

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 - TBD
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  Exelon.**
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 UTILITIES' POWERFUL CASE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**
- Learn about a groundbreaking a solar energy project, representing the largest clean energy investment in Nevada's history.
Jim Auld, Director, External Training Initiatives, FPL
 - Discover how a national leader in wind plans to increase their wind portfolio
Mark Palacio, Manager, Electric Operations Technical Training, Xcel Energy
 - Gain an understanding of battery storage systems from Arizona's leader in solar
David Conrad, Osage Solutions (invited)
 - Learn more about tribal energy initiatives and projects.
- 3:15 – 3:45 PM** **BUILDING POWER DELIVERY PROJECTS**
- Understanding the nuts and bolts of solar and wind project construction
Blattner Energy
- 3:45 – 4:00 PM** **SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT TOUR DETAILS**
- Jim Auld, Director, External Training Initiatives, FPL*
- SUMMARY/CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING EVALUATION**
- Christine Carpenter, Director, 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 (Location TBD)
- Electric Power Technology Advisory Council (Location TBD)

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? (Details coming soon!) (Location TBD)

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 5:50 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 EDUCATIO



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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.*