

North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

October 30, 2024



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

RISE Coalition Website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>
RISE Coalition Committee Page: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>

Housekeeping Items

- Please sign in using the sheet at the back of the room
- Bathrooms, Emergency Exits, and Safety Procedures

Welcome and Introductions

- We will go around the room and do introductions – please share your name and city/organization.
- Welcome guests.
- Thank you all for attending!

October 30, 2024

RISE Coalition Agenda

Welcome

1) Welcome and Introductions

Action Items

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3) FY2025 Work Plan and Project Updates

Information Items

4) FY2025 Member Cost Share Commitments

5) Bylaws Task Force

6) University Partnerships

7) CLIDE Awards

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Action Items

Meeting Summary

Vote to Approve July 31, 2024, [Meeting Summary](#).

Discussion

FY2025 Work Plan and Updates

- [FY2025 Work Plan](#) was approved at the July meeting
- **Summary of FY2025 Goals:**
 - Hold up to 4 public meetings
 - Support work on Climate Action Plan
 - Establish at least 1 partnership with a local university
 - Host 2-3 webinars or workshops on key topics of interest
 - Administer FY2025 CLIDE Awards
 - Conduct Regional Sustainability Survey

Current Focus Topics



Regional Emissions Assessment



Resilience Hubs



Engaging with Communities on Sustainability



Incorporating Regional Greenspaces



2026 FIFA World Cup

Discussion

FY2025 Work Plan and Updates

3 of the focus topics are areas of interest for workshops and webinars

- Resilience Hubs
- Engaging with Communities on Sustainability
- Incorporating Regional Greenspaces

Which workshop and webinar topics are your priority?

- [Survey to rank topics by interest](#)
- Submit responses by **November 13, 2024**

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Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work

Program Expansion and Partnership Opportunities

- Support the Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition in **advancing local government sustainability**
 - Host workshops on RISE prioritized topics
 - Promote and support the advancement or adoption of **LEED for Cities and Communities** to local governments within the region

How have you been involved with LEED for Cities and Communities?

What can we do to further support that work?

Discussion

SECO Contract Scope of Work

Advance Energy Efficiency Education Aimed at Building Occupants

- Research and draft **energy and water conservation signage** (with input from the RISE Coalition and other relevant committees) that address **behavior change and/or education** for building occupants to help ensure **greater water and energy efficiency practices**

What have you done/want to do to promote conservation measures in municipally-owned buildings?

Are there specific building types you'd like to address change at?

Information Items

FY2025 Cost Share Commitments

Cost share amounts for each entity are based on 2024 estimates and are the same as FY24.

Only accepting cost shares from local governments at the moment, with intention of expanding cost share membership following bylaws update.

If you are interested in becoming a cost sharing member, please email Corinne Buckley at cbuckley@nctcog.org to request an invoice.

2024 Population (NCTCOG Estimates)	Cost-Share
1 million+	\$3,750
750,000 - 999,999	\$3,500
500,000 - 749,999	\$3,000
350,000 - 499,999	\$2,500
200,000 - 349,999	\$2,075
100,000 - 199,999	\$1,625
50,000 - 99,999	\$1,075
25,000 - 49,999	\$700
10,000 - 24,999	\$500
Less than 10,000	\$250
Other Local Government Partners	\$1,000

Informational Items

Bylaws Task Force

Following the programmatic adjustments, NCTCOG is reforming the bylaws task force

- Seeking volunteers to serve on the bylaws task force
- Requesting feedback on officer term length, expanding membership, and updating the (re)appointment process
- 3-5 volunteers, open to members and non-members
- Expected time commitment of two, 1-hour meetings

Please email Corinne Buckley at cbuckley@nctcog.org by **November 13, 2024**, if interested in volunteering

Informational Items

University Partnerships

One of the tasks included in the FY2025 Work Plan involves establishing partnerships with local universities

- Would like to feature sustainability work being done by university partners in the quarterly Center of Development Excellence newsletter
- Any universities working on sustainability that are interested in partnering with RISE, please email Corinne Buckley at cbuckley@nctcog.org
- Pending bylaws updates, universities are expected to have the opportunity to be cost share members of RISE

