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### **REV WEST STATES PARTNER WITH NASEO TO ADVANCE ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

The eight Signatory States of the Regional Electric Vehicle Plan for the West (REV West) Memorandum of Understanding will be working with the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) to facilitate communication and coordinate investment in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure across the western states.

Governors from the Signatory States – Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming – signed a memorandum of understanding in October, 2017, to provide a framework for creating an Intermountain West EV Corridor that will make it possible to drive an EV across major transportation corridors in the west. As the only non-profit association for the governor-designated State Energy Offices from the 56 states and territories, NASEO will be providing facilitation support to the Signatory States as they implement activities outlined in the MOU, including creating best practices and procedures to enhance EV adoption, coordinating on EV charging station locations, creating voluntary minimum standards, and leveraging economies of scale.

“The State of Nevada has been focused on the advancement of electric vehicles (EVs) for quite some time, as evidenced by our goal to create an electric highway system serving the entire state, and we recognize that regional coordination is key to ensuring the successful mobility of EVs not only within our State but nationwide,” said Angela Dykema, Director of the Nevada Governor’s Office of Energy. “The Governor’s Office of Energy is excited to be a lead participant in REV West and is committed to supporting the continued communication and coordination through NASEO.”

“The state of Montana is very excited to be a part of this collaborative effort,” said Laura Rennick Andersen, Bureau Chief for the Montana Energy Office at the Department of Environmental Quality. “The regular communication and information sharing across the region, facilitated through this agreement allows us to leverage our resources to answer common questions, and address mutual challenges in the inter-Mountain west.”

"Utah is proud to modernize its legacy as the 'Crossroads of the West' by collaboratively powering strategic partnerships to realize new opportunities for our regional transportation network," said Laura Nelson, the Utah Governor's energy advisor. "We are excited to work with our neighboring states to

provide new avenues for transportation technology as we continue to drive our economic and environmental success across the great American West."

"The REV West MOU reflects bipartisan efforts around energy in the West, and we look forward to working together to achieve our collective EV goals," said Kathleen Staks, Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office. "Electrification of these corridors will help reduce range anxiety and allow smaller communities to plug-in to this regional charging network."

"The western states have taken an important step toward building a sustainable EV market and enabling long-distance travel along major corridors," said David Terry, NASEO Executive Director. "We are excited to help the states work with one another and outside stakeholders as they undertake activities to support the MOU and their shared transportation and energy goals."

NASEO has long supported regional planning efforts of the State Energy Offices across issue areas, and in recent years has provided policy and analytical support to the states as they develop electric vehicle programs and make alternative fuel vehicle investment decisions under the Volkswagen Settlement's Environmental Mitigation Trust. For more information about NASEO's work with the REV West States, please contact Cassie Powers ([cpowers@naseo.org](mailto:cpowers@naseo.org)).