

E2C Peer-Learning Cohort Application Questions

Navigating Local Data Center Development

Description: As data center development accelerates, local and regional governments and Tribes are navigating new and consequential permitting, siting, and planning decisions. Data center projects can affect energy costs, economic growth, resource adequacy, water and land use, and other community priorities, creating significant planning challenges. To support informed, locally grounded decision-making, this cohort will offer expert insights, peer knowledge exchange, case studies, and lessons learned from data center development across the country.

Submit your application by 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday April 30, 2026, at <https://www.nlr.gov/e2c/cohorts>

General Applicant Information

1. Organization 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 name
8. Organization headquarters address
9. Organization type
 - a. Local government (city, town, county, etc.)
 - b. Regional government organization (council of government, regional planning organization, etc.)
 - c. Tribe, including Alaska Native villages, Alaska Native corporations, and state recognized Tribes
 - d. Other
10. Number of residents in your organization'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

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12. Does this primary cohort representative have sufficient 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
18. Position/Job title
19. Organization name
20. Organization headquarters address
21. Organization type
 - a. Local government (city, town, county, etc.)
 - b. Regional government organization (council of governments, regional planning organization, etc.)
 - c. Tribe, including Alaska Native Villages, Alaska Native Corporations, and State Recognized Tribes
 - d. Other

Cohort-Specific Application Questions

22. How many data centers are currently in and around your jurisdiction? How many are anticipated near term?
23. What, if any, are your organization’s past experiences—outcomes, challenges and/or benefits—with data center development? (Estimated 25–75-word count)
24. What challenges are your organization currently facing or anticipating related to data center development? (Estimated 25–50-word count)
25. What, if any, potential benefits do you anticipate related to data center development? (Estimated 25–50-word count)
26. How do you see the role of your organization in relation to data center development? (Estimated 25–50-word count)
27. Which, if any, key external stakeholders (to include state agencies, utility commissions, rate payer advocates, and utilities) have you collaborated with, and in what ways, to help you navigate data center development issues thus far? (Estimated 25–75-word count)
28. What do you hope to gain from engaging with peers and national experts in this peer-learning cohort? (Estimated 50–75-word count)

29. Please describe any near-term or time-bound decisions that could be informed by your participation in this cohort. (Estimated 50–75-word count)
30. *Optional:* Please provide any additional relevant information that reviewers should know.

Closing Questions

31. Where did you learn about E2C peer-learning cohorts? Please be specific.
32. What other energy topics would you be interested in seeing as future cohorts?
Submitted topics may be considered for future E2C peer-learning cohorts.

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