

WHY WAS CARES FORMED?

There are known and unknown issues that will threaten future electric grid reliability. CARES is a nonpartisan advocacy and idea coalition that will keep reliability its core focus and mission. This means educating the public and the policymakers on necessary investments that must accompany large-scale electrification initiatives, electric vehicle adoption, clean energy transition, and more.

CARES will compliment existing utility trade associations by focusing on the effects of grid reliability in a nonpartisan, member-focused way.



WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

- Biden Administration authorized Defense Production Act to include electric grid components.
- RUS has issued regulatory waivers.
- ESCC created Supply Chain Tiger Team.
- Federal Advocacy (Bipartisan/Bicameral congressional visits, White House, DOE, USDA/RUS).
- Verbal commitment from Congressional member to patron a bill to address the electric utility supply chain crisis.



CURRENT ISSUES & OUR PROGRESS

- Working with Congressional staff on language for a legislative solution.
- Requesting a template form for waivers for the procurement and use of non-standard or unlisted materials and a blanket waiver from the Buy American requirement from the USDA/RUS.
- Regulatory Reform: EE Standards; USDA/RUS; Engage Secretary of Energy on DPA Powers.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Leveraging the Coalition to raise awareness of issues that threaten grid reliability. CARES will strategically engage through:
 - State and Federal Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
 - White Papers
 - Speakers Bureau
 - Policymaker Engagement
 - Policy Development

COLLABORATION

CARES brings together all sectors of the supply chain to focus on aspects of grid reliability and to stay ahead of challenges facing each sector.

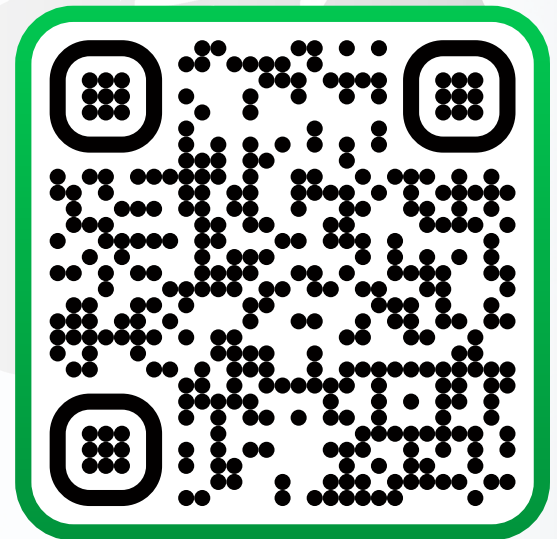
CARES provides members opportunities to:

- Participate in regular stakeholder meetings
- Work WITH trade associations to develop solutions
- Leverage mutual aid and resource assistance
- Utilize strategic messaging and collateral development
- Coalition website to raise the profile of issues

JOIN CARES TODAY!

The future is electric! CARES exists to ensure policymakers know about current and future threats to grid reliability. With proper prior planning, many of these threats can be mitigated. From electric vehicles to renewable energy deployment – large scale infrastructure investment is needed to meet future energy demands to support these endeavors.

CARES will work across the distributed energy spectrum to identify areas that need to be addressed and seek to find solutions before problems manifest.



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