

The following is an update on California Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)/AB 811 programs for home performance professionals.

What is PACE?

[PACE](#) is an innovative type of financing, offered by local governments, that allows property owners to install energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures at no upfront cost. The property owner repays the cost of these measures on their property tax bill over a 10-20 year period.

Where is PACE financing available?

PACE financing is offered by local governments including cities, counties, and regional authorities. Many California municipalities already offer PACE or will make PACE financing available to residents in 2010. The following is a list of those municipalities.

[City of Berkeley](#): Pilot completed

[Sonoma County](#): Active program

[City of Palm Desert](#): Active program

[City and County of San Francisco](#): Scheduled to launch in March

[CaliforniaFIRST](#) Counties (see below): Scheduled to launch in Summer 2010

[Los Angeles County](#): Scheduled to launch in Summer 2010

[City of San Diego](#): Scheduled to launch in Summer 2010

[Placer County](#): This program is in the design phase

[Western Riverside Council of Governments](#): This program is in the design phase

[Santa Barbara County](#): This program is in the design phase

[Orange County](#): This program is in the RFP phase

CaliforniaFIRST:

[CaliforniaFIRST](#) is a statewide opt-in PACE program that is offered by California Communities, the states largest joint powers authority. The program is financed and administered by Renewable Funding in partnership with the Royal Bank of Canada. The first phase of the program will include fourteen counties, Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Monterey, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Ventura and Yolo.

The program is scheduled to be available to all cities and counties to join by the end of the year.

About Programs:

Each program will have unique standards pertaining to financeable measures, contractor eligibility and other programmatic aspects. As this program specific information becomes available, Renewable Funding will post information about the San Francisco, Los Angeles County, City of San Diego and CaliforniaFIRST programs on the [Contractors Page](#) of our website.

What to do if your County/City doesn't have a program:

If your area does not yet have a PACE program, you can become a PACE advocate. Promote PACE in your area by:

- Contacting your local government officials to educate them about PACE financing
- Using the VoteSolar Initiative [PACE toolkit](#) to advocate for local and state policy

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