



NASCSP 2025 Winter Training Conference WAP Pre-Conference Agenda

February 3 - 4, 2025

*Eligible for BPI credits (1.25)

Agenda (subject to change)

NASCSP At Your Service!

Welcome to NASCSP! We understand that many of you might be new to your roles or this network, and this could be your very first NASCSP event. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a fresh rookie, we've got you covered. On Monday morning, from 8:30 am – 9:00 am, we've set aside time for you to drop in and meet the NASCSP staff. We'll be there to answer any questions you have about registration, navigating the hotel and surrounding area, what to expect, and how to best prepare for the week. And here's something special! Following our morning sessions, we'll also take a trip to the National Mall (lunch will be provided) to tour some of the city's historical treasures. This will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow attendees in an inspiring and meaningful setting.

Monday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service (OPTIONAL)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Joint Welcome

Get ready to kick off our pre-conference event with a warm welcome from our board president and executive director. Join us as they set the stage to kick off the week on an exciting note!

Presenters: **Beverly Buchanan**, *CSBG Manager, Arkansas Department of Human Services and NASCSP Board President*; **Cheryl Williams**, *Executive Director, NASCSP*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Navigating Uncertainty in a Changing World: A Two-Part Session on Change Management

Kick off the conference with an engaging and interactive session designed to empower leaders to navigate challenges with renewed optimism, energy, and hope. This session will introduce a structured approach and framework for change management, including strategies for crucial conversations and intentional wellness. Through small group discussions, participants will explore manageable techniques to maintain vision and direction in today's shifting landscape. Prepare to leave inspired and equipped to lead with confidence in the face of change.

Presenter: **Marcie Bomberg-Montoya**, *Partner, WIPFLI*

Annual WAP State Plan Submission: How to Navigate PAGE and Budgets

Join this comprehensive session led by DOE project officers designed to equip new managers with the essential skills for successfully submitting a state plan in

PAGE. Gain an in-depth understanding of required components such as the Annual File, Master File, Budget, Budget Detail, and mandatory uploads. Learn the process for adding Optional Budget Categories and the specific requirements for submitting vehicles and equipment under this category. Seasoned state managers will also share valuable tips and strategies for ensuring timely state plan approvals and preparing the WAP Budget effectively. Don't miss this opportunity to streamline your state plan submissions and enhance your program management skills.

Presenters: **Christine Askew**, *Project Officer*, **Floris Weston**, *Project Officer, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*; **Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal**, *Deputy Division Director, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce*; **Suzy Meneguzzo**, *WAP Program Director, Minnesota Department of Commerce*

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Museums on the Mall

Choose your journey or explore both with the unique opportunity to visit two of Washington, D.C.'s most celebrated museums. The National Museum of African American History and Culture offers a moving exploration of African American history, culture, and contributions, featuring powerful exhibits that inspire reflection and understanding. The National Museum of Natural History invites you to uncover the wonders of the natural world, from dazzling gems like the Hope Diamond to fascinating exhibits on biodiversity and human evolution. Spend time at the museum of your choice or maximize your experience by visiting both if your schedule allows. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.

Tuesday, February 4th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast – Meet Your DOE Project Officer

Join us for breakfast roundtables featuring DOE project officers, providing a unique opportunity for grantees to engage in open and candid discussions. This session is designed to foster meaningful dialogue, address pressing questions, and enhance collaboration between project officers and grantees.

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Make it Right: Federal Compliance Overview *

Are you confident in navigating compliance with DOE Formula and DOE BIL funds? Join DOE project officers for an in-depth review of key federal compliance areas, including the Davis-Bacon Act essentials with an overview of the LCP Tracker, Build America Buy America requirements, and NEPA and SHPO Federal Compliance. This session will provide critical insights and guidance to ensure you're on the right track.

Presenters: **Tim Petrides**, *Technical Project Officer*, **Scott Kuhn**, *Technical Project Officer*, **Katy Kujawski**, *Technical Project Officer, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am.

Networking Break

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11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WAP Manager Panel: Hard Lessons Larned and Best Practices for Effective WAP Management *

Join WAP grantee managers as they share valuable lessons learned, best practices, and insights into what they wish they had known or done differently. This session will also delve into real-world examples of monitoring findings from recent DOE monitoring visits, corrective action plans, the steps taken to resolve issues, and how these corrections have positively impacted program operations. Gain practical tips and strategies to enhance compliance and strengthen your program's performance.

Presenters: **Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal**, *Deputy Division Director, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce*; **Samantha Pearce**, *Vice President of Sustainability, Office of Housing Preservation, New York State Homes and Community Renewal*; **Keli Reynolds**, *Assistant Director of Single Family Programs, Kentucky Housing Corporation*; **Kathy Rulli**, *WAP Director, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development*

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch (On Your Own)

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monitoring the Accuracy of Energy Audits, Work Scopes, and SIRs *

Have you ever reviewed a weatherization client file and asked yourself, "How can I be sure the right work was done—and done well?" This session offers a comprehensive framework for monitoring and evaluating the quality and accuracy of energy audits, work scopes, and completed work in alignment with WAP guidance. Gain actionable tips, strategies, and resources to enhance your file review skills and refine your expertise as an 'energy detective.'

Presenters: **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Ben Tucker**, *Technical Project Officer, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Leveraging and Collaboration Models in WAP *

Leveraging and braiding funds is critical to managing the ACPU and delivering deep whole house energy retrofits to our clients. Join presenters from HHS, DOE and HUD to review the basics of leveraged funding and key coordination tactics, information needed by both parties to communicate and report to the federal funding sources and focus on braiding examples using LIHEAP, HUD and WAP on homes. Real world examples of successful leveraging and braiding in WAP will be provided by grantees.

Presenters: **Erica Burrin**, *Senior Advisor*, **Megan Meadows**, *Director, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*; **Stacy Humbert**, *Weatherization Program and Policy Chief, Wisconsin Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources*; **Amanda Rains**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*; **Dr. Brenda Reyes**, *Director, Policy and Standards Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*