



# CERTs

CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAMS

## 2025 CERTs Spotlight

### Highlights from our annual report

Served more than  
300 communities and  
expanded relationships  
across Minnesota:

- 200 local governments
- 10 Tribal governments
- 17 school districts
- 36 electric and gas utilities  
and their associations
- 96 regional steering committee  
members

Provided direct assistance for  
solar procurement programs:

#### Solar for Schools:

- Supported 69 completed and 16  
planned Solar for Schools  
projects, including Menahga,  
Moorhead, and Willmar school  
districts.

#### Solar for Public Buildings:

- Supported 75 local and Tribal  
governments including Hitterdal,  
Seaforth, and Stillwater.

### OUR IMPACT



**7,300+**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
CONNECTED THROUGH  
OVER 900 EVENTS AND  
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES  
ACROSS MINNESOTA



**64.1 BILLION**

BTUS SAVED OR  
GENERATED IN 2025  
FROM CERTS' EFFORTS ON  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY



**2,850**

ENERGY-BURDENED  
HOUSEHOLDS LOWERED  
HOUSEHOLD COSTS WITH  
ENERGY-SAVING ITEMS  
AND PROGRAM ACCESS

### OUR PARTNERS



**GREAT PLAINS  
INSTITUTE**



**COMMERCE  
DEPARTMENT**



Regional Sustainable  
Development Partnerships  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
EXTENSION

## Spotlights

### Expanding local capacity and energy awareness with Community Energy Ambassadors:

- Provided online and in-person training to 147 people, including cohorts of local leaders in St. James, Fergus Falls, and Rochester.
- Supported 24 individuals with community projects—collectively reaching over 8,000 Minnesotans—to become CERTified Community Energy Ambassadors.



REACHED **1,300+** COMMUNITY ENERGY  
AMBASSADORS IN **76** MINNESOTA COUNTIES



### Clean energy savings for businesses and nonprofits

- Conducted door-to-door business outreach with local utility partners to identify energy efficiency projects and conservation sign-ups in Austin, Burnsville, and Eagan.
- Facilitated efficiency improvements at 19 nonprofit buildings by connecting them to no-cost programs.
- Assisted farms and businesses with projects, including a heat pump installation at a Cook County retail store and solar installations for businesses in Lake City and Frost.

### Reducing energy burden for Minnesota households

- Distributed energy conservation resources to shoppers at 19 food shelves, from Pequot Lakes to Red Wing.
- Partnered with utilities, community action agencies, and nonprofits to provide energy savings resources to over 1,300 manufactured home park residents.
- Coordinated energy savings programming with partners in a Saint Paul neighborhood with a high energy shutoff rate.



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