Informational Items



CLIDE Awards

- [Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence \(CLIDE\) Awards Program](#)
- Created to encourage innovative development projects, recognizing projects and programs exemplifying the [Principles of Development Excellence](#)
- 2025 is a CLIDE year
 - Applications will open in late winter
 - Applications will be judged by a panel in spring
 - Winners are announced at the 2025 General Assembly

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DFW-AQIP Public Listening Session

Date: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Teams

[Register here](#)

[Promotional Materials](#) (zip file)

SPEER Energy Reporting/University Sustainability Workshop

Date: Thursday, January 16th, 2025

Time: TBD

Location: NCTCOG Offices

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Whitepaper: Planning for Resilient EV Charging Infrastructure

NCTCOG's whitepaper examines the ERCOT grid's current state, focusing on EV adoption, infrastructure resilience, and planning to manage grid impacts and maintain critical EV charging during outages.

The paper can be found on the [Conserve North Texas website](#).

Resilient EV Charging and Minimizing Grid Impact Webinar

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 10 AM – 11 AM

Location: Via Zoom

[Register Here](#)

If you have any questions, email jescalante@nctcog.org

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

TCEQ Funding Opportunity Announcements

[Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program All-Electric Grant \(TxVEMP\)](#) is still accepting grant applications until August 31, 2025. Approximately \$37 million has already been awarded, with an estimated \$49 million still available to upgrade or replace vehicles and equipment operating in eligible areas with new, all-electric models. Applicants purchasing eligible vehicles and equipment may request additional funding for refueling infrastructure.

- Eligible vehicles and equipment include:
 - Class 8 Local Freight and Port Drayage Trucks
 - Class 4-8 School Buses, Shuttle Buses, and Transit Buses
 - Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks
- The program reimburses up to 75% of the incremental cost for non-governmental entities or 100% for governmental entities.

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Lights Out! Resources

- Key dates for migration in DFW area
 - Fall migration: August 15 – November 30
 - Peak migration: October 14 – November 17
- #LightsOutTexas [social media toolkit](#) and [customizable flyer](#)
- Upcoming DOE Better Buildings Webinar - Energy Co-Benefits of Bird Friendly Buildings
 - Tuesday, December 10th, 2024
 - 10:00 a.m. CT
 - [Register here](#)

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network

- EPA's Office of Community Revitalization is launching the [Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network](#), a national peer program to support local leaders in implementing plans to prioritize sustainability actions in their communities
- Two-person teams will work towards the implementation of one specific local policy or action in their community
- Interested participants should complete [the application](#) by **Wednesday, November 13 at 11:59 p.m. ET**

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

NOAA Nature-Based Solutions Webinar Series

- NOAA's Climate and Societal Interactions Division is hosting a [five-part webinar series](#) focusing on the research and application of nature-based solutions (NbS) for climate adaptation
 - Tuesday December 17, 2024, 3-4 p.m. ET: **Utilizing Nature-based Solutions for the Advancement of Multiple Objectives, Co-Benefits, and Health** – [Register here](#)
 - Thursday January 23, 2025, 1-2 p.m. ET: **Challenges and Opportunities of Scaling Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation** – [Register here](#)

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Energy and the Economy: Meeting Rising Energy Demand Conference

- The Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas and Kansas City are hosting their [ninth joint energy conference](#) on **November 13, 2024**.
- Focus will be on the outlook for global energy markets, as well as developing domestic energy infrastructure at scale and meeting rising power demand.
- Conference will be hybrid.
 - Attend in person for \$149
 - Live stream at no cost
- [Register to attend here.](#)

Other Business

Participant Roundtable

Members will be called on first, and then others will have the opportunity to share what is happening within their organization.

Future Agenda Items

Future meeting presentation topics?

Next Meeting Date

Next RISE Coalition Meeting:

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

[Add to Calendar](#)

Tentative Upcoming 2025 Meeting Dates:

- April 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – In-person
- July 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – Virtual

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RISE Website

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