

A Guide to CESA for Members

The Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) facilitates the expansion of state clean energy policies, programs, and innovation, with an emphasis on renewable energy, energy storage, energy equity, and resiliency. **CESA members** include state energy offices, public utility commissions, state green banks, state renewable energy funds, and independent state agencies created to promote energy and economic development.

CESA delivers extensive support to its members through independent, objective research and analysis, and confidential spaces to share knowledge and experience with peers. This document details how staff at CESA member organizations can engage with CESA's network and access CESA resources.

CESA has two categories of membership: **Core and Affiliate**. CESA Core members receive more benefits.

CESA has 22 **Core Members** representing thousands of staff working on clean energy at the following organizations:



In addition, there are CESA **Affiliate Members** representing 15 organizations:



See a full list of CESA's [Core and Affiliate Members here](https://www.cesa.org).

Connect with CESA

Stay informed of CESA's activities by signing up for our **members-only mailing list**. Subscribers receive notices of CESA webinars, publications, and other resources. Email sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org to subscribe.

Take Advantage of CESA's Network

Participate in a Working Group

CESA facilitates members-only working groups across a wide array of technology and policy areas. Working groups provide a forum for confidential discussions of shared challenges, lessons learned, and best practices. CESA's current working groups include:

Working Group	Participants	CESA Staff Contact
Building Innovation Network	CESA member organization staff	sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org
Community Solar	NSCP+ Members*	hanna@cleanegroup.org
Energy Affordability	NSCP+ Members*	hanna@cleanegroup.org
Energy Equity	CESA member organization staff	anna.ziai@cleanegroup.org
Energy Storage Policy	CESA member organization staff	todd@cleanegroup.org
Energy Storage for Utility Regulators	CESA member organization staff	todd@cleanegroup.org
ESTAP Aggregated Distributed Energy Resources	State energy agency staff	todd@cleanegroup.org
Low- and Moderate-Income Solar Office Hours	State energy agency staff	hanna@cleanegroup.org
Members' Water Cooler	CESA member organization staff	anna.ziai@cleanegroup.org
Networked Geothermal	CESA member organization staff	anna.ziai@cleanegroup.org
Offshore Wind	CESA member organization staff	sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org
Solar and Storage Monetization	NSCP+ Members*	hanna@cleanegroup.org
Solar for All Multistate	Solar for All grantees	hanna@cleanegroup.org

*The National Community Solar Partnership+ (NSCP+) is run by the U.S. Department of Energy. Learn more about and join NSCP+ [here](#).

See all of CESA's working groups and read full descriptions [here](#).

Get Answers to Your Questions from Fellow CESA Members

Members can leverage the CESA's network of 1,200 state agency staff to get help for all types of questions, from small technical details to large policy concerns. Email sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org to submit a query to the entire CESA Membership.

Attend In-Person Meetings with Your Peers

CESA hosts an annual Members Meeting to bring member organizations together in person. Multiple staff from CESA Core Member organizations can attend annual meetings for free, with travel and lodging support available to one representative from each organization.

Request and Receive Technical Assistance

CESA staff bring deep expertise on state clean energy programs and policy and offer technical assistance (TA) to Core Members based on individual or group requests. TA can include technical, policy, or programmatic research, reviews and comments to state program or policy documentation (RFPs, RFIs, etc.), designing custom research projects, or requesting meetings with outside experts. Email sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org to learn more.

Sign Up for CESA Newsletters

CESA publishes an exclusive **Members' Newsletter** to keep members informed of clean energy news around the country, delivered monthly to every CESA Members' mailing list subscriber. Additionally, **Federal Energy News**, a weekly newsletter exclusively for CESA Members, contains updates and resources related to federal energy policies and opportunities. Email anna.ziai@cleanegroup.org to subscribe.

CESA also publishes public newsletters related to energy storage, offshore wind, and low-income solar. Read about these newsletters [here](#).

Promote your Work with the State Leadership in Clean Energy (SLICE) Awards

CESA's bi-annual SLICE awards celebrate the most innovative clean energy programs and projects among our member organizations. CESA Member organizations can nominate up to two programs or projects each. Learn more [here](#).

Nominate a Colleague for the Lewis M. Milford Clean Energy Champion Award

This annual award honors an individual who has made a substantial impact on the expansion of clean energy and who has influenced the progress of clean energy markets. CESA Core and Affiliate Member organizations can nominate one person per award cycle. Award winners are chosen by the CESA Board of Directors. Learn more [here](#).

Take Advantage of Tailored Resources

Attend Webinars and Gain Insight into New Policies and Programs

CESA regularly hosts webinars featuring CESA and state agency staff, national labs, and outside experts. [View upcoming webinars and an archive of webinar recordings here.](#)

Explore In-Depth Reports and Quick-Reference Guides

CESA maintains several quick-reference guides for members to rapidly access important information. CESA also regularly publishes reports, case studies, and factsheets featuring research and analysis from CESA staff and outside experts. [View and search our resource library here.](#) These resources are created specifically with state energy agency staff in mind and respond to current priorities for states.

View Members-Only Content on CESA's Website

CESA's website includes a password-protected Members Area where member staff can view notes from CESA meetings, recordings of members-only events, and more. [View the Members Area here.](#) **Password:** CESA2002

Want to Learn More?

If you have additional questions about the benefits of membership and how to engage, contact Sam Schacht at sam.schacht@cleanegroup.org to be directed to your dedicated CESA point of contact.