



Save these Dates!

**PMEA 2023 Annual Conference – September 6 – 8, 2023
@ Omni Bedford Springs Resort, Bedford**

PMEA Finance Workshop – September 6, 2023 @ Omni Bedford Springs

2023 Trainings for Line Crews – * **REGISTRATION OPENING SOON** *

- **Rigging** - October 23 & 24 in Lansdale and October 26 & 27 in Grove City
October 31 & November 1 in Chambersburg

Stay tuned for more details and please remember that class sizes are limited so be certain to register as early as possible to take advantage of this free training!

THE LIVE WIRE is on conference pause this month and returns in full in September with highlights from the annual conference and more!

New Board to Enhance America's Energy Workforce

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the first members of the newly formed 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board (EWAB). The Advisory Board, mandated by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will play an important role in shaping DOE's strategy for supporting current and future energy sector workforce needs. The 14-member group includes individuals with workforce development, labor, and energy sector expertise and will develop strategic recommendations for how DOE can support and develop a skilled energy workforce to meet the changing needs of the U.S. energy system. These recommendations will further efforts to:

- meet the current and future industry and labor needs of the energy sector;
- provide opportunities for students to become qualified for placement in traditional and emerging energy sector jobs;
- identify areas in which the Department can effectively utilize its technical expertise to support the workforce activities of other Federal agencies;
- strengthen and engage the workforce training programs of the Department and the National Laboratories in carrying out the Equity in Energy Initiative and other Department workforce priorities;
- develop plans to support and retrain displaced and unemployed energy sector workers; and
- prioritize education and job training for underrepresented groups.

Each board member will serve either a two- or three- year term to ensure the full membership body isn't up for reappointment at the same time. The collective expertise of the 14 EWAB members spans:

- organized labor
- economics and workforce development
- traditional energy industries and emerging energy industries
- secondary and postsecondary education
- energy workforce development and apprenticeship programs within state or local government
- efforts to recruit and retain underrepresented groups, including workers of color, women, veterans, and socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, in the workforce

Members with two-year terms (through September 2025):

1. **Dr. Deeana Ahmed**, Chief Strategy Officer, *Our Next Energy, Inc. (ONE)*
2. **Amanda Cage**, President and CEO, *National Fund for Workforce Solutions*
3. **Missy Henrikson**, Executive Director, *Center for Energy Workforce Development*

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New Board (*continued*)

4. **Chris Levesque**, *President and CEO, TerraPower*
5. **Dr. Daniel (Dan) Marschall**, *Research Professor, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy*
6. **Dr. Girard Melancon**, *Board Member and Past Board President, National Council for Workforce Education*

Members with three-year terms (through September 2026):

1. **Maureen Conway**, *Vice President and Executive Director of the Economic Opportunities Program, the Aspen Institute*
2. **Becky Ervin**, *Assistant Director, International Skilled Trades Department, UAW*
3. **Sarita Gupta**, *Vice President of U.S. Programs, Ford Foundation*
4. **Dr. Tom Kriger**, *Director of Education and Research, North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)*
5. **Anne McMonigle**, *Executive Director, LA Apprenticeship Readiness Fund*
6. **Kay Seven**, *Co-Chair, National Indian Employment Training Conference and Director, Adult Education at Nez Perce Tribe*
7. **Dr. Jermaine Whirl**, *President, Augusta Technical College*
8. **Allison Ziogas**, *U.S. Labor Relations Manager, Orsted*

The first meeting of the EWAB will be scheduled for this fall, with a notification posted on the Federal Register at least 15 days ahead of the meeting, including information on how the public can join. For more information on the EWAB and DOE's efforts to support America's energy workforce, visit the [EWAB site](#).

Still Time to Apply for APPA RP3 Designation

APPA is now accepting 2023 applications for [APPA's Reliable Public Power Provider \(RP3\)](#) designation! This program recognizes utilities that excel in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.

By achieving the RP₃ designation, you demonstrate your commitment to operating a safe and reliable electric system. Currently, only 271 out of over 2,000 public power utilities nationwide hold this prestigious designation.

To learn more about the RP₃ program and its application process, visit the APPA website and [watch the recordings](#) of the "Strengthening your RP₃ application" webinar series.

[Register now](#) to apply for an RP₃ designation and earn points for your outstanding practices and accomplishments in each of the four disciplines. **The application deadline is September 30.** If you have any questions or need assistance, contact RP3@PublicPower.org.

In the News: The Power Grid & An Electric Future

In case you missed the article in a recent issue of *Governing* magazine, check out *The Power Grid Needs Technology to Handle an All-Electric Future* at <https://www.governing.com/infrastructure/the-power-grid-needs-technology-to-handle-an-all-electric-future>.

Charging Infrastructure Free Webinar

Join the Electrification Coalition for a free webinar as they take a closer look at the key advancements in funding, technology, and charging capabilities that are shaping the EV market. From tried-and-true to up-and-coming, they will dive deep into the technology that has shaped this year in the EV space and what is on the horizon for next year. Join them for this exciting discussion during our Charging Infrastructure Week!

[Looking Ahead: State of the EVSE Market & Projections](#): October 19, 2:00 p.m. ET/11:00 a.m. PT

DOE Launches Rebate Programs for Transformers

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced \$20 million to support the installation of energy efficient distribution transformers and extended product systems that are used within equipment such as pumps, air compressors, and fans. This funding, made possible by the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will be distributed through two rebate programs, one focused on distribution transformers and another on extended product systems. The rebate programs aim to help domestic manufacturers, utilities, tribes, hospitals, schools, and other operators finance equipment upgrades, which will conserve energy and reduce costs while slashing greenhouse gas emissions across multiple sectors of the economy. Replacing aging grid infrastructure and accelerating the deployment of modern technologies is essential to deploying affordable, reliable, and clean electricity around the nation and critical to achieving the Administration's ambitious clean energy and climate goals.

The [application portal](#) for distribution transformer rebates is open from August 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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