

# NEC3 Coalition Structure: *Draft*

## *Overview*

The NEC3 Steering Committee (NEC3) has drafted the following coalition structure based on stakeholder comments and in keeping with the coalition vision. NEC3 has revised the Board of Directors to include more opportunities for private sector representation while maintaining state and municipal representation. This present structure establishes a uniquely Nebraskan approach that provides a community-based, fuel-neutral balance between public and private sector stakeholders.

## Board of Directors

Nebraska Energy Office (1)  
Nebraska Department of Roads (1)  
City of Lincoln (1)  
City of Omaha (1)  
Designation Committee Chair (1)  
Programs Committee Chair (1)  
Private Sector (3)  
Nebraska At-Large (2)

**Board of Directors:** The NEC3 Board of Directors (the Board) approves committee recommendations and oversees coalition activities. The Board consists of 11 members representing state agencies, municipalities, coalition committees, private sector industries and two at-large members. Board members will serve terms of 2 years. The Nebraska Energy Office, Nebraska Department of Roads, City of Lincoln and City of Omaha are permanent, at-will members of the Board. The remaining 7 board members will be elected by stakeholders on a biannual or as needed basis. Final selections will be approved by the Board. During the first biennium of NEC3, the 4 permanent board members will select and approve stakeholder nominations for board members. Thereafter, the Designation Committee will explore recommendations for future board member selection as part of the 3-year Plan that is required to receive official designation.

**Designation Committee:** The Designation Committee completes the designation process and maintains designation status. Committee membership is open. The committee chairperson will be selected by committee members to represent the committee as a member of the Board.

**Programs Committee:** The Programs Committee develops program ideas into project proposals and facilitates partnerships with other coalitions. Committee membership is open. The committee chairperson will be selected by committee members to represent the committee as a member of the Board.

**Private Sector:** Private sector stakeholders include businesses, industries and organizations within the transportation sector. The Private Sector holds 3 seats on the Board. Stakeholders must nominate private sector representatives for consideration by the Board.

**Nebraska At-Large:** The Board contains 2 at-large seats. These seats are open to public, private and individual stakeholders. Nominations for the at-large seat will be considered and approved by the Board.

## *The Selection Process*

Step 1: Stakeholders sign-up for the committee of their choice.

Step 2: Committee members select a chairperson. Chairperson is a member of the Board.

Step 3: Stakeholders nominate private sector representatives to fill 3 seats on the Board.

Step 4: Stakeholders nominate public, private or individual representatives to fill 2 at-large seats on the Board.

Step 5: The Board considers stakeholder nominations and makes selections.

## *Committee and Programs Overview*

NEC3 has drafted the following outline of coalition committees and programs based on stakeholder comments and in keeping with the coalition mission. This draft is based on a two-committee approach serving two complimentary NEC3 initiatives – Green Fleets Initiative (GFI) and Green Corridors Initiative (GCI).

### Designation Committee

The Designation Committee is an industry-neutral committee dedicated to completing the designation process and maintaining designation status. This committee is responsible for the following:

- Secure funding for coordination activities
- Develop 3-year Plan
- Complete and submit application materials

### Programs Committee

The programs committee is an industry-neutral committee dedicated to developing coalition initiatives into actionable program proposals for Board approval.

**Green Fleets Initiative:** This initiative builds on the success of the KC coalition’s Green Fleets Initiative, in which Metropolitan Utilities District-Omaha (MUD) is already participating. This initiative has been used to support commercial and government fleet conversions to electric, natural gas and flex-fuel systems. Clean Cities FY11 funding is expected to focus on electric and natural gas vehicles. Based on stakeholder interests, electric and natural gas vehicles are 2 of the top 3 areas of interest. Flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) will be challenged to receive program funding due to non-eligibility of blender pumps. However, FFVs remain a primary focus for many state agency fleets due to the local availability and viability of biofuels in the state.

This initiative seeks to do the following:

- Convert public and private fleet vehicles to operate on alternative fuels
- Consider infrastructure and policy needs to promote fleet conversions
- Educate public and private consumers on the availability and accessibility of alternative fuel vehicles

**Green Corridors Initiative:** Infrastructure and Policy are 1 of the top 3 areas of interest identified by stakeholders. While a regional initiative may or may not be feasible in the first year, stakeholders with an interest in this area can assist fuel and vehicle providers by identifying in-state and regional corridors, building partnerships and exploring policies for advancing the accessibility of EV, CNG and biofuels in coordination with GFI efforts.

This initiative seeks to do the following:

- Identify key highway and interstate corridors connecting communities and urban centers in Nebraska and the Great Plains and Midwest regions
- Create the partnerships and policies necessary to deliver alternative fuels along these corridors

#### *Maintaining Fuel-neutrality in a One Committee System*

The Programs Committee is designed to be fuel-neutral. NEC3 recognizes that, given the complexity and diversity of stakeholder interests, it may be practical for the committee to operate via subcommittees according to areas of interest such as by fuel type. After selecting a committee chairperson, the Programs Committee is free to decide its own functional processes. However, final proposals presented to the Board must include program recommendations for all sources or demonstrate due reason otherwise.