



**Vermont Energy & Climate Summit**  
***“Meeting Vermont’s 2025 Energy & Climate Goals”***

**\*\*\*Pitch Submission Form\*\*\***

*Let your ideas be heard!*

*This is your chance to get your energy or climate pitch  
in front of 200 of Vermont’s energy leaders and the Governor’s Climate Action Commission*

**Vermont has a bold goal:** to meet 90% of our energy needs through increased efficiency and renewables by 2050. We have also joined leading states across the country in a bi-partisan commitment to adhere to the Paris Climate Accord goals. Where are we now on achieving those goals and what can we do to bend the curve toward 2025 milestones along that path?

- **Energy:** The first milestone of Vermont’s Comprehensive Energy Plan is to meet 25% of Vermont’s total energy needs from renewable sources by 2025. The most recent status estimates put us at around 16% across heat, electricity and transportation (2016).
- **Climate:** The Paris Accord goal seeks a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 26-28% from 2005 levels by 2025. Vermont’s own statutes are even more ambitious: 50% reduction from 1990 levels by 2028. As of 2013, Vermont’s GHG emissions decreased 11% from 2005 levels and actually *increased* 4% from 1990 levels.

**Pitch Invitation**

***We have a lot of work to do over the next 8-10 years.*** That is why we want to ***hear your pitch*** for promising opportunities to help Vermont meet its 2025 goals. What will help bend the curve?

Selected proposals will be invited to present at the Vermont Energy and Climate Summit co-hosted by [Energy Action Network](#) (EAN) and the [VT Climate Pledge Coalition](#) (VCPC) on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Champlain College in Burlington. Please submit your pitch by using the form below and emailing completed proposals to [jduval@eanvt.org](mailto:jduval@eanvt.org) by **Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

(NOTE: Regardless of whether you are invited to present on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> -- notification will come by Wed. Oct. 25 -- *all submitted and complete proposals will be included in a full compilation to be submitted to the Governor’s Climate Action Commission and the Vermont Legislature.*)

## Vermont Energy & Climate Summit Pitch Submission Form

**1. Pitch Submitted By (Your Name or Organization):**

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**4. Pitch Title: Weatherization through Solar Contractors**

**5. Pitch Summary: Provide discounted home weatherization to customers who have recently completed a solar PV project. Partner with solar contractors to identify customers and promote the opportunity. Work with Efficiency Vermont to develop a set of robust incentives to drive interest and participation. Coordinate efforts with Building Performance Professionals Association (BPPA) and Renewable Energy Vermont (REV) to identify and pair interested solar and weatherization contractors.**

**6. What energy sector(s) does this Pitch apply to? (Check all that apply):**

- Energy Efficiency
- Electricity
- Transportation
- Thermal Heating &/or Cooling
- All (Total Energy)
- None: Non-energy related carbon reduction proposal

**7. Which criteria category(ies) does it address? (Check all that apply):**

- Economic Activity
- Affordability
- Vulnerable Vermonters
- Other

**8. Scale of impact on Vermont's energy and climate goals: If this proposal came to fruition, how might it move the needle in helping to meet Vermont's energy and climate goals by 2025 and/or 2050? Please outline assumptions and, if available, provide calculations.**

This approach could help drive an increase in Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects by 100-200 or more per year with robust incentives and a reasonable timeframe.

A small replicable pilot in 2017 has initially shown solar and heatpump customers who have not done efficiency work show interest in maximizing their solar/heatpump investment when suggested and offered by their solar contractor.

9. **Benefits/costs of this proposal for Vermont and Vermonters:** Including, where possible, economic, financial, social, and environmental.

TBD

10. **Decision-makers necessary for this proposal to be adopted or move forward (e.g., Legislature, Governor, a regulatory agency, a business, organization, media outlet, or financing institution, etc.)**

- Efficiency Vermont
- BPPA
- REV

11. **Strategy and key considerations:** Outline the overall strategy, including gaps, barriers and opportunities for moving this proposal forward.

This effort builds on the successful relationships developed through the EVT and CEED-funded Solar Bonus Program offered in 2017 by BPPA.

12. **Timeline:** To meet our 2025 goals, we need some proposals that can be implemented in the next couple of years as well as some “game changers” that will bend the curve even further out. What timeline do you foresee for your proposal to be developed and implemented?

This can easily be implemented with short notice, starting in 2018.