# NASEO Geothermal Power Accelerator Workshop: Advancing Geothermal Power Through State Collaboration

**December 4, 2026**
**Colorado School of Mines, Room TBD**
**1500 Illinois Street**
**Golden, Colorado, 80401**

## *Preliminary Agenda*

*As of November 19, 2026*

## Friday, December 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
**States-Only Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
**Welcome and Workshop Opening**

- Sandy Fazeli, Senior Managing Director, National Association of State Energy Officials
- Bryce Carter, Senior Geothermal Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office
- Joe Chandler, Energy Technology and Engineering Bureau Chief, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of New Mexico
- Neal Ullman, Energy Resource Professional, Energy Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
**State Roundtable: Geothermal Policy Priorities for 2027**
States will share priorities for the year ahead, compare approaches to geothermal permitting, and identify opportunities for collaboration. Discussion will explore experiences pursuing Class V primacy, permitting pathways in states without primacy,

technologies and business models that show promise, and how staffing, resources, and interagency coordination shape state approaches.

*Moderators*:

- Bryce Carter, Senior Geothermal Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office
- Joe Chandler, Energy Technology and Engineering Bureau Chief, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department of New Mexico
- Neal Ullman, Energy Resource Professional, Energy Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – ***Break***

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**Update from the Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal**

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Geothermal will share updates on federal priorities and activities, including an overview of new and soon to be launched projects supported by DOE, followed by questions and discussion with the states.

*Speakers:*

- Lauren Boyd, Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy (v*irtual remarks*)
- Elisabet Metcalfe, External Affairs Director, Office of Geothermal, U.S. Department of Energy (*invited*)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Working Lunch: Technical Assistance Discussion with the National Laboratory of the Rockies**

Representatives from the National Laboratory of the Rockies will share the proposed Geothermal Power Accelerator technical assistance approach and discuss how it could support the priorities and challenges raised during the morning sessions. This conversation will set the stage for the two technical assistance discussions that follow.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Technical Assistance Track 1: Policy, Permitting, Finance**

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Technical Assistance Track 2: Technology, Resources, and Use Cases**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**States-Only Peer Exchange: Reflections and Priorities for 2027**

This informal session will allow state participants to compare notes from the week's geothermal discussions, discuss unresolved questions, and explore opportunities for potential collaboration in 2027.

3:00 p.m.

**Wrap-Up and Adjourn**