



EESI

Briefing Notice

Powering the Economy: Generation Innovation,

Grid Optimization, and Energy Efficiency

Thursday, February 5, 2026 • 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

Refreshments will be served

Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB 2044)

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** and the **National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)** invite you to a briefing about state-led energy solutions to meet rapidly increasing power demand needed to grow America's economy, support energy security and resilience, and put downward pressure on electricity costs.

Attendees will hear from State Energy Office leaders about the 11-state **Advanced Nuclear First Mover Initiative**, 13-state **Geothermal Power Accelerator**, hydropower, advanced transmission reconductoring and grid optimization, and energy storage. Panelists will also discuss energy efficiency solutions that are lowering energy bills for consumers and businesses, and the latest on state energy security initiatives designed to improve reliability and speed the recovery of energy systems following physical, weather, and cyber incidents. Speakers will highlight key federal policies that can help states in their efforts to catalyze energy innovation and address energy affordability.

Speakers for this session include:

- ▶ **Molly Cripps**, Director, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Office of Energy Programs (OEP); Chair, NASEO Board of Directors
- ▶ **Will Toor**, Executive Director, Colorado Energy Office
- ▶ **Kristofor Anderson**, Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
- ▶ **Amanda McClinton**, Executive Director, Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy
- ▶ **John Williams**, Chief Policy Officer, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- ▶ **Janine Benner**, Director, Oregon Department of Energy



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