

**COOPERATING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION  
AND  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICIALS**

A working relationship between the National Association of State Energy Officials (hereinafter NASEO) and the National Governors' Association (hereinafter NGA) will be mutually beneficial in ensuring more effective representation of state interests before Congress, the Administration, and relevant federal agencies. Assuring that the policies and programs of NASEO are consistent with and complementary to those of the Governors will benefit the institution of state government and strengthen both NGA and NASEO. The expertise of NASEO will be a valuable resource in contributing to a unified state voice by aiding in the development of NGA policy and by helping in technical assistance programs designed to meet the Governors' needs. NGA cooperation with and recognition of the unique ability of NASEO will lend it political credibility and strength in support of consistent policies.


In recognition of the foregoing mutual benefits and consideration, NGA and NASEO hereby execute the following agreement:

1. NASEO will work with and support as necessary the activities of the appropriate NGA standing committee(s), including the monitoring of Congressional activities, and will provide materials to aid the committee(s) in development of policy. The Chairman of NASEO will serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the committee(s)' staff advisory council or the appropriate subcommittee(s).
2. NGA and NASEO will notify each other in advance of pertinent staff meetings, seminars, etc., and will share all pertinent communications and printed materials.
3. Policy positions, Congressional testimony, and comments on federal regulations by NASEO will be consistent with those of NGA and transmitted to NGA prior to adoption or submission.
4. The objectives of any grant or contract sought independently by NASEO will be consistent with NGA policy, and proposals will be transmitted to NGA for informational review prior to submission.
5. NGA and NASEO will notify each other in advance of any pertinent meetings with federal department and

agency officials at the level of assistant secretary or agency head, or above, or of meetings with members of Congress or Congressional staff.

- 6. Budgets and requests for dues increases by NASEO will be submitted to the NGA Executive Committee for informational review.
- 7. NASEO will work with and support NGA as necessary in the provision of technical assistance and information to Governors.
- 8. NASEO will maintain its offices in the Hall of the States in Washington, D.C. when practicable.
- 9. This agreement will be jointly reviewed at two year intervals to assess how well the specified relationship is working. The agreement can be terminated by either party upon thirty days written notice, provided that the notice outlines specific reasons for terminating and explains why corrective actions cannot be undertaken to keep the cooperative agreement in effect.

  
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 Executive Director  
 National Governors' Association

  
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 Charles Guinn  
 Chairman  
 NASEO

Date: 10/20/86

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