

History of the States ERP Consortium



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Early Stages



- EPA Innovation Symposium 2004-5
 - early conversations about ERP for states with Innovation Grants
 - wanted a way to maintain communication and share tools, results
- First created in 2006
 - collection of states, USEPA, ECOS and other interested parties
 - focus on ERP development, implementation, sharing information, training and reporting results
 - later included ERP-related approaches to compliance
 - created workgroups to advance key issues among members
 - communicating success stories
 - sharing information and tools
 - expanding support
 - look for new applications of ERP approach to compliance
 - increase automation of ERP implementation
- Formalized the structure
 - called a Consortium
 - created mission, by-laws, goals
 - included as a Forum of ECOS, linked to ECOS Cross-Media Committee

Initial Membership



- Open to anyone interested
 - state or federal agencies, university programs, organizations
- States:
 - Colorado
 - Delaware
 - Illinois
 - Indiana
 - Kentucky
 - Louisiana
 - Maine
 - Massachusetts
 - Michigan
 - Minnesota
 - New Hampshire
 - New York
- States (continued)
 - Nevada
 - Rhode Island
 - South Carolina
 - Vermont
 - Virginia
 - Washington
 - Wisconsin
- Other Organizations
 - USEPA
 - ECOS
 - NEWMOA

Structure



- Steering Committee
 - one state rep from each member state/organization with one vote for each
 - USEPA
 - officers
 - Chair
 - Vice-chair
 - add other partners if agreed upon by Steering Committee
- General membership
 - any interested party
- Workgroups
 - any general member
 - vote in by majority of Steering Committee

Activities



- Most active 2006-2009
- Held face-to-face meetings like this one
 - supported by states with Innovation Grants
 - advance information sharing
 - strategize on key issues
 - train new states
- Comment on agency documents/guidance
 - comments on proposed NESHAP, Subpart 6H
 - input on EPA's National Program Managers guidance and OECA's State Review Framework
 - goal on all to include flexibility for ERP approaches
- Held regular conference calls
 - main ERP Consortium membership
 - workgroups, as needed
 - webinars on new projects or reporting results

Website & Tools



- Consortium website
 - <http://www.erpstates.org/>
 - updated information recently
- EPA ERP pages (selected)
 - <http://www.epa.gov/erp/toolsandresources.htm>
 - <http://www.epa.gov/erp/results.htm>
 - <http://www.epa.gov/erp/InnovMeasurementEfforts.htm>
- EPA Environmental Science Connector
 - only open to invited members
 - stored ERP documents from some states
 - could use as communication, scheduling tool