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CC&C 101: The CC&C Re-Designation Process

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Designation Process: Local group of stakeholders establishes a coalition committed to CC&C mission with demonstrated impact



DOE Funds Activities that Benefit Designated Coalitions: Information and tools; technical assistance; training, outreach, and partnerships; and financial assistance



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Re-Designation Process: Coalition reaffirms commitment to CC&C mission, demonstrates coalition impact, and meets A&E Requirements



DOE and the network of coalitions pursue a shared mission and vision

Benefits of Designation Status

- Full participation in the national network of coalitions
- Robust engagement with DOE and DOE national laboratory staff
- Federal-level coalition recognition
- In-person training and peer sharing opportunities
- Monthly virtual regional meetings
- Virtual training and capacity building opportunities
- Password-protected Coalition Toolbox and CC&C Forum
- Peer-to-peer support
- Permission to use CC&C logo and relationship statement
- Eligibility for financial assistance

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Active and Effective (A&E) Requirements

- A&E Requirements updated in January 2026.
- Coalitions must meet A&E Requirements **by March 31, 2027.**
- A&E Requirements benefit all coalitions by giving external stakeholders confidence that all coalitions meet partnership standards and deliver mission impact.
- A&E Requirement Resources on the Toolbox:
  - A&E Requirements (Updated in 2026)
  - Expectations and Resources for Meeting A&E Requirements

1. CC&C Mission Impact
2. Planning Documentation
3. Stakeholder Engagement
4. Stakeholder Group
5. Host-Coalition Relationship
6. Communication
7. Website
8. Administration Files
9. Partnership Convenings

Partnership Renewal Letter

- Each year, designated coalitions send a letter from the coalition to DOE affirming that the coalition wants to continue be a DOE-designated coalition in the CC&C partnership.
- Requirement for maintaining designation status and receiving benefits.
- Affirms the coalition understands and is meeting the requirements for maintaining DOE designation status.
- Provides opportunity to communicate coalition successes and/or feedback to DOE.

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Re-Designation

- Approximately, every 5 years, coalitions are invited to take part in a process to remain a DOE-designated coalition. The re-designation process is an opportunity to:
  - Reaffirm their commitment to the CC&C mission and continued participation in the partnership.
  - Reaffirm commitment from stakeholders, the board of directors, steering committee members, and host organization.
  - Ensure that coalitions meet A&E Requirements and continue to maintain the standards expected of a DOE-designated coalition.
  - Provide DOE with a current understanding of coalition accomplishments, needs, and mission impact.
  - Facilitate dialogue between DOE and coalition leadership regarding opportunities, challenges, and priorities moving forward.

Typically, 1/5 of coalitions undergo re-designation in a given year (about 15-16 coalitions).

More information and resources related to re-designation can be found on the Toolbox.

If you have questions about your designation status or next re-designation date, contact your Regional Manager.

Recent History of Re-Designations

- Prior to 2024: Coalitions went through the re-designation process every 3 years.
- 2024: Partnership Renewal Letter process introduced. Coalition re-designation cadence extended to approximately every 5 years.
- In 2025 and 2026: Re-designations temporarily paused.
- 54 coalitions will be due for re-designation by the end of 2027.
  - Due to this high volume, the 2027 process will be abbreviated compared to previous years.
  - Focus will be on ensuring coalitions are meeting Active and Effective Requirements.
- In 2028: DOE plans to resume a full re-designation process, which will take learnings from 2027 and dialogue with coalitions into account. We welcome your feedback!

2027 Re-Designation Process

- Oct. 30, 2026: Partnership Renewal Letters due. For coalitions due for re-designation in 2027, these letters will be considered an expression of interest in re-designation.
- Week of Nov. 2, 2026: Coalition directors will be notified that the coalition will be participating in the 2027 re-designation process and will receive instructions on how to submit all requested materials to DOE.
- March 19, 2027: Deadline for coalitions to submit the 2026 Coalition Activity Report in the CART.
- March 31, 2027: Deadline for coalitions to meet A&E Requirements.
- May 31, 2027: Coalitions undergoing re-designation will submit three additional documents to DOE: planning documentation, stakeholder list, and summary of administration files.
- April 1–Dec. 31, 2027: All materials submitted by coalitions will be reviewed for re-designation.
- If coalition is missing documentation or if there are any outstanding questions about the material that coalition has submitted, Energetics will reach out for further clarification.
- Coalitions that meet requirements for re-designation will receive a re-designation letter from DOE.
- Coalitions re-designated through the 2027 abbreviated process will be due for re-designation approximately 10 years after their previous full re-designation process. (Example: if a coalition last went through the full re-designation process in 2020, and goes through the abbreviated process in 2027, the next full re-designation process will be scheduled for 2030.)

