

# E2C Peer-Learning Cohort Application Questions

## *Planning for Major Energy Disruptions in the Southeast*

**Description:** Entities across the southeastern United States will explore strategies to quickly recover from impacts to energy infrastructure caused by extreme events, such as severe weather and natural disasters. Energy systems are closely linked to social, economic, and infrastructure systems. Recovering quickly from major disruptions requires coordination across these systems, guided by established emergency plans and institutions.

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. Local government (city, town, county, etc.)
  - b. Regional government organization (council of governments, regional planning organization, etc.)
  - c. Tribe, including State Recognized Tribes
  - d. 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)

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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
18. Position/Job title
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  - d. Other

**Cohort-Specific Application Questions**

22. What energy infrastructure impacts concern you most related to weather emergencies in your region? (estimated 50–100-word count)
23. What does your entity currently do to plan for, and mitigate, risk to energy infrastructure? (estimated 50–100-word count)
24. What kind of collaboration have you undertaken or want to undertake with your utility? (estimated 25–50-word count)
25. What do you hope to take away from your participation in this peer-learning cohort, from engagement with both peers from the southeast and national experts? (estimated 50–100-word count)
26. *Optional:* Please provide any additional relevant information that reviewers should know about local risk from weather emergencies, strategies you may be considering to mitigate those risks, how you would benefit from participation in this cohort, or the background of your primary representative.

**Closing Questions**

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