

Day One – Monday, June 3, 2024

Breakfast on your own.

Optional Group Tour, Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S DuSable Lake Shore Drive. For those who RSVP'd: Meet in hotel lobby at 8:35 am for group transportation.

8:35 am: Meet in hotel lobby as a group

8:45 am departure: A charter bus will pick us up to drive us into Chicago. The drive to the Shedd will take about 1.5 hours. Once there, we will have two technology tours, Group 1 and Group 2, each about 45 minutes long. If you are late for the bus, you will have to find your own transportation.

(Lunch on your own at the Shedd)

1:35 pm return: Gather at pickup location to take bus pack to hotel. The Bus will depart at exactly at 1:45 am. If you miss it, you will need to find your own transportation back to the hotel.

3:30 pm

Plenary: Welcome and Networking Session

Continental Ballroom, Aloft Chicago O'Hare Hotel

Welcome by Warren Leon, CESA Executive Director and Brian Granahan, Acting Director, Illinois Power Agency.

4:45 pm

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (1)

Breakout 1: An Agency-Wide Approach to Energy Equity

How are state energy agencies incorporating energy justice and energy equity into their programs? This session will discuss ways in which state energy agencies can take an agency-wide approach when incorporating equity into their programs and operations.

- Moderator: Warren Leon, Executive Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Tony Reames, CESA Board Member, University of Michigan
 - Maria Redmond, Director, WI Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy

- Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Breakout 2: Energy Storage and Electrification

This session will focus on how distributed (BTM) storage can be combined with generation and efficiency measures to create a “three-legged stool” that supports building sector electrification goals while reducing the additional burden on the electric grid and providing added services such as backup power and cost savings.

- Moderator: Todd Olinsky-Paul, Senior Project Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Gavin Bowman, Assistant Director, Building Electrification Institute
 - Stephen McCloskey, Analyst- Home Energy Services, Cape Light Compact

6:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting Sessions

6:30 pm

Reception and Dinner

Fogo de Chão, 5460 Park Place, Rosemont, IL 60018.

The 2024 CESA State Leadership in Clean Energy Awards will be presented during the dinner.

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7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast in Continental Ballroom Pre-Function Area

8:30 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (2)

Breakout 1: Stakeholder Engagement: Program Design and Implementation

This session will discuss best practices for how states can engage community groups and EJ leaders to design programs and ensure knowledge-sharing with LMI communities.

- Moderator: Matt Ohloff
- Speakers:
 - Alexandria Cedergren, Senior Associate III, Community Engagement, Elevate
 - Bayo Ware, Senior Project Manager, Renewable Energy Sector, Energy Trust of Oregon

Breakout 2: Non-Lithium and Longer-Duration Technologies

Leaders in the pursuit of long duration energy storage technologies (LDES) will present on the need and opportunities for LDES technologies, the newly formed National Consortium for LDES, and current state demonstration programs and projects

- Moderator: Todd
- Speakers:
 - Will McNamara, Policy Analyst, Sandia National Laboratories
 - Ramesh Koripella, Materials Scientist, Sandia National Laboratories
 - Gabe Murtaugh, Assistant Director, Long Duration Energy Storage Council

9:30 am

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (3)

Breakout 1: Consumer Protection for LMI Communities

Many clean energy products and services for residents and businesses are sold by private sector developers or contractors. There may be little regulatory oversight over those entities' activities, and this can lead to predatory, unfair, and/or risky practices. This session will discuss **how states are incorporating consumer protection into their programs** to prevent unfair practices and to ensure that LMI residents receive meaningful benefits from clean energy.

- Moderator: Sam Schacht, Project Manager, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Pamela Nelson, Consumer Outreach, DC Office of the People's Counsel
 - Yohannes Miriam, Economist, DC Office of the People's Counsel
 - Sarah Moskowitz, Executive Director, Illinois Citizens' Utility Board

Breakout 2: Federal Funding Opportunities for Storage

This session will include presentations by federal officials, national labs, or tax advisors on some of the federal funding opportunities that can be used to support storage. The goal of the session will be to (a) provide background information to states on how these programs work and (b) give states an opportunity to discuss how they are planning on engaging with these opportunities, including potential structures to support access to these incentives, challenges, and state needs.

- Moderator: Vero Bourg-Meyer, Senior Project Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Alejandra Garcia Earley, Project Finance and Tax Equity Advisor, Partner, Orrick Law Firm
 - Claire Swingle, Energy Policy Analyst, Maine Governor's Energy Office
 - Stephen Boyd, Senior Consultant for Outreach and Business Development, U.S. Department of Energy - Loan Programs Office

10:30 am **Break**

10:45 am **Plenary: Energy Storage and Equity**

Speakers from Sandia National Labs and CESA will present a new jointly-published report on “Best Practices for Equity in State Energy Storage Policy.” There will also be presentations from states with equity storage programs such as Connecticut, California, Vermont, possibly New Jersey or Maryland.

- Moderator: Anna Ziai, Project Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Will McNamara, Policy Analyst, Sandia National Laboratories
 - Sergio Carrillo, Managing Director, Clean Energy Incentive Programs, CT Green Bank
 - William “Billy” Davis, Executive Director, Bronzeville Community Development Partnership

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** - Ballroom Pre-Function Area

1:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions (4)**

Breakout 1: Developing an Equitable Workforce

To meet their clean energy goals and participate in federal initiatives, states will need to expand their clean energy workforce. This session will discuss strategies for equitable workforce development programs.

- Moderator: Anna Ziai, Project Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Delmar Gillus, Chief Operations Officer at Elevate
 - Andrew J. Wells, Director of Workforce Development at the Chicago Urban League

Breakout 2: New/Upcoming Member Energy Storage Programs, Policies, and Regulations

This session will allow members to share their new and upcoming energy storage programs, policies, and regulations in development. This is intended as a roundtable discussion rather

than a panel, with each state in the session getting an opportunity to provide updates, ask questions, and offer insights (no formal presentation required).

- Moderators:
 - Olivia Tym, Project Manager, CESA
 - Todd Olinsky-Paul, Sr. Project Director, CESA
 - Seth Mullendore, President and Executive Director, Clean Energy Group

2:15 **Break**

2:30 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions (5)**

Breakout 1: Outreach and Education for LMI Communities

States are tasked with educating consumers about available clean energy opportunities. This session will facilitate a large group conversation for states to share obstacles and discuss successful strategies for educating residents in LMI and disadvantaged communities about clean energy incentive programs. The session will place a particular emphasis on how states can form and maintain effective partnerships with grassroots and community-based organizations.

- Moderator: Sam Schacht, Project Manager, CESA
- Speaker: Ivonne Rychwa, Outreach Director, Citizens Utility Board

Breakout 2: Virtual Power Plants, Resilience Hubs and Microgrids

This panel will focus not so much on the technologies that make up VPPs, resilience hubs, and microgrids, but on state policies and programs that have been designed to support and encourage their implementation.

- Moderator: Todd Olinsky-Paul, Senior Project Director, CESA
- Speakers:
 - Seth Mullendore, President and Executive Director, Clean Energy Group
 - David Comis, Senior Clean Energy Program Manager, Maryland Energy Administration
 - Vito Greco, Senior Manager of Solar Programs, Elevate Energy

3:30 **Plenary: Meeting Wrap Up**

- Moderator: Warren Leon

4:00 - Adjourn Event