



Join the NEW Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative

Deadline for Expressions of Interest from NARUC and NASEO Members is March 3, 2023

The NARUC-NASEO 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 members will participate in peer-sharing platforms as well as access and inform relevant technical assistance resources.

As a partnership between the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the ANSC will bring together state utility regulators and State Energy Officials from around the country to share information and develop a greater understanding about regulatory and policy steps that will be needed to facilitate the deployment of new nuclear generation. NARUC and NASEO staff support the collaborative. The DOE Office of Nuclear Energy sponsors this effort with dedicated funding through the DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership.

The DOE-NARUC Nuclear Energy Partnership launched in January 2021. This year, in addition to launching the ANSC, the Partnership will continue activities to aid commissioners and commission staff in understanding the rapidly changing nuclear energy regulatory and market landscape.

Who Should Join?

States taking steps towards deployment of advanced reactors can receive direct support from nuclear experts while engaging in real-time peer learning.

Commissioners, commission advisors, commission staff members, State Energy Office Directors and staff are invited to join the ANSC. Commissions and State Energy Offices can join as a pair or independently. NARUC and NASEO have resource available to support approximately 15 states interested in joining.

Benefits of Joining

- Access experts who can provide impartial, accurate information to answer your questions
- Shape technical assistance resources for states deploying or considering new nuclear in the future
- Work collaboratively towards the safe, reliable, affordable, and clean deployment of new nuclear generation across the country
- Expand your knowledge of various advanced reactor technologies and their costs, benefits, and relevance for customers and communities in your state
- Exchange questions and solutions with peers across different states



Member Expression of Interest

To ensure meaningful peer exchange, ANSC expressions of interest should be able to point to concrete steps taken by state-level decision-makers (including but not limited to Commissions or State Energy Offices) to facilitate or consider new nuclear generation such as a state energy strategy / plan, feasibility study, long-term resource plan, site selection justification, governor's action, task force / working group formation, or other initial steps demonstrating interest or action in deploying new nuclear energy generation.

Time Commitment & Expectations

ANSC members should be prepared to engage in interactive, peer-sharing conversations throughout the year. Members will be asked to provide periodic updates on the status of new nuclear projects or discussions in their states or other state-level developments. Members will also participate in facilitated activities to support problem-solving for themselves and their peers in other states. Although attendance at all in-person and virtual events is not mandatory, we encourage members to consider their availability for approximately one activity per month (mostly virtual) plus some preparatory work if / when needed.

Anticipated ANSC 2023 Activities

- February 7 – March 3: Call for expressions of interest from NARUC and NASEO state members
- March – April: Members notified of selection and join NARUC- and NASEO-hosted introductory calls to discuss state-specific questions and objectives
- April 25 – 28: Site visit to Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and ANSC in-person launch workshop
 - *Attendance at this in-person event is highly encouraged for ANSC members*
 - *Limited travel funding will be available to NARUC and NASEO state members*
- May – December: Monthly webinars, peer-sharing calls, and other virtual events
- June – December: NARUC and NASEO prepare and distribute toolkit resources to support states

Submit your Expression of Interest by Friday, March 3, 2023

NARUC and NASEO members interested in participating should provide the following information to their national association contact:

- Your objective(s) in joining the ANSC and what you wish to learn from other states
- Brief description of state activities that demonstrate initial steps towards new nuclear deployment (links helpful but not required)

NARUC members: please contact Kiera Zitelman at kzitelman@naruc.org to join or for any questions.

NASEO members: please contact Kelsey Jones at kjones@naseo.org to join or for any questions.

NARUC and NASEO staff will review expressions of interest and reach out to selected members in early March to schedule introductory calls. NARUC and NASEO envision approximately 15 states joining this initiative.