

### **Preliminary Agenda**

# NASEO's 2022 Southeast Region State and Territory Energy Officials Meeting

June 14-15, 2022 William Snodgrass Tennessee Tower Nashville, Tennessee

#### June 14, 2022 - Day One

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** 

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **State and Territory Policy and Program Priorities Roundtable**

State and Territory Energy Offices are invited to share policy and program updates and priorities, as well as relevant energy industry and market developments in their states. One representative per state/territory is encouraged to highlight major energy policy initiatives or changes within their state, as well as legislative updates, and to also share where their office is with Infrastructure implementation (States/territories will be encouraged to limit remarks to 8-10 minutes).

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Energy Security Resiliency Planning and Investment**

This session will explore opportunities for regional energy resilience collaboration, planning, and investment, and includes states discussion of strategies and approaches to updating State Energy Security Plans and related resilience plans and actions.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch - Sponsor and Affiliate Spotlight

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#### **National Energy Policy, Program and Funding Outlook**

This session will provide the latest on federal energy legislation, regulation, and appropriations, as well as an update on resources and opportunities from NASEO for State Energy Offices.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### Grid Resilience and Transmission & Distribution System Planning in the Southeast

Utilities and policymakers across the Southeast are considering needs and options for enhancing the reliability of the electric grid and strengthening the distribution system. This session will explore the unique grid and distribution system challenges of the Southeast and examine opportunities for enhancing the reliability of the region's electric system and coordinating with states, with a focus on opportunities under Sections 40101, 40103, and 40109 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### **Transportation Electrification and Alternative Fuels Planning Priorities**

States are developing their EV infrastructure plans through the National EV Infrastructure Program and are poised to pursue funding to support charging and fueling infrastructure, and broader transportation electrification activities. This session will highlight progress from states and invite a discussion on ways that states can work across borders to achieve their transportation-energy goals.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – *Break* 

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Infrastructure Act Implementation Troubleshooting and Technical Assistance Needs (States and Territories-Only)

This states-only session will invite participants to ask questions of their peers related to Infrastructure Act implementation, and will explore technical assistance needs of the states.

6:00 p.m. – *Networking Dinner* 

#### <u>June 15, 2022 – Day Two</u>

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Energy Equity and J40 Considerations**

Justice40 presents a unique opportunity for State Energy Offices to examine and refine their work. Using the Justice40 tenants of community engagement, benefit allocation, and tracking project location, this conversation will explore methods for measuring equity and opportunities to create more equitable policies and programs.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Break

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### **Building Energy Codes: Opportunities and Models**

This session will focus on current strategies in the Southeast Region regarding updating of codes, stretch codes, ways to go beyond codes, targeting training regimens, compliance measures, and increasing State Energy Office's leverage in the process of establishing codes going forward. Ways to leverage codes to be EV-Ready and PV-Ready will also be considered. Special attention will be afforded to regional cooperation opportunities, particularly in light of new funding available from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### State and Regional Planning for Low-Carbon Hydrogen

Low-carbon hydrogen has the potential to support states' goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase jobs, enhance resilience, and support a just transition. The significant opportunities to support low-carbon hydrogen has spurred further interest in regional planning. This session will examine regional and state planning for low-carbon hydrogen and the role hydrogen can play in the transition of the states' energy sector.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Revolving Loan Fund Considerations** (Working Lunch)

There are numerous new opportunities for State Energy Offices to develop or expand Revolving Loan Funds to support energy efficiency retrofits and upgrades of residential and commercial buildings in their states. Optimizing the use of these funds will require careful planning and coordination between State Energy Offices and other entities in their states as well as the U.S. Department of Energy. This session will explore best practices for the development and implementation of Revolving Loan Funds and provide information on how the Southeast states can maximize impact.