

AFCEC hosts virtual Energy Saving Performance Contract workshop

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Energy Directorate, along with the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program, recently hosted an Energy Savings Performance Contract virtual workshop for Air Force stakeholders.

The four-day comprehensive workshop, held Feb. 7-10, provided specialized training for the Air Force ESPC program to demonstrate how to utilize the contracts and implement energy conservation measures to improve energy resilience across Air Force installations.

"The ESPC program has a lot of variability and flexibility," said Mark Dent, ESPC project manager. "Providing regular training allows for dissemination of guidance and policy changes to the greater Air Force Civil Engineer enterprise."

The 25 workshop attendees included installation stakeholders, AFCEC and Defense Logistics Agency-Energy personnel. The workshop provided a unique opportunity to collaborate with AFCEC's ESPC experts allowing them to share their knowledge and best practices in development and execution of successful ESPC projects.

Additionally, federal project executives from DOE's FEMP and national laboratory, plus AFCEC's federal contracting officer experts, presented real-life examples of Air Force ESPC projects, starting with project development through implementation, with a special focus on resiliency requirements and agency needs for measurement and verification.

"The Air Force utilizes third party finance tools to meet energy and mission requirements," said Jacob LaCourse, ESPC program manager. "Our goal is to provide base level engineers with an understanding of what ESPCs can provide along with their limitations, so installations can develop an overall energy strategy with ESPCs being one of the tools available to them."