How A&E Will be Verified During 2027 Re-Designation Process

Active and Effective Requirement	Information and Submittals DOE Will Review To Verify Requirement
1. CC&C Mission Impact	• 2026 Coalition Annual Activity Report
2. Planning Documentation	• Planning Documentation (provided to DOE by coalition)
3. Stakeholder Engagement	• Stakeholder list (provided to DOE by coalition)
4. Stakeholder Group	• Stakeholder list (provided to DOE by coalition)
5. Host-Coalition Relationship	• Partnership Renewal Letter
6. Communication	• 2026 Coalition Annual Activity Report
7. Website	• Review of coalition website
8. Administration Files	• Administrative Documentation (summary provided to DOE by coalition)
9. Partnership Convenings	• Verify through registration/attendance records
Other documentation that may be used to supplement verification process	• Peer Sharing Documentation
	• Coalition Peer Sharing Discussions (virtual or in-person)
	• Project Management Plan (PMP)
	• Quarterly Progress Reports (QPR)

Re-Designation Resources

- DOE will host a webinar on the 2027 Re-Designation Process on **Nov. 10, 2026, 1:30-3PM ET;** register at Clean Cities and Communities: Webinars
- List of coalition re-designation due dates: Re-Designation Information for 2026 CC&C National Workshop - CC&C Partnership Structure / Re-designations - Clean Cities and Communities Forum
- Please visit the following links for more information on the A&E Requirements and the 2027 re-designation process:
  - A&E Requirements – January 2026
  - Expectations and Resources for Meeting A&E Requirements
- Contact for questions about the 2027 re-designation process: Ben White, Energetics (bmwhite@energetics.com, benjamin.white@doe.gov)

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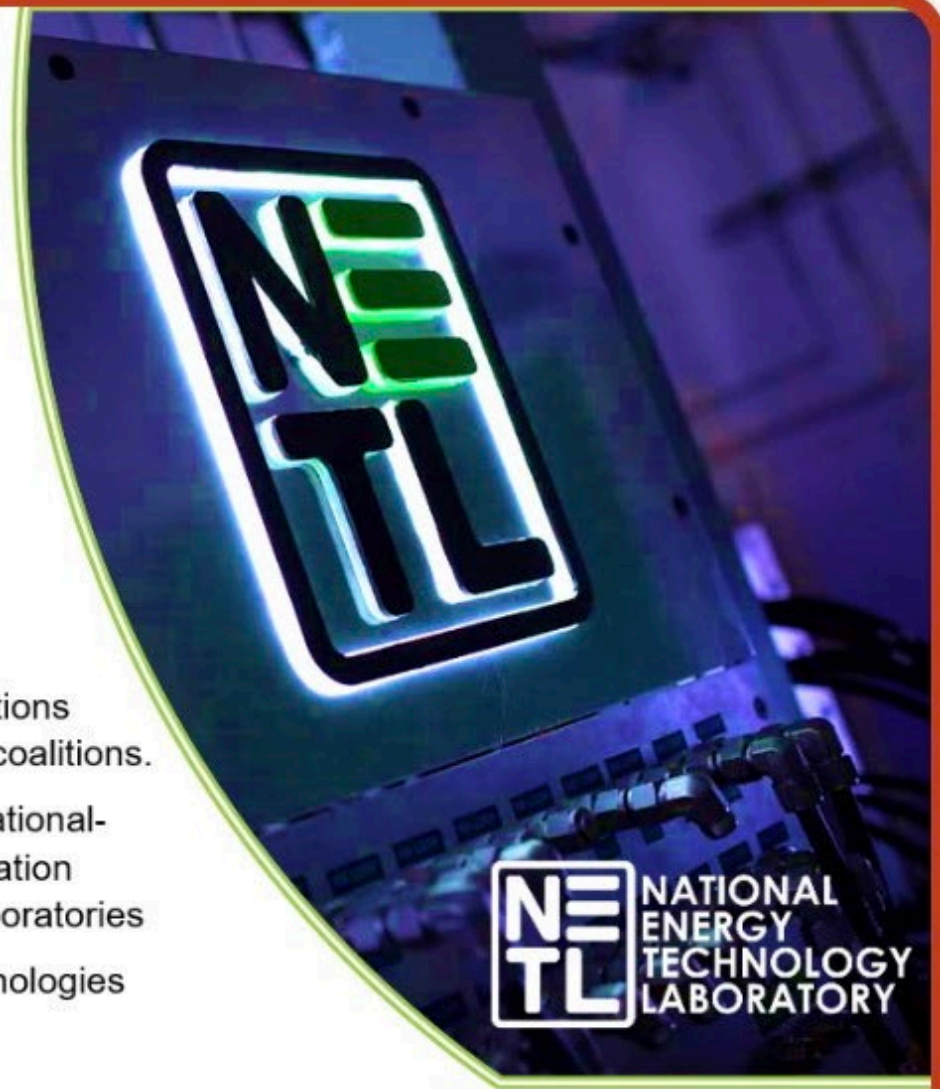
National Energy Technology Laboratory and CC&C Regional Managers

