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# Codes Compliance Collaborative

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# The only state

- ▶ Unicameral
- ▶ 100% Public Power (167 entities)
- ▶ Department of Roads (not Transportation)
- ▶ Adopts Building Codes through Legislative Action
  - ▶ Urban Affairs Committee

# Structure of Collaborative

- ▶ Policymakers, builders, code officials, architects, engineers, HVAC and general contractors, suppliers, utilities, HERS raters, advocacy groups, educators
  - ▶ 25 regular attendees, 60+ on email list
- ▶ Organized in March 2013 with support from BCAP
  - ▶ Facilitated by MEEA with support from the Nebraska Energy Office
  - ▶ Funded with SEP
- ▶ Quarterly meetings
  - ▶ Goal is for committee calls in between
  - ▶ MEEA/NEO hold bi-weekly calls

# Accomplishments and current focuses

- ▶ Conducted Commercial Compliance Baseline study-2014
- ▶ Energy Codes 101 Sessions (8 to date)
  - ▶ Urban Affairs Committee
  - ▶ Other organizations
- ▶ 2 Legislative Interim Studies
  - ▶ Nebraska Energy Code mechanics, future adoption, etc.
  - ▶ Enforcement of all building codes (Dec 2)
- ▶ Developed codes brochure for consumers
- ▶ Analyzing training impact survey results
- ▶ Establishing rules and framework for interpretations committee
- ▶ Creating an updated energy codes page on agency website including area for collaborative

# Vision

- ▶ More education for stakeholders, especially consumers
  - ▶ Lack of training = loss of engagement
- ▶ More engagement from stakeholders outside of meetings
  - ▶ They have jobs that take priority
  - ▶ Developing survey to determine needs and interests
- ▶ Provide jurisdictions with targeted support for compliance efforts