

EPCE: BUILDING A POWERFUL WORKFORCE

Formed in 2001, the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) is a national non-profit coalition of utilities, energy organizations and education partners. EPCE provides its members with workforce solutions through its premier online education, built to address the critical employment needs of the evolving utility industry. Utility professionals meet to learn about online education and training resources that support employer workforce development strategies.

MEETING LOCATION: CO-LOCATED WITH ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE
Mirage Events Center
3400 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109
Meeting Room - ANDROS A&B
Pick-up meeting badge: Location and Times TBD


TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

EPCE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

- 7:30 – 8:45 AM** **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (GOVERNANCE MEMBERS ONLY) – ANDROS A&B**
- 8:00 – 8:45 AM** **ORIENTATION TO EPCE (FIRST TIME ATTENDEES ONLY) – ST. THOMAS A&B**
First-time meeting attendees will receive a high-level overview of EPCE and its educational partners and offerings
Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE
Angie Lucas, Member Engagement Manager, EPCE

EPCE GENERAL MEETING

ANDROS ROOMS A&B

- 9:00 – 9:30 AM** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
Heather Davis, Corporate Training Director, Strategies and Workforce Development, Exelon, EPCE Governance Committee Member
- 9:30 – 10:45 AM** **EPCE COALITION UPDATES ON PRIORITIES, DEVELOPMENTS AND OBJECTIVES:**
- EPCE Governance Committee Insights
 - EPCE’s Online Energy Education Partnerships
 - Putting EPCE to Work: Turn-Key Education and Training Solutions
- Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE*
Angie Lucas, Member Engagement Manager, EPCE
Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM** **NETWORKING BREAK – Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network**
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM** **ENHANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
- Developing skill sets required for the renewable workforce
Bruce Emmil, Dean of National Energy Center of Excellence Bismarck State College
 - Assessment of Workplace Training Programs for College Credit
André Adams, Regional Director of Strategic Partnership, Excelsior College
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM** **LUNCH, SPONSORED BY **
A special THANK YOU to Exelon for sponsoring the meeting food and refreshments!

1:00 – 1:30 PM

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING STRATEGIES:

WHAT'S WORKING FOR PALO VERDE?

Learn about Palo Verde's college partnership strategies to develop skill sets for key Instrumentation and Control technicians.

Theodore Green, Section Leader – Technical Training, Palo Verde

1:30 – 2:10 PM

INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE

Learn updates, challenges, and solutions from industry peers across the nation.

Discussion topics include:

- Leadership Development
- Innovative Learning and Training Solutions
- Partnerships to Educate and Develop Employees
- The 'How To' in Implementing Innovative Training Solutions

2:10 – 2:20 PM

ROUNDTABLE REPORT OUT

EPCE Member companies, organizations, and share highlights from roundtable discussions.

2:20 - 2:30 PM

NETWORKING BREAK- *Link up with the individuals from the EPCE network*

2:30 – 3:15 PM

UNDERSTANDING POWERFUL CASE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR UTILITIES' AND INDIAN COUNTRY

- Learn more about tribal energy initiatives and projects.

David Conrad, President, Osage Solutions

John Lewis, Chairman, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (invited)

- Discover how a national leader in wind plans to increase their wind portfolio

Mark Palacio, Manager, Electric Operations Technical Training, Xcel Energy

3:15 – 3:45 PM

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

- Discover how a national leader in renewable energy advances development

James Auld, Director, External Training Initiatives, NextEra Energy Company / Florida Power & Light Company

Alsey Davidson, Project Manager, NextEra Energy Company

3:45 – 4:00 PM

SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT TOUR DETAILS

Alsey Davidson, Project Manager, NextEra Energy Company

James Auld, Director, External Training Initiatives, NextEra Energy Company / Florida Power & Light Company

SUMMARY/CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING EVALUATION

Christine Carpenter, Director & Ryan Cheney, Marketing Associate, EPCE

4:00 – 5:00 PM

EPCE BREAKOUT MEETINGS

JAMAICA ROOM A

EPCE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee provides direction and input into the development and continuous improvement and awareness of EPCE's online educational programs

- Nuclear Power Technology Advisory Council
- Electric Power Technology Advisory Council

NOT ATTENDING AN EPCE STANDING COMMITTEE?

JAMACIA ROOM B

You've learned a lot today! How can you take back and share what you've learned with others in your organization?

5:00 – 6:00 PM

ELECTRIC POWER 21ST ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF CELEBRATION, sponsored by ELECTRIC POWER on the Exhibit Floor

6:30 pm

Dinner, sponsored by EPCE – Batista's Hole in the Wall, 4041 Linq Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89109 (please meet at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Mirage Hotel)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

EPCE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

8:00 – 10:00 AM

EPCE GOVERNANCE MEETING (GOVERNANCE MEMBERS ONLY) –ANDROS ROOMS A&B

1:00 – 3:30 PM

TOUR OF FPL SILVER STATE SOUTH SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (PRIMM, NV)

During the tour the group will learn more about the solar energy project, the largest in Nevada's history SCADA, and condition-based maintenance from subject matter experts.

**EPCE AND ITS EDUCATION PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE
INDUSTRY-RELEVANT ONLINE EDUCATION**



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE & EXPO



ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT: APRIL 24TH – 26TH, 2019

EPCE Coalition meeting attendees receive a complimentary visitor pass to the Electric Power Conference, which provides access to the Exhibit Hall, Access to General Sessions on the Exhibit floor, Opening Keynote and Executive Roundtables, Closing Plenary Session, Plant Management Institute (Available to generating companies/utilities only), Interactive Digital Showcase – Building Blocks of a Connected Plant and Networking Receptions.

View the [ELECTRIC POWER WEBSITE](#) for additional information. *EPCE Coalition Members receive a discounted rate to attend the ELECTRIC POWER full conference.*

8:30 – 11:00 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE AND EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

ELECTRIC POWER EXHIBIT HALL: EPCE attendees receive a complimentary visitor pass to the Electric Power’s exhibition. Featuring 200+ market-leading companies showcasing products, services, and applications for the power industry.

Don’t forget to stop by the EPCE Booth #1115!

4:30 – 6:00 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION ON EXHIBIT FLOOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE & EXPO

7:30 – 9:00 AM

WOMEN IN POWER AND POWER CLUB ALLIANCE BREAKFAST

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR POWER PLANT OPERATIONS

It’s not only important to align a new generation of workers with the right skills for future operators, but also provide continuous training for today’s operators. Couple with today’s technological advances, effective training is required to build the skills that are crucial for operators. Learn what’s working. Join your peers from other utilities and training organizations to learn how training is ensuring skilled operators.

Panelists:

- **Michael Winegeart**, Production Superintendent, Lubbock Power & Light
- **Nik Kutz**, POD Training Supervisor, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)
- **Mark Streifel**, Executive Director, Martech Training Services
- **Bruce Emmil**, Dean of National Energy Center of Excellence, Bismarck State College

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

ELECTRIC POWER EXHIBIT HALL - *Don’t forget to stop by the EPCE Booth #1115!*

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION ON EXHIBIT FLOOR

3:30 PM

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE & EXPO

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ELECTRIC POWER CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

***Requires purchase of full Conference pass. EPCE Members receive a discounted rate to attend the full conference.*