



ENERGY PROVIDERS COALITION FOR EDUCATION
EPCE Coalition Meeting Agenda

Hosted by Xcel Energy | Denver, CO | September 13-14, 2017

**EPCE – Collectively Impacting the Nation’s Energy Workforce
September 13th - 14th, 2017**

Meeting Location:

Xcel Energy
1800 Larimer Street
Denver, CO 80202
Meeting Room: TBD

Hotel Accommodations:

Hotel Indigo
1801 Wewatta Street
Denver, CO 80202

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2017

7:30 – 9:15 am

EPCE Governance Members Meeting (Gov Members Only) – Room TBD

*Jim Auld, FPL/NextEra; Sheilah Caton, PECO; Steve Gackstetter, Exelon; Kathy Perry, APS;
Gary Pfann, NRECA; Mark Palacio, Xcel Energy; Theodore Green; Palo Verde*

EPCE Coalition Business Meeting: EPCE Members Only

9:30 – 9:45 am

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Mark Palacio, Technical Training Supervisor, Xcel Energy

9:45 – 11:00 am

Agenda and EPCE Coalition Updates

- EPCE’s strategic goals towards educating and training the utility workforce
- Impact from EPCE’s industry education partnerships and energy career pathways
- EPCE member utilities versatility with leveraging online programs
- Assessing EPCE’s enrollments and the ROI for utilities
Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE
- Maximizing Employee Impact: Learn what’s working for utilities
Adrienne Day, Marketing Specialist, EPCE
Mark Palacio (or TBD), Xcel Energy

11:00 – 11:15 am

Networking Break- *Link up with individuals from the EPCE network*

11:15 – 12:00 pm

Education / Training Aligned to Workforce Needs

Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE
TBD, Bismarck State College

EPCE General Meeting: EPCE Members, Partners, and Guests

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Luncheon sponsored by:  **Xcel Energy™**

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1:00 – 1:30 pm	<p>Coalition Greeting <i>TBD, Xcel Energy</i></p> <p>Xcel Energy Overview <i>TBD, Xcel Energy</i></p>
1:30 – 2:45 pm	<p>Interactive Industry Roundtables: Learn from Industry Peers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share significant drivers/game changers for the industry - Break into groups and discuss industry topics (Topics TBD)
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Networking Break - <i>Link up with individuals from the EPCE network</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Roundtable Report Out
3:15 – 4:45 pm	<p>The Value of Educating & Training the Energy Workforce: Updates from EPCE Education Providers on educating the nation's electric power workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Engineering: <i>Clemson University</i> - Electric & Nuclear Power Technology: <i>Bismarck State College, National Energy Center of Excellence</i> - Technology, Engineering Technology, Nuclear Engineering and Cybersecurity: <i>Excelsior College</i> - Power Systems Engineering: <i>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i> - Center for Energy Workforce Development
4:45 pm	<p>The Much-Anticipated Horse Race EPCE winners share their "magic formula"</p>
5:00 pm	Summary/Closing Remarks
6:00 pm	Dinner – Location TBD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2017

EPCE Standing Committees (Standing Members Only)

8:00 – 9:15 am	<p>Committees provide direction and input into the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of the EPCE online educational programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electric Power Technology Curriculum Council with BSC (room TBD) - Nuclear Power Technology Curriculum Council with BSC (room TBD) - Marketing Committee Meeting (room TBD)
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Kickoff Message

Mark Palacio, Technical Training Supervisor, Xcel Energy

9:45 – 10:15 am

Training/Workforce Strategies and Models – What's Working?

Presentation TBD

10:15 – 10:30am

Networking Break/Activity (TBD)

10:30 – 11:00 am

Employee Success Story – How Earning a Degree Led to Career Advancement

Presentation TBD

11:00 – 11:15 am

Summary/Closing Remarks

Christine Carpenter, Director, EPCE

11:30 am

Depart Xcel for Training Center Tour

12:30 – 1:30pm

Luncheon at training center– Sponsored by 

1:30 – 3:00pm

Tour of Xcel Energy's Materials Distribution Center Training Center

The state-of-the-art training center includes 45,000 square feet of classrooms, training labs and office space to provide enhanced hands-on training in a controlled environment, coupled with concurrent computer-based training. The center includes the following training facilities:

- electric lineman classroom and lab
- electric substation/transmission classroom and lab
- gas classrooms, meeting rooms and labs
- weld lab
- pole yard
- computer lab

The training center is utilized year-round, facilitating the training of nearly 200 gas and electric apprentices, as well as more than 1,000 employees who require gas operator, safety and design training.

3:00 pm

Depart Training Center to return to Xcel Energy

4:00pm

Return to Xcel Energy