

Recent Work & Projects

The Transportation and Climate Initiative

The recently launched Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) convenes state energy, environment, and transportation agencies of northeastern and mid-Atlantic states and Washington, DC, to work together to reduce greenhouse gases from the transportation sector and to help build the clean energy economy. The Center serves as the group's convener and facilitates the initiative's research and policy analysis, as well as communications and outreach. Currently, the TCI is focused on four key areas: 1) alternative fuels, including developing a regional electric vehicle network, 2) fostering sustainable communities, 3) expanding the use of innovative communications technologies, and 4) enabling more efficient freight movement.

Helping Communities Adapt to Climate Change

Along with its Georgetown Law partner, the Harrison Institute for Public Law, the Center has worked with Virginia and Maryland on planning coastal adaptation strategies and evaluating related legal and policy questions. The Center has also partnered with the Western Governors' Association to inform work on adaptation in the West. The Center tracks federal adaptation activities and state climate adaptation plans and is developing an innovative Adaptation Clearinghouse — a dynamic online database and community for sharing adaptation resources and best practices, which is scheduled to launch in spring 2011.

Capturing Best Practices

In addition to hosting briefings and events, the Georgetown Climate Center is showcasing clean energy and economic development state success stories in both case study and video formats, demonstrating the economic and environmental benefits of clean energy projects.

Serving as a Resource for All States

The Georgetown Climate Center regularly conducts research, produces reports, holds briefings, and summarizes the impacts to states of federal legislation and regulation.

The Center facilitates and convenes multi-state initiatives, including the Three Regions Process and the Governors' Energy and Climate Coalition. The Three Regions Process brings together participants from the Western Climate Initiative (WCI), the Midwest Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord, and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to discuss best practices, offset policies, and opportunities to work on joint projects. The Governors' Energy and Climate Coalition is a bipartisan group of governors that has called for the advancement of climate and clean energy policies at the federal level while preserving state roles.

