



## **C2C Peer-Learning Cohort Application Questions**

### *Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies in Appalachia*

**Description:** This cohort will explore available renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, including their procurement processes, available funding and financing opportunities, and other deployment factors. Participants will learn about community engagement and other strategies to ensure the new energy economy results in community benefits, and they will outline next steps to leverage these technologies for economic and workforce opportunities in Appalachia.

Submit your application by Thurs., Oct. 31, 2024, at <https://www.nrel.gov/c2c/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 organization (council of governments, regional planning organization, etc.)
  - c. Tribe, including state-recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations
  - d. Economic development organization
  - e. Community-based organization that works with one of the above entity types
  - f. Other
10. Number of residents in your jurisdiction or the region your entity works in:
  - 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. (50-200 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
18. Position/Job title
19. Organization/Entity name
20. Organization headquarters address
21. Organization type
  - a. Local government (city, town, county, etc.)
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  - e. Community-based organization that works with one of the above entity types
  - f. Other

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

22. Why are you interested in this regional peer-learning cohort that is *only open to participants in Appalachia*? (50-150 word count)
23. Are there any renewable energy or energy efficiency technologies or solutions you are particularly excited about or interested in exploring? If so, please share. (25-50 word count)
24. What stage are you at in planning for and procuring renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements? List any established goals, plans or projects. (50-100 word count)
25. What are your greatest challenges related to 1) renewable energy and 2) energy efficiency projects? (50-100 word count)
26. What would you like to take away from this cohort? What would your ideal outcome(s) be? (50-150 word count)
27. How do you see your primary representative participating in this cohort?
  - a. Listening to experts and peers to learn from their experiences
  - b. Discussing local challenges and opportunities with others

- c. Serving as an advanced participant to support other cohort participants that are earlier in their efforts
28. *Optional:* Please describe any upcoming opportunities or decision points related to renewable energy or energy efficiency (e.g., updating a plan, installing infrastructure, applying for or receiving funding, etc.) that you expect in the 18 months.
29. *Optional:* Please provide any additional relevant information about existing efforts related to renewable energy or energy efficiency technologies, how your entity could benefit from your participation in this cohort, or the suitability of your primary representative.

### **Closing Questions**

30. Where did you learn about C2C peer-learning cohorts? Please be specific.
31. What other energy-related subjects would you be interested in seeing as future cohort topics? Submitted topics may be considered for future C2C peer-learning cohorts.
32. Would you like to subscribe to the C2C mailing list to receive information about future opportunities for support in your clean energy transition?