

Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap

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- Identify pressing rural and small town energy issues
- Identify challenges and opportunities
 - Economic development, workforce development, cost savings
- Share lessons, experiences, and resources among states, localities, and their stakeholders
- Topics: many relevant
 - Rural/small community public sector, K-12
 - Water and wastewater
 - Agriculture, forestry, rural industry
 - Residential needs
 - Transportation
 - Broadband
 - Biomass, biofuels ...

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- **Key commonalities among states:**
 - Limited resources and capacity in smaller communities
 - Long distances, low density increases cost and difficulty of providing energy programs and technical assistance
- Past webinar: [Cooperative Services Model for Rural Public Sector Energy Management](#) July 23, 2018, 2:00pm-3:00pm ET
- NASEO welcomes additional states' and territories' interest in the Rural Energy Task Force

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