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NASEO Announces Request for Proposals for Energy Markets and Planning Program (E-MAP) – Electric System Modernization Roadmapping Process

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Today, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) announced a request for proposals from State Energy Offices to commit to a 12-18 month state-led process to develop an electric system modernization roadmap that seeks to address a growing range of interdependent, emerging electricity system and energy market issues. The request is a part of NASEO's Energy Markets and Planning Program (E-MAP), which is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DOE-OE).

NASEO's State Energy Office members and private sector partners have elevated the need to address a growing list of interrelated electricity system opportunities and challenges, including:

- Recognition of the need to modernize the electric transmission and distribution systems and related energy infrastructure to ensure economic growth and enhance reliability
- Increased use of demand-side and supply-side energy efficiency and renewable energy resources
- Inclusion of distributed energy and smart grid technologies in infrastructure planning and system modernization
- Application of energy storage and two-way power flow opportunities
- Acknowledgement of a greater public and private sector priority on resilience, reliability, and affordability.

To assist states in addressing this complex set of interrelated energy challenges and economic opportunities, NASEO, with support from DOE-OE, established the E-MAP program. The goal of the E-MAP program is to help states develop holistic approaches to advancing electricity system and related energy infrastructure modernization, resilience, and affordability. To achieve this, the program will provide assistance to 2-3 State Energy Offices (the pilot states), selected under this request for proposals, in developing a state-led electricity system modernization roadmap that takes a comprehensive view across the electricity system and related infrastructure. The practices, lessons learned, and resources developed through working with the pilot states will be shared with other states interested in pursuing similar goals and undertaking their own roadmapping efforts.

The NASEO technical evaluation of submitted proposals will include state action in addressing electricity system infrastructure needs, emerging market opportunities, and resilience, resource availability, geographic diversity, engagement of other state agency partners, and governor support for the state-led E-MAP roadmapping activity.

Final proposals should be submitted electronically to Stephen Goss, NASEO Program Manager, at sgoss@naseo.org by **6:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, October 15, 2015**. Questions regarding this request for proposals (RFP) can be submitted to sgoss@naseo.org no later than **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**. Please note that questions received after this date may not be answered. Responses will be publicly posted on the RFP website on a weekly basis.

For more information, please visit www.naseo.org/emap.