

37. Experience

How many years have you worked in this city government? _____

How many years have you worked in your current position? _____

38. What is your highest level of education you have attained?

- High School Diploma
- Some College
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral/Professional

39. Could you please provide your name and contact information in case we need to follow up?

Name _____

Title _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY!

Would you like to receive a copy of this survey's aggregate results?

- Yes
- No



Implementation of Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Programs



The Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University is investigating local government action on energy and climate protection issues. Your city's participation is critical to the success of this effort. The project is supported by the IBM Endowment for the Business of Government. This survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. We anticipate that the results will directly benefit local governments and we will share these results with you and all participants. If you have any questions concerning this research study, please contact Dr. Richard C. Feiock by email at rfeiock@fsu.edu or phone at (850) 322-6000. Thank you.

Please return this questionnaire to:

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Energy and Climate Policy

1. Name of your Jurisdiction _____

The following questions ask about your city government and about specific policies related to energy efficiency, sustainability and climate protection. Please answer them in the way that best characterizes your city.

2. To what extent are the following goals a priority in your local government?

	Not a Goal	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Very High Priority
Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green House Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced Energy Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More Sustainable Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green Job Creation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How important are energy/climate change issues TO CITIZENS in your community? (select the best response)

- Not very important
- Somewhat important
- Important
- Very important

Respondent Information

Finally, although no personal identifying information will be connected to this questionnaire, background information about you and your government structure will be useful for statistical analysis.

33. How is the mayor selected in your community?

- Appointed by Council
- Directly elected
- Other method (specify) _____

34. How is the City Manager or CAO selected?

- Appointed by Council
- Mayor nominates and council approves
- Appointed by the mayor
- There is not a manager or CAO position
- Other selection mechanism (please specify) _____

35. How frequently do citizens, businesses, or groups in your community bring energy efficiency or climate protection issues to the agenda of political leaders?

- Never
- Infrequently
- Somewhat frequently
- Very frequently

36. How many years have you worked in local government? _____years

31. Has your government engaged in any of the following collaborative actions relating to sustainability, energy efficiency or climate protection? (check all that apply)

- Worked with other agencies or local governments in activities such as an inventory of GHG emissions
- Joined a collaborative partnership with other local entities (such as a regional partnership organization)
- Entered into an informal agreement with one or more local governments on energy issues
- Entered into a formal agreement with one or more local governments on energy issues
- Enacted policy or comprehensive plan changes based on regional planning efforts
- Government has not engaged in any collaborative actions in these areas

Other (please specify) _____

32. Can specific individuals be identified as actively encouraging the city to become involved in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? (check all that apply)

- No
- Key members of the public
- Elected official(s)
- Member(s) of city staff

4. Do energy conservation or climate protection activities receive designated funding in the city's budget?

- Yes
- No

5. To what extent would the following individuals or groups support or oppose energy conservation and climate protection efforts by your government?

	Strongly Oppose	Moderately Oppose	Neutral	Moderately Support	Strongly Support
General Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chamber of Commerce/ Business Associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighborhood Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real estate Developers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeowner Associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large Business Corporations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor Unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Council/ Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development/Planning Depts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Which of the following energy/climate related issues does your jurisdiction officially address (e.g., through regulation or policies) as it relates to government facilities and community at large? *(select all that apply)*

	Government Facilities	Overall Community	Don't Know
Green buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retro-fitting existing buildings for energy efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative transportation systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Green procurement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology innovation/ demonstration projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy efficient devices (appliances, lighting, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy efficiency systems (building controls etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventory of greenhouse gas emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smart grid/net metering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative fuels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incorporating energy use in land use decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information about efficiency to employees/residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Has a greenhouse gas reduction goal been formally adopted by the city?

- No
- Yes

IF YES, what is the reduction goal? _____

29. To what extent do jurisdictions in your COUNTY work cooperatively on climate change or energy issues?

	Not at All	Somewhat	Great Extent	Don't Know
Climate Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. To what extent do jurisdictions in your REGION work cooperatively on climate change or energy issues?

	Not at All	Somewhat	Great Extent	Don't Know
Climate Change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Organization and Intergovernmental Relations

26. Which organization or entity (government or non-government) is most active in promoting energy sustainability in your CITY?

27. Which organizations or entities (government or non-government) are most active in promoting energy sustainability in your REGION?

28. Has the county government in which your jurisdiction is located enacted any climate protection, renewable energy, or energy reduction initiatives?

