SEED Collaborative

Partnership Agreement

The SEED Collaborative is a three year partnership with state and local governments who are first-movers working to radically reshape the information landscape in the buildings sector by compiling energy performance data on public and/or private buildings. As part of the Collaborative, DOE will work with a select group of cities, counties and states to provide technical support and other services to complement their use of the SEED Platform™. The SEED Collaborative aims to reduce the up-front implementation and ongoing administrative costs of data management for building energy performance programs. The partnership covers a three year term ending September 30, 2018, and is defined as follows:

SEED Collaborative Partners agree to:

► **Join** the SEED Collaborative, and use the SEED Platform for the activities that its functionalities support, including creating and updating a master dataset of buildings, participation tracking, data quality assurance, data analysis and reporting.

► **Collaborate** with the SEED team to clearly define desired outcomes (e.g. preference on how to track compliance, data quality criteria, etc.) and ensure work is on track, through submitting the Schedule Worksheet annually and conducting regular check-ins.

► **Participate** in monthly Partner meetings to share feedback on SEED and provide priority input on software enhancements.

► **Share** your organization's success stories and allow the DOE and SEED Collaborative Affiliates to feature you in promotional materials such as websites and publications.

► **Allow** DOE to use your data for internal SEED project purposes, and other purposes with permission (e.g. contributing data to the Building Performance Database).

DOE agrees to provide:

► **Improvements** to the SEED Platform features based on partner input and priorities*.

► **Business process support** to help optimize organizational data management, software integration, and data quality.

► **Technical Assistance** with initial account set-up and load, combine, and map data sets to assemble your master buildings list; determine compliance with your program requirements; provide technical guidance and support on establishing API connections with related applications such as third-party CRM applications

► **Hosting services** for your SEED account

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