & Compliance:** MEEA managed a statewide residential energy code baseline study to understand typical construction practices and recommended strategies to improve compliance.
- **Benchmarking:** We helped the cities of St. Louis and Kansas City adopt and implement benchmarking ordinances. With the assistance of local professionals, we facilitated free trainings so building owners could comply with the ordinance and track their energy use.