- No
- Yes
- Don't know

8. If the following climate protection programs have been adopted in your jurisdiction, please indicate the year in which they were first adopted.

	Year
U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement	_____
ICLEI USA- Cities for Climate Protection	_____
Sierra Club Cool Cities Initiative	_____
Audubon Sustainability Community	_____
Other (please specify) _____	_____

9. Has your government established an Energy or Sustainability Office?

- No
- Yes

If yes, Year established _____

10. Which office or department in your jurisdiction has PRIMARY responsibility for developing energy policy initiatives? (select one)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy/Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager/ CAO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> City Council/Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Utility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |

Other (please specify) _____

11. Aside from the lead office/ department identified in the previous question, what other offices or departments are involved in developing energy plans and/or energy policy initiatives? *(select all that apply)*

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy/Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager/ CAO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> City Council/Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Utility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
- Other (please specify) _____

12. To what extent do the various departments in your city coordinate activities with one another on the following issues?

	Very Low Coordination	Low Coordination	Moderate Coordination	High Coordination	Very High Coordination
Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Use and Permitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy/Climate Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Has your city adopted planning goals relating to climate protection or energy efficiency in either its general plan or a separate plan?

- Yes
 No plan with formal climate protection or energy efficiency goals

25. Does the planning document referenced in the above question DIRECTLY ADDRESS climate protection or energy issues in any of the following areas? *(select all that apply)*

	Addressed in Plan	Not Addressed in Plan	Don't Know
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Space and Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intergovernmental Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future Land-Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Energy, Conservation and Development

21. Does your jurisdiction's economic development strategy include efforts to attract green business or industry through any of the following? *(all that apply)*

- Financial or other incentives to encourage energy efficient technologies in new development
- Financial or other incentives specifically targeted to the renewable energy sector
- Regulatory relief of streamlined processes for developments that incorporate energy efficient technologies
- Regulatory relief or streamlined processes for development in the renewable energy sector
- Expedited or reduced permitting costs
- Other
- No targeting of green industries

22. How important is energy efficiency and the attraction of “green business” in your jurisdiction’s economic development strategy?

- Not important
- Somewhat important
- Highly important
- Most important
- No targeting of green industries

23. Does your jurisdiction offer LOANS, GRANTS, REBATES or TAX INCENTIVES to upgrade or retrofit buildings? *(Please select all that apply)*

- Loans
- Grants
- Rebates
- Tax Incentives

Energy Cost Reduction by Government

13. In developing your government’s energy and/or climate policies, did you examine policies of other governments? *(Please select all that apply)*

- Other local governments in our region
- Other local governments in our state
- Local governments in other states
- Others (e.g. state policies)
- Did not examine other policies
- Don’t know

14. If the following programs have been adopted in your jurisdiction, please indicate the year in which they were first adopted

	Year
Energy and/or climate change plan	_____
LEED or other green building standards for government owned facilities	_____
LEED or other green building standards for government leased facilities	_____
LEED or other green building standards for non-government operated facilities	_____
Rebates or tax credits for renewable and/or efficient energy devices	_____
Alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles added to the fleet	_____

15. To what extent does your jurisdiction engage in efforts to reduce its overall energy consumption?

- Not at all
- Moderate efforts
- Somewhat extensive efforts
- Very extensive efforts

16. Does the city offer incentives to its employees to take transit, walk, bike, or carpool to work? (select all that apply)

- No incentives are offered to employees
- Employees are offered incentives to take transit to work
- Employees are offered incentives to walk or bike to work
- Employees are offered incentives to carpool to work

17. On a scale from 1 = “not an obstacle” to 5 = “sustainable obstacle”, please rate the following factors with respect to your local government’s ability to reduce overall energy consumption.

	Not an Obstacle	2	3	4	Substantial Obstacle
Cost/lack of funds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict with other budget priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of time/expertise to design and plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of informational resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualified contractors not available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of “political will” in decision-making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of time for governing body approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of implementation time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. How are electrical utility services provided in your community?

- Investor Owned Utility (skip to question 21)
- Another Government (skip to question 21)
- Electric Co-op (skip to question 21)
- Municipal Utility operated by your jurisdiction

19. IF YOU HAVE A MUNICIPAL UTILITY, please indicate the length of time that your jurisdiction has utilized the following sources of renewable energy

	Don't Utilize	0-5 Years	6-10 Years	More than 10 Years
Wind	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biofuel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydroelectric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste-to-energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. To what extent has your municipal utility implemented smart grid technologies?

- Not at all
- To a modest extent
- Somewhat extensively
- Very extensively