



## NASEO Committees, Task Forces, Advisory Groups, and Working Groups

NASEO has committees, task forces, advisory groups, and working groups that inform our issue areas and [policy actions](#) on behalf of State Energy Offices.

NASEO elevates state priorities and perspectives as a part of the federal energy policy and program development process. NASEO's [Board of Directors](#) and Committees establish policy positions and direct the organization's initiatives. One of NASEO's main priorities is encouraging Congressional and Administration support for the U.S. State Energy Program.

### Definitions

#### Committees:

Standing NASEO Committees meet regularly (both in-person and via conference call and webinar). Generally, these committees are focused on increasing State Energy Office awareness and education on specific topics. Most NASEO Committees are guided by a core "Leadership Team" of State and Affiliate members.

#### Task Forces, Work Groups, and Advisory Groups:

Task Forces and Advisory Groups are project-specific and time-bound (usually lasting 1-2 years). Members of these groups volunteer to provide strategic guidance and direction to NASEO staff as they develop publications, events, and other resources on a given topic, and may be invited to participate in conference calls, webinars, and meetings. Sometimes, NASEO Task Forces/Advisory Groups may be converted to full standing committees, based on member feedback and NASEO Board direction.

Committee, Task Force, Advisory or Working Group	Description	Members	Staff Contact(s)
<a href="#">Buildings Committee</a>	The NASEO Buildings Committee hosts discussions and best practice exchange on energy use in the built environment. Focus areas include building energy codes, building benchmarking, building performance standards, energy efficiency and indoor air quality in K-12 schools, residential energy efficiency, and federal legislation impacting energy use in buildings.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Ed Carley</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Maddie Koewler</a> <a href="#">Rodney Sobin</a> <a href="#">Jasmine Xie</a>

<a href="#">Electricity Committee</a>	<p>The Electricity Committee convenes the State and Territory Energy Offices and NASEO Affiliate members for discussions and exchanges of best practice on electricity issues. Key committee priorities include innovative program and policy design for transmission and distribution planning, the use and integration of clean generation resources at the distribution and bulk power-level, interdependencies with other sectors (oil and natural gas, water, transportation, buildings etc.), as well as building a resilient electricity system.</p>	<p>State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members</p>	<p><a href="#">Catherine Reed</a> (Lead)  <a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a>  <a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a></p>
<a href="#">Energy Equity Committee</a>	<p>The Equity Committee is exploring strategies to integrate and incorporate equity, diversity, and inclusion into existing and emerging state energy policies and programs. Formerly a Task Force, the Equity Committee was established following the passage of NASEO’s <a href="#">Board Resolution: Commitment to Equity, Access, and Inclusion</a>, which recognizes the importance of equitable and inclusive energy policy and program design.</p>	<p>State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members</p>	<p><a href="#">Maddie Koewler</a> (Lead)</p>
<a href="#">Energy Security Committee</a>	<p>The Energy Security Committee provides a forum for State Energy Officials to discuss, learn, and collaborate on energy emergency preparedness and response. The Committee covers a wide variety of energy security issues, ranging from energy data and analysis to public-private sector coordination, and energy resilience investments. The NASEO Energy Security Committee hosts two monthly calls: the Energy Security Committee meeting and the Energy Security Committee All-Hazards meeting. The former is only open to State and Territory Energy Offices, while the latter is open to a broader audience, including affiliate members and other state officials involved in energy security (such as State Public Utility Commission staff, Governor’s Office staff, and State Emergency Management staff).</p>	<p>State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members</p>	<p><a href="#">Blake Kinney</a> (Lead)  <a href="#">Sarah Trent</a>  <a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a></p>
<a href="#">Financing Committee</a>	<p>The Energy Financing Committee facilitates state collaboration and peer learning on key energy efficiency, renewable energy, and energy infrastructure financing mechanisms and tools at the state and local levels, such as Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC), Revolving Loan Funds, credit enhancement mechanisms, and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE). The committee identifies market barriers, engages private sector and program partners, and shares solutions toward effective</p>	<p>State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members</p>	<p><a href="#">Sam Cramer</a> (Lead)</p>

