

9:50 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Networking Session with Experts</p> <p>During this networking session, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with program staff from DOE headquarters, national laboratories, and other subject matter experts (SMEs) about various topics of interest. Attendees can also use this time to ask previous presenters questions, or network with fellow attendees. SMEs will be stationed at networking tables throughout the general session room and are available to answer attendee questions throughout the session.</p> <p>Note: While Clean Cities Coalition Directors and staff are also SMEs for many topics, only program staff SMEs are stationed at networking tables. This provides all attendees the opportunity to actively participate in this session.</p> <p>Networking Topics – Descriptions for each topic found on last page of Agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean Cities Branding (SME: Mary Beth Florentine, LMD; Mollie Putzig, NREL) 2. Clean Cities Coalition Re-Designation Process (SME: Ellen Bourbon, AST) 3. Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program (SME: Lisa Heineman, ANL) 4. Non-road activities, and Clean Cities Ports and RNG Working Groups (SMEs: Kevin Stork, DOE; Marcy Rood, ANL; Andy Burnham, ANL; Marianne Mintz, ANL) 5. Clean Cities Energy and Environmental Justice Initiative (SMEs: Grace McGinnis, DOE; Sara Lechtenberg-Kasten, ANL; Mariah Stanley, ANL) 6. EPA Office of Community Revitalization (SMEs: Wendy Dafoe, NREL; John Thomas, EPA; Reyes Barboza, EPA) 7. Clean Energy to Communities Funding Program (SMEs: Lauren Reichelt, NREL) 8. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Vehicle and Infrastructure Funding Programs (SME: Mike Scarpino, DOT Volpe, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation; Bridget Gilmore, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation) 9. Technical Assistance for Clean Cities (SMEs: John Gonzales, NREL; Ryan Frasier, NREL) 10. Connect with your RM – South Central and North Central (SMEs: Neil Kirschner, NETL; Jordan Foster, NETL) 11. Connect with your RM – California and Northwest (SMEs: Brett Aristegui, NETL; Dan Nardozi, NETL) 12. Connect with your RM – Mid-Atlantic and Southeast (SMEs: Nicole Kirby, NETL; Trev Hall, NETL) <p>***Northeast coalitions are welcome to attend any of the “Connect with your RM” tables</p>
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Staffed Networking Tables:

These tables will all have signs with respective topic and expert names so coalitions can navigate appropriately. We will also provide a map of the room identifying where each topic will be located.

1. **Clean Cities Branding** (SME: Mary Beth Florentine, LMD; Mollie Putzig, NREL) – Clean Cities’ new branding strategy is a result of months of research and collaboration. DOE will present an update on the branding effort on Thursday morning.
At this table, talk with DOE’s branding consultant and NREL’s communications expert to learn more about the branding process, discuss next steps, and share coalition input.
2. **Clean Cities Coalition Re-Designation Process** (SME: Ellen Bourbon, AST) – DOE grants official Clean Cities designation to coalitions that exhibit broad commitment to, and support for, implementing alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies. Each Clean Cities coalition is required to undergo re-designation every five years to:
 - Ensure that expectations align among the coalition, VTO, and if applicable, its host agency
 - Reaffirm commitment from stakeholders, the board of directors, steering committee members, and host organization
 - Build momentum through quantitative evaluation and planning
 - Enhance the relationship with VTO
 - Inform VTO of accomplishments and funding needs.

At this table, ask questions and provide feedback about the re-designation process, how it can strengthen your coalition, available resources to help coalitions through the process, and the approximate timing of your coalition’s re-designation.

