

# E2C Peer-Learning Cohort Application Questions

## *Successful Energy Project Implementation – From Technical Assistance to Deployment*

**Description:** Participants in this cohort will explore common challenges in implementing energy projects and learn strategies to turn project plans into reality. Each participant will focus on a local energy project or priority as a cornerstone for their learning throughout the series. Workshops will provide opportunities to explore strategies to build internal and external stakeholder buy-in, identify and secure funding and financing, and accelerate siting, procurement, and construction.

Submit your application by 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, at <https://www.nrel.gov/e2c/cohorts>

### General Applicant Information

1. Entity name
2. Location (city/town/county & state)

### Primary Cohort Representative

3. First name
4. Last name
5. Email address
6. Position/Job title
7. Organization/Entity name
8. Organization headquarters address
9. Organization type
  - a. Community-based nonprofit organization
  - b. Local government (city, town, county, etc.)
  - c. Regional government organization (council of governments, regional planning organization, etc.)
  - d. Tribe, including Alaska Native Villages, Alaska Native Corporations, and State Recognized Tribes
  - e. Other
10. Number of residents in your entity's jurisdiction or region:
  - a. Less than 10,000 residents
  - b. 10,000 to 50,000 residents
  - c. 50,000 to 100,000 residents
  - d. 100,000 to 500,000 residents
  - e. 500,000 to 1,000,000 residents
  - f. Greater than 1,000,000 residents
11. Is this primary cohort representative willing and able to commit approximately 4 hours per month to cohort participation and supporting activities?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

12. Does this primary cohort representative have sufficient local authority and influence to inform decision-making and implement learnings and suggestions from the cohort? Please explain. (estimated 25–75-word count)
13. Would you like to provide an additional contact at this time? This may be either a cohort-specific subject matter lead or a secondary administrative contact.
  - a. Yes, I will provide an additional representative or administrative contact
  - b. No, the primary representative will be available for communication

### **Secondary Representative or Administrative Contact (optional)**

14. Cohort Representative or Administrative Contact?
  - a. Cohort Representative
  - b. Administrative Contact
15. First name
16. Last name
17. Email address
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  - e. Other

### **Cohort-Specific Application Questions**

22. Have you attempted to implement an energy project that didn't succeed?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
23. If yes: What challenges did you face that prevented the project from succeeding?
24. Describe a priority energy project that you are currently interested in implementing. What are the project goals? Who are the partners? What will the project look like once successfully implemented? (estimated 100–200-word count)
25. What challenges do you face (or expect to face) while implementing this energy project? (estimated 50–100-word count)
26. How can this cohort help you overcome those challenges? (estimated 50–100-word count)
27. What do you hope to take away from your participation in this peer-learning cohort, from engaging with both peers and national experts? (estimated 50–100-word count)
28. *Optional:* Please provide any additional relevant information that reviewers should know about your entity's history trying to implement energy projects, your current energy priorities and projects, how you would benefit from participation in this cohort, or the background of your primary representative.

**Closing Questions**

29. Where did you learn about E2C peer-learning cohorts? Please be specific.
30. What other energy topics would you be interested in seeing as future cohorts? Submitted topics may be considered for future E2C peer-learning cohorts.
31. Would you like to subscribe to the E2C mailing list to receive information about future opportunities?