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