	financing programs operated or managed by the State Energy Offices and their public and private partners.		
<a href="#">Government Affairs Committee</a>	NASEO tracks and engages in Congressional and Executive Branch energy policy development and actions on behalf of the State and Territory Energy Offices. This work is conducted through NASEO's Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">David Terry</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Jeff Genzer</a>
<a href="#">Transportation Committee</a>	The Transportation Committee addresses key policies, programs, and technologies impacting energy use in the U.S. transportation sector, providing states information and best practices to reduce energy use and air pollution produced through the sector. The Committee covers a broad range of issues from electric vehicle infrastructure and renewable fuel production to autonomous vehicles and leveraging fleet data to enhance fleet operations.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Cassie Powers</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Delaney Dixon</a>
<a href="#">Residential Energy Efficiency and Beneficial Electrification Task Force</a>	NASEO's Residential Energy Efficiency and Beneficial Electrification Task Force was formed by State Energy Offices to prepare for two new residential energy efficiency programs – Home Energy Performance-Based Whole-House Rebates Program and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program – created by the <i>Inflation Reduction Act</i> . The functions of this Task Force are to develop principles for U.S. Department of Energy requirements that will be associated with these programs, draft program templates for State Energy Offices with deployment options and to serve as the space for State Energy Offices, Federal agencies, and private-market actors to discuss these programs.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Maddie Koewler</a> (Lead)
<a href="#">Rural Energy Working Group</a>	The Rural Energy Working Group addresses key issues impacting energy use on rural lands and agricultural operations. Key focus areas include options for renewable energy development on rural lands, efficient energy and water use in agricultural operations, and geographic equity in developing energy efficiency programming.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a> (Co-Lead) <a href="#">Jasmine Xie</a> (Co-Lead)
<a href="#">Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative (joint with NARUC)</a>	The NASEO-NARUC Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative (ANSC) convenes state utility regulators, State Energy Officials, and invited experts to exchange questions, needs, and challenges relating to the planning and deployment of new advanced nuclear generation. ANSC participants share	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a>

	information on the regulatory, policy, and programmatic steps needed to facilitate the deployment of advanced nuclear and work with peers across different states.		
<a href="#">Clean Hydrogen State Working Group</a>	NASEO's Clean Hydrogen State Working Group is a platform for State Energy Offices to come together to share best practices, discuss topics of interest, and inform the types of resources and support NASEO will provide to states moving forward on clean hydrogen.	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a> (Co-Lead) <a href="#">Grace Lowe</a> (Co-Lead)
<a href="#">Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings (GEB) Working Group (Joint with NARUC)</a>	Through the NASEO-NARUC GEB Working Group, State Energy Officials and state utility regulators can explore demand flexibility and GEB technologies and applications; identify opportunities and impediments (technical and non-technical); identify and express state priorities and interests; inform policy, planning, programs, and regulation; consider electricity sector investments and implications; and advance demand flexibility pilots and deployment options.	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Rodney Sobin</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Ed Carley</a> <a href="#">Jasmine Xie</a>
<a href="#">Home Energy Labeling Working Group</a>	The NASEO Home Energy Labeling Working Group meets on a bimonthly basis to discuss the latest research on home energy labeling and to share programmatic updates among stakeholders. State Energy Offices and other stakeholders can explore best practices and new models to implementing residential energy efficiency disclosure.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Maddie Koewler</a> (Lead)
<a href="#">State Industrial Working Group</a>	Through the NASEO State Industrial Working Group, State Energy Offices work to identify, develop, and enhance resources and collaborations to help manufacturing industries meet their goals and state objectives for economic development and competitiveness, emissions reduction and environmental protection, and energy reliability, resilience, and security. This work includes both (1) helping existing industrial facilities through technical and business assistance; and (2) accelerating development and deployment of new technologies and industries. The scope includes manufacturing and related industrial activities broadly as well as manufacture of clean energy products.	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Rodney Sobin</a> (Co-Lead) <a href="#">Sam Cramer</a> (Co-Lead)
<a href="#">Microgrids State Working Group (Joint with NARUC)</a>	The NARUC-NASEO Microgrids State Working Group shares public- and private-sector best practices and expertise, to explore microgrid technologies and applications, policy and	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a>

