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## Top Resources

Register for the [2021 Legislative Rally](#), which takes place virtually March 1-2. This is your opportunity to inform the new Congress and Administration about legislation and policy related to climate change, infrastructure, tax and finance, and other issues that affect your utilities. There's no registration fee for the 2021 Rally, so this is a great opportunity for you to engage your entire team and policymakers in public power advocacy.

Read our report about the [2020 elections and preview for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress](#).

Learn about the [federal legislative response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in a compilation by APPA's government relations staff.

Access our latest COVID-19 resources [here \(member login required\)](#). APPA staff continue to work with our members and other electricity industry partners to share information and best practices for safely maintaining utility operations during COVID-19.

Hear about Rochester Public Utilities' EV program and gain perspective from CLEAResult on how EV programs are being incorporated into electric system planning on our complimentary Electric Vehicle Interest Group (EVIG) [webinar](#) on January 14, 2021, at 2 p.m. ET. The EVIG is open to utility, state/regional association, joint action agency, and community choice aggregator associate members.

Register for APPA Academy's [Best Practices in Public Power Governance](#) virtual class on March 11 for existing and newly elected or appointed policymakers. Attendees will receive a complimentary digital copy of APPA's new [Policymakers Manual](#).

Discover APPA Academy's robust [catalog](#) of virtual training opportunities through June 2021 including conferences, in-depth classes, webinars and workshops. [View the full list of upcoming Academy training and events](#).

Apply for APPA's [Smart Energy Provider \(SEP\)](#) program through April 30.

Submit your annual [injury and illness incidence rate report forms](#) to apply for APPA's safety awards. Members with the lowest overall recordable injuries and illness cases from three consecutive years – grouped by total worker hours – are recognized with the awards. Complete the form by **January 31, 2021** to be eligible for the 2020 Safety Awards of Excellence.

**DEED members:** now's the time to apply for up to \$125,000 in funding. Applications are due February 15, 2021. [Learn more](#).

DEED members are also invited to apply for the 2021 [Award of Continued Excellence \(ACE\)](#) and [the Energy Innovator Award \(EIA\)](#) by January 31. Contact [DEED@PublicPower.org](mailto:DEED@PublicPower.org) with questions.

Subscribe to [Axio360 for Public Power](#) (formerly the Public Power Cybersecurity Scorecard) for access to an easy-to-use platform to support ongoing evaluation and improvement of cybersecurity capabilities in IT and OT environments.

Learn how your public power peers are making capital spending decisions and planning for future needs in the inaugural [Public Power Purchasing Outlook Survey Report](#). When you buy a copy of the report, you'll receive complimentary registration to an accompanying webinar on January 11 at 2 p.m. ET.

Submit nominations for APPA's utility and individual [recognition awards](#) through January 31.

## Top News

From *Public Power Daily*: [APPA works to ensure availability of \\$25 billion rental assistance program](#)

From *Public Power Daily*: [EPA finalizes ozone NAAQS, retains current standards](#)