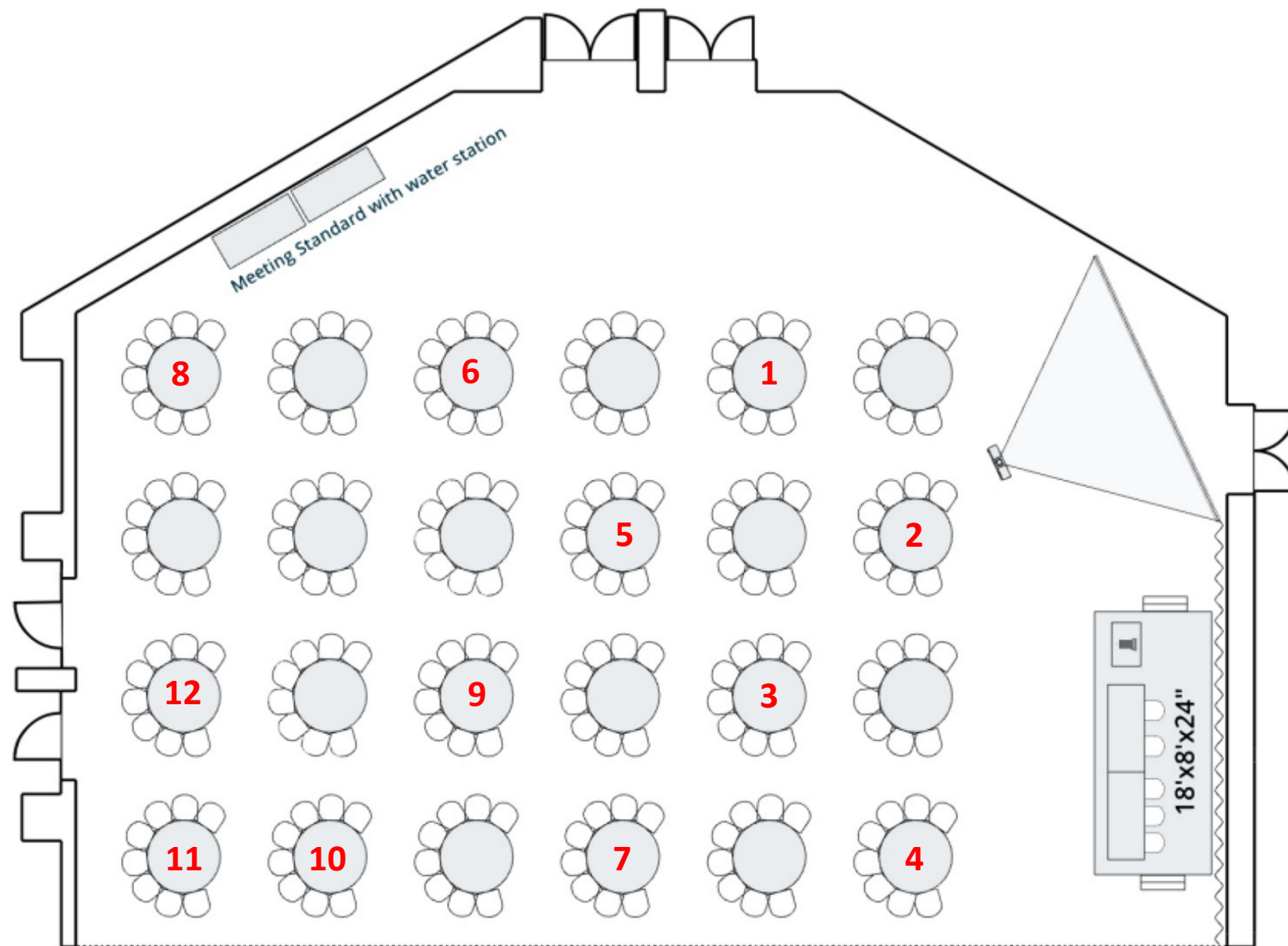
3. **Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program** (SME: Lisa Heineman, ANL) – For over 10 years, DOE has provided Clean Cities coalitions interns through the Clean Cities University Workforce Development Program (CCUWDP), managed by ANL.
At this table share input and ask about the application process, high-impact work plans for interns, and the type of support ANL provides during the hiring and onboarding process.
4. **Non-road activities, and Clean Cities Ports and RNG Working Groups** (SMEs: Kevin Stork, DOE; Marcy Rood, ANL; Andy Burnham, ANL; Marianne Mintz, ANL) – ANL hosts a monthly Clean Cities Ports Working Group and a monthly Clean Cities Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Working Group. Learn how to get involved in these working groups.
Talk with SMEs about Clean Cities activities at ports (airports, inland ports, marine ports, etc.) and RNG projects across the country. At this table you can also learn more about the investments that DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office is putting into research and development through its Decarbonization of Offroad, Rail, Marine, and Aviation (DORMA) program.
5. **Clean Cities Energy and Environmental Justice Initiative** (SMEs: Grace McGinnis, DOE; Sara Lechtenberg-Kasten, ANL; Mariah Stanley, ANL) – Clean Cities coalitions are collaborating with DOE and its national laboratories to help ensure the benefits of federal investments in clean transportation reach underserved and overburdened communities as part of Justice40. To accomplish this, the Clean Cities Energy and Environmental Justice Initiative (EEJI) was created to provide coalitions with training and resources on how to take a community-first approach to developing transportation projects.
Network with EEJ leaders, ask questions, provide input, and brainstorm ideas.
6. **EPA Office of Community Revitalization** (SMEs: Wendy Dafoe, NREL; John Thomas, EPA; Reyes Barboza, EPA) – EPA's Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect the environment, expand economic opportunity, and revitalize neighborhoods. Since 2005, its technical assistance has helped hundreds of communities to identify and implement strategies to achieve local priorities.
Talk with EPA staff about a recent technical assistance pilot program in partnership with Clean Cities, VTO, and the Joint Office to convene community members to discuss transportation electrification strategies. Discuss opportunities for further collaboration between EPA and Clean Cities coalitions.
7. **Clean Energy to Communities Funding Program** (SMEs: Lauren Reichelt, NREL) – Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) provides innovative, cross-cutting technical solutions to municipalities, tribes, utilities, and community-based organizations around the United States that will help them identify and implement solutions across clean power, mobility, buildings, and grid. Clean Cities Coalitions can receive funding to provide support and technical assistance to participants in C2C peer-learning cohorts and C2C expert match, while also enhancing coalition skillsets and knowledge. Coalitions bring essential local context to these engagements and help communities to take broad learnings and turn them into tangible deliverables. Join this table to ask questions about upcoming C2C opportunities for Clean Cities coalitions and how to access funding to support communities in your region. C2C is funded by DOE and managed by NREL.