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CC&C Regional Managers (RMs)

Serve as CC&C coalitions' main DOE point of contact, facilitate regional coalition collaboration, and manage DOE project funding. RMs are based at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), a DOE field office and the only DOE national laboratory whose employees are federal staff. RMs provide support to DOE's Transportation Technologies Office through:

- **DOE Liaison to Coalitions in Region -** Listen to coalition needs, concerns, ideas, challenges, etc. and provide advice, coaching, or connection to other TI program staff to assist the coalition director.
- **Sustain and Strengthen Clean Cities and Communities Region -** Facilitate information sharing and collaboration among regional coalitions and serve as the communication liaison between DOE and regional coalitions.
- **National-level CC&C Management Activities -** Participate in the national-level CC&C management in collaboration with the Technology Integration Program team including DOE HQ, contractors, and DOE national laboratories
- **Project Management -** Administer and monitor Transportation Technologies Office financial assistance agreements including the CC&C coalition cooperative agreements.



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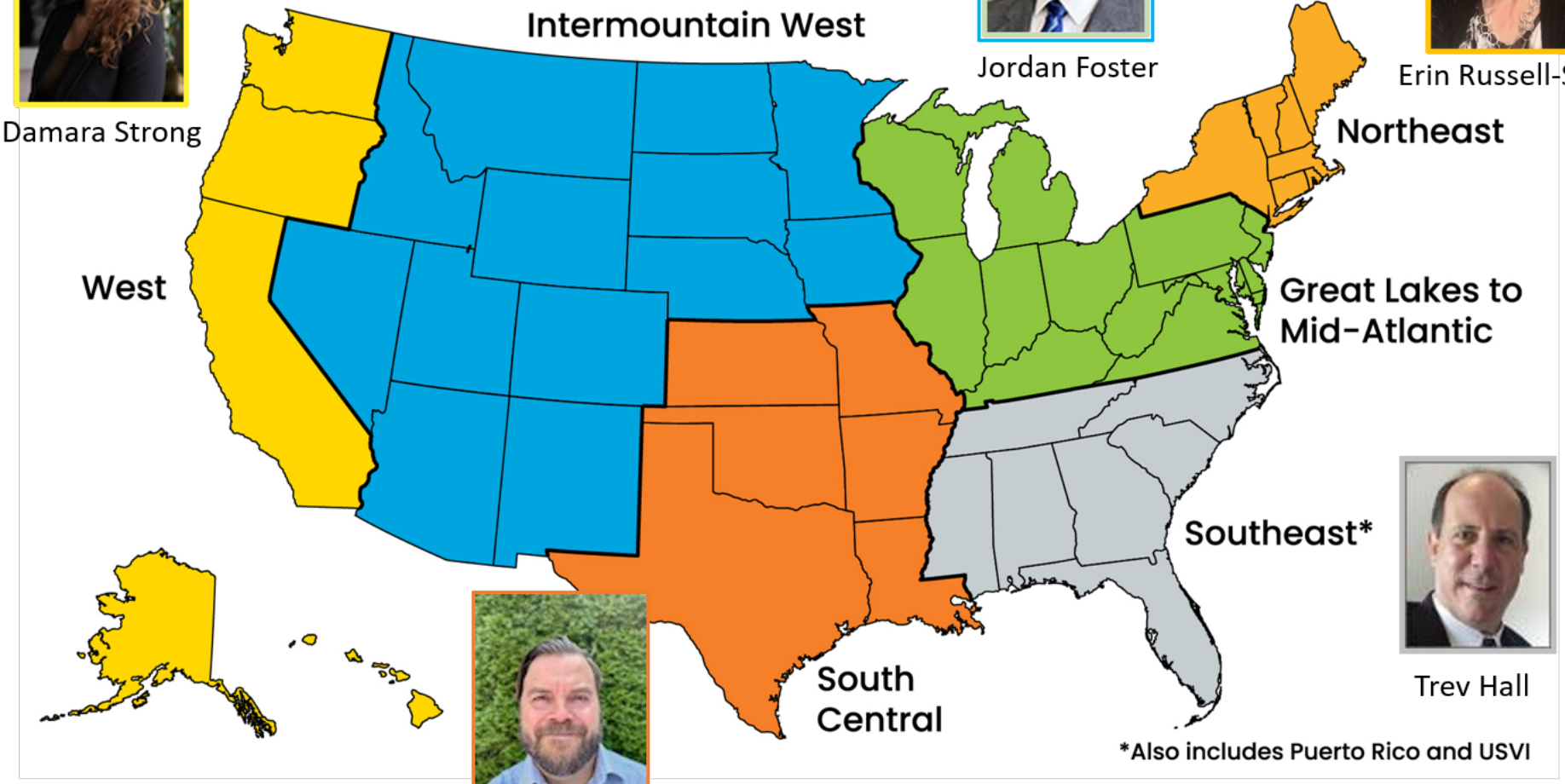
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