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### **City of Tallahassee Electric Utility receives Award of Continued Excellence**

**Washington D.C., March 24, 2021**— The City of Tallahassee Electric Utility in Florida earned the 2021 Award of Continued Excellence (ACE) today from the American Public Power Association’s Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program.

The award recognizes continued commitment to the DEED program and its ideals, including support of research, development and demonstration, improving efficiency, renewable resources, and support of public power. The award was presented during the APPA’s virtual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference.

“Tallahassee is a long-standing champion of and contributor to our DEED program,” said American Public Power Association Vice President of Technical and Operations Services Alex Hofmann. “And they have been helpful in sharing their lessons-learned—particularly in the area of solar-plus-storage—with the public power community.”

Tallahassee joined DEED in 1986 and has been involved in several projects, including a 1994 grant for a thermal mapping project, sponsoring and mentoring three DEED scholarship recipients, and earning two Energy Innovator Awards; one in 2012 for its Neighborhood REACH Program, a collaborative effort to improve livability in traditionally low-income areas, and a second in 2015 for its rebate program for energy and water conservation.

Over the years the utility has been an outstanding partner in federal, state and local R&D initiatives. Most recently, they collaborated with the Department of Energy, its National Labs, and Nhu Energy to carry out research critically important to expanding solar and energy storage, known as the Florida Alliance for Accelerating Solar and Storage Technology Readiness. In 2020 they shared lessons learned from that project with the wider public power community on a DEED webinar.

The City of Tallahassee has committed to numerous sustainability goals and efforts including 100 percent clean energy by 2050, 100 percent clean energy for City Operations by 2035, development of a Clean Energy Integrated Resource Plan, electrification of City and Florida State University buses, and installation of fast charging stations.

For more information about DEED, visit [www.PublicPower.org/DEED](http://www.PublicPower.org/DEED).

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