8. **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Vehicle and Infrastructure Funding Programs** (SME: Mike Scarpino, DOT Volpe, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation; Bridget Gilmore, Joint Office of Energy and Transportation) – The Joint Office supports the buildout of a nationwide network of electric vehicle chargers, zero-emission fueling infrastructure, and zero-emission transit and school buses by aligning resources and expertise to achieve this strategic goal through unifying guidance, technical assistance, and analysis for the following programs:
- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program: This DOT program provides \$5 billion for states to build a national EV charging network with stations spaced no more than 50 miles apart and within one mile of the interstate exit or highway.
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program: This program provides \$2.5 billion in grant funds to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities where people live and work.
 - Low or No Emission Vehicle Program for Transit: This DOT program provides \$5.6 billion in support of low- and no-emission transit bus deployments.
 - Clean School Bus Program: Through this program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing \$5 billion in support of electric school bus deployments.

At this table, share your input and ask questions about these funding programs.

9. **Technical Assistance for Clean Cities** (SMEs: John Gonzales, NREL; Ryan Frasier, NREL) DOE invests in a broad range of alternative fuel vehicle and infrastructure technical assistance activities available to Clean Cities coalitions ranging from the Technical Response Service to hands-on Tiger Teams support. Ask SMEs about how to access technical assistance resources and share input on how technical assistance for Clean Cities can be improved.
10. **Connect with your RM – South Central and North Central** (SMEs: Neil Kirschner, NETL; Jordan Foster, NETL) – Coalitions from the South Central and North Central regions are welcome to connect with their respective regional managers and discuss items such as the cooperative agreement or other coalition activities.
11. **Connect with your RM – California and Northwest** (SMEs: Brett Aristegui, NETL; Dan Nardozi, NETL) – Coalitions from the California and Northwest regions are welcome to connect with their respective regional managers and discuss items such as the cooperative agreement or other coalition activities.
12. **Connect with your RM – Mid-Atlantic and Southeast** (SMEs: Nicole Kirby, NETL; Trev Hall, NETL) – Coalitions from the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions are welcome to connect with their respective regional managers and discuss items such as the cooperative agreement or other coalition activities.

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