

NCSL and DOE-CESER:
Updates on CESER Tribal
Activities

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DOE-CESER: Mission and NCSL Partnership

- Mission: Strengthen the security and resilience of the U.S. energy sector from cyber, physical, and climate-based risks and disruptions.
- CESER's focus is preparedness and response activities to natural and man-made threats.
 Broadly, the goal is to create a secure, reliable, and resilient energy sector.
- To accomplish this, their office works with state legislatures and tribal governments, largely through NCSL.



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CESER/NCSL Recent Tribal Activities

- CESER would like to do more with tribes in 2024 and beyond most of their recent tribal engagement has been through NCSL.
 - They would also like to learn more about what tribes want to hear, how CESER should engage most effectively.
- There are several activities that I will highlight related to CESER.

CESER/NCSL Tribal Activities 2022

- NCSL facilitated CESER presentations to tribal leaders and other attendees at DOE's Tribal Clean Energy Summit in Washington, DC, on October 4 and 5, 2022.
- NCSL facilitated CESER presentation to ICEIWG. Brandi Martin presented and took questions from ICEIWG members, including if CESER will develop tribal risk profiles, how tribal interests are reflected in state energy security plans.

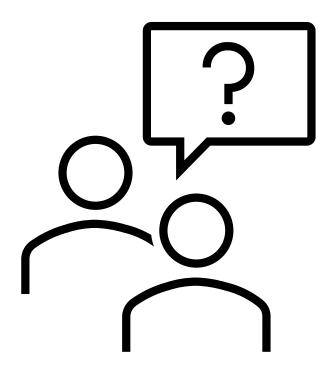
CESER/NCSL Tribal Activities 2023

- ICEIWG Meeting (Blue Lake Rancheria, CA): CESER presented on cybersecurity, energy security, and emergency response.
- Funded NCSL resource, <u>FEMA Grants for Energy Resilience</u> (March 2023), detailing federal funding for energy hazard mitigation and response, considerations for tribes and states for how to coordinate.
- NCSL facilitated CESER's presentation at the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute, which for the first time included direct tribal representation (not including state legislators who are tribal members).

CESER/NCSL Tribal Activities 2024

- CESER is funding similar NCSL resource to the FEMA Grants for Energy Resilience, focused on state/tribal coordination.
- CESER has also been working through NCSL on ways to engage with tribes at NCSL tribal meetings (STGWG, ICEIWG, etc.).
- CESER has been evaluating states' Energy Security Plans, making sure the required tribal coordination elements are properly included. They are also considering new, more hands-on tribal work around state energy security plans and tribal coordination.
 - NCSL will stay engaged with CESER on this, hope to learn more in a few months.

Are there any questions/feedback?



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