	regulatory frameworks, financing models, and potential benefits to microgrid operators, ratepayers, and other stakeholders.		
<a href="#">Regional Electric Vehicle West (REV West) Working Group</a>	The Regional Electric Vehicle West (REV West) group convenes leadership and staff from eight states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and is made up of State Energy Offices, State Departments of Transportation, and State Environmental agencies. The group meets monthly to facilitate communication and coordinate investment in EV infrastructure across the western states.	State and Territory Energy Offices	<a href="#">Cassie Powers</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Delaney Dixon</a>
Transmission Working Group	The NASEO Transmission Working Group convenes State Energy Officials and invited experts to explore the topic of transmission and the role that transmission planning and deployment plays in enabling states to advance their respective energy goals. This working group convenes virtually on a quarterly basis to delve into policy, programmatic, and regulatory needs and challenges, learn from experts, strategize on shared priorities, and share best practices relating to the planning and deployment of transmission.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Catherine Reed</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a>
Distribution Working Group	The NASEO Distribution Working Group brings together State Energy Offices, along with representatives from investor- and consumer-owned utilities as well as other outside experts, to delve into the role that integrated distribution planning plays in enabling states to advance their respective energy goals. This working group convenes quarterly on virtual calls to share best practices, explore holistic approaches to integrated distribution system planning, and strategize policy, programmatic, and regulatory solutions to distribution system challenges.	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Kelsey Jones</a>
Energy Data Working Group	The NASEO Energy Data Working Group brings together State Energy Office staff, relevant other state agencies, and affiliate members to discuss energy data needs and gaps on the state and federal level. As states aim to electrify the transportation and buildings sectors to meet their overall decarbonization goals, they will require additional and more granular data that spans multiple sectors to allow states to track emissions and further the integration of clean energy resources. This focus group will	State and Territory Energy Offices and Affiliate Members	<a href="#">Kirsten Verclas</a>

	discuss available data, data needs, and develop guidelines for data sharing and data integrity standards for potential adoption by states.		
Freight Electrification Advisory Group	The Freight Electrification Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from leading key State Energy Offices and other state agencies, and select light-, medium-, and heavy-duty Original Equipment Manufacturers, charging station providers, utilities, leading researchers, and others, that inform the project direction, and support dissemination and replication nationwide. The Advisory Group meets virtually on a quarterly basis to identify the barriers as well as policy and programmatic tools to enable nationwide freight electrification investments.	By Invitation Only	<a href="#">Cassie Powers</a> (Lead) <a href="#">Delaney Dixon</a>

<p>State Clean Energy-Based Economic Development Working Group</p>	<p>The State Clean Energy-Based Economic Development Working Group, jointly facilitated by NASEO and the International Economic Development Council, brings together State Energy Offices and state and regional Economic Development Organizations to strategize on common priorities, learn from experts, and share best practices to promote clean energy-related economic development and maximize the potential of federal clean energy investments. The Working Group convenes for monthly virtual calls to discuss topics, such as: clean energy workforce development, siting and permitting, rural energy and economic development, Inflation Reduction Act tax incentives, and manufacturing and supply chain development.</p>	<p>State and Territory Energy Offices</p>	<p><a href="#">Sandy Fazeli</a> (Co-Lead)  <a href="#">Grace Lowe</a> (Co-Lead)</p>
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