

## Iowa Energy Code Consultant / Circuit Rider

The Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) began operating an Energy Code Consultant Program in Iowa in 2022.

Staff at MEEA feel this is a viable program that can move the needle on code compliance and hope to continue with these programs for the foreseeable future, but funding will determine longevity. Current funding is available through 2023.

The code consultant is a subcontractor to MEEA and has typically been a 0.33-0.5 full time employee. The consultant fee (including travel expenses) has been \$3,200-\$4,600 per month, excluding MEEA management and overhead.

Part of the code consultant's job is to reach out to code officials, builders, and other stakeholders. In some instances, MEEA developed "routes" for the consultant to help ensure all parts of the state are contacted. Other times, MEEA focused more opportunistically, taking advantage of stakeholder meetings and conferences for outreach and training.

Back-office tasks also support the code consultants' work. These include:

- contract administration
- coordination with state energy office; other stakeholder efforts
- resource material development
- webpage hosting
- training topic identification
- training logistics, setting up and hosting online trainings