



Workshop 2:

September 14, 2023

ENGAGEMENTS AND CONVENINGS

The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) is hosting four days of facilitated workshops, the second of which is focused on *Engagements and Convenings*.

Engagements and convenings are an opportunity for states to network with leading subject matter experts and peers, share best practices, troubleshoot persistent barriers, and become more informed about strategies and options for achieving their state’s priorities. Engagements and convenings may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Training on federal requirements**
(e.g., [State Energy Program \(SEP\) National Training Forum](#) and [State Energy Director Trainings](#))
- **Workshops on specialized topic areas**
(e.g., [National Association of State Energy Officials Events](#) (NASEO) –organized, state-specific workshops on [Foundations of ESPC](#) and [Commercial PACE](#))
- **Gap analysis to identify needs**
(e.g., [DOE’s 2019 State, Local, and K-12 Leadership event](#), current Technical Assistance (TA) Workshops)
- **Strategic planning**
(e.g., [National Governors Association-organized Planning for the Future Workshop](#))
- **Cross-organizational planning and engagement**
(e.g., NASEO-led regional and national conferences)

WORKSHOP PROMPTS

Types of Engagement and Impact

- What types of engagements and/or convenings will you need to meet your state goals and implement projects? *
- What organizations have you successfully worked with in the past and who would you prefer to work with going forward?
- What are some examples of successful past engagements and/or convenings? What made them impactful?
- What are some desired outputs from engagements and/or convenings (e.g., preparedness to use a new or existing tool like SLOPE)?

Timeframe of Engagement

- How many engagements and/or convenings would states reasonably expect to participate in per year? *
- What would be priority issues that you would like to engage on in the next year?

*Prompts marked with an asterisk will be facilitated through an interactive online feedback tool.

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL PREP

The following list includes initiatives and/or organizations that DOE SEP has supported in recent years, or initiatives and/or organizations that may be potential partners for future engagements and convenings:

- U.S. Department of Energy
 - Example: [State Energy Program Orientation for New Staff](#)
 - Example: [2022 State Energy Program \(SEP\) Training Forum](#)
- National Association of State Energy Officials [Events](#)
 - Example: [NASEO State Energy Director Training](#)
 - Example: [Foundations of ESPC Training](#)
- National Governors Association
 - Example: [Lead-by-Example Workshop: Innovative Financing Solutions For State Building Energy Strategies - National Governors Association \(nga.org\)](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#)
- [American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy \(ACEEE\)](#)
- [National Rural Electric Cooperative Association \(NRECA\)](#)
- [National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners \(NARUC\)](#)
- Regional Energy Efficiency Organizations (REEOs)

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you during our second workshop.

Your input is invaluable. This month, we’ve started hosting weekly office hours on Fridays from 12:00-2:00 pm ET to gather additional TA feedback. We strongly encourage attendees to provide written feedback on prompts to your SEP Project Officer.

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