

# CSG EAST

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS



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## WHO WE ARE

The Council of State Governments was created by the states as a trusted forum to foster productive relationships, to grow the competence of state officials, and to enhance the performance of state governments.

For nearly nine decades, CSG is where people of purpose have come together to pursue their passion for public service.

## WHAT WE DO

While much has changed since the founding of CSG in 1933, much remains the same. State officials then, as now, look to CSG to provide a welcoming, nonpartisan network of peers from other states and branches of government, opportunities to grow leadership skills, forums to share ideas, and more.

At the core of the CSG value proposition is its unique and unparalleled ability to bring state officials together to network and learn from each other and thereby empower them to better govern their states, provinces, and territories.



**CSG is where politicians learn to be public servants.”**

*- Gov. Laura Kelly, 2020-21 CSG national president*

## MEMBER JURISDICTIONS



### 13 Member Jurisdictions

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Vermont

### 5 Affiliate Members

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Québec

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As part of its mission to champion excellence in state government and provide state officials with the tools they need to drive public policy forward, CSG East offers a variety of training programs geared towards state officials and staff at all points in their careers. For all questions and requests regarding CSG East leadership development programs, contact Dylan McDowell at [dmcowell@csg.org](mailto:dmcowell@csg.org).

### The Robert J. Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy (ELA)

Held in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government, the Robert J. Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy offers a unique opportunity to learn with the best and the brightest from across the region. The four-day program features an intensive skills training program during the day and networking events in the evenings. ELA convenes in Philadelphia in late August and is open to elected officials and staff from all three branches of government in the region. Hotel costs, program fees, and meals are covered for all participants.

### The Toll Fellowship Program

Every year, a select group of state officials from all three branches of government travel to Lexington, Kentucky, for an intensive "leadership boot camp." The Toll Fellowship Program's sessions are designed to stimulate personal assessment and growth, while providing priceless networking and relationship-building opportunities.

### EASTrain

EastTrain provides in-state training for legislators and staff on a variety of professional development topics. Expert facilitators offer nonpartisan perspectives and hands-on instruction in topic areas such as how to run a committee, communication, negotiation and consensus-building, media relations, conflict resolution, social media best practices, and ethics. Training is available upon request.



## HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF CSG AND CSG EAST?

**Exchange** policy ideas on today's most pressing issues via CSG policy committees and task forces.

**Rely** on us as a trusted source for information and individualized research assistance.

**Attend** our annual meeting, capitol visits, and other in-person events to meet our staff and network with other state leaders.

**Access** a network of experts, researchers, and speakers via CSG webinars and policy summits.

**Sign up** for our newsletter and email lists at [csg-erc.org/newsletters](https://csg-erc.org/newsletters).

## CONTACT CSG EAST

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## CSG EAST ANNUAL MEETINGS

Each year, CSG East brings together state leaders, legislators, and staff from around the region to discuss the top issues of the day, share best practices, and create new connections between members to drive our states, territories, and provinces forward.

Our Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum is the largest gathering of state leaders in the East and brings together all of the work we do throughout the year, from professional development to policy summits, networking events, capital visits, webinars, and more.

For more on this year's Annual Meeting, visit [csg-erc.org/annual-meetings](https://csg-erc.org/annual-meetings).



## POLICY COMMITTEES AND STAFF

CSG East supports policy committees led by legislators and state officials from around the region. More information on each is available at [csgeast.org/our-work](https://csgeast.org/our-work).

### Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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## Eastern Trade Council

The Eastern Trade Council (ETC) was formed in 1999 to facilitate cooperation among the 10 northeastern states in export development.

While every state offers a variety of export assistance programs to help companies enter or expand into overseas markets, there are opportunities for states to work together to achieve economies of scale in their export promotion efforts. By organizing regional trade missions, jointly promoting regional products at trade shows, and sharing trade development information, the state trade offices in the Northeast can assist more firms to enter global markets and create jobs at home, strengthening the Northeast's economic competitiveness.

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## Council on Communities of Color

The Council on Communities of Color (CCC) is CSG's only self-identified member committee that provides a forum for state decision-makers to examine the unique challenges facing communities of color. Based in the Eastern Regional office, the CCC explores a wide range of issues intended to promote improved, sustainable policy outcomes that enhance the quality of life for people of color and the communities in which they live.

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## Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Project

The Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Project works with state officials from CSG East's member states to facilitate communication with the federal government about planning national nuclear waste shipment campaigns that operate within the region.

The project, funded through cooperative agreement grants from the U.S. Department of Energy, staffs the Northeast High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force, which is composed of representatives from various levels of state government.

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## CSG POLICY RESOURCES

CSG publications keep lawmakers informed on key policy trends and innovations in state government, as well as important institutional issues in state government.

### CSG Capitol Ideas Magazine

A national magazine for members and partners that is published four times each year and features in-depth coverage of issues facing state leaders today.

[www.csg.org/work/publications/capitol-ideas-magazine](http://www.csg.org/work/publications/capitol-ideas-magazine)

### Perspectives

The CSG East annual report and magazine covering regional policy developments, top issues, and CSG East programs.

[csg-erc.org/work/#publications](http://csg-erc.org/work/#publications)

### The Book of the States

Formerly an annual encyclopedia of essential information on state government, this premier reference tool is now an enhanced digital resource for providing relevant, accurate, and timely information, answers, and comparisons for all 56 states, commonwealths, and territories of the United States.

[bookofthestates.org](http://bookofthestates.org)



## ONLINE RESOURCES

### CSG East Blog

A regional perspective on key issues and policy trends, written by our staff.

[csgeast.org/news](https://csgeast.org/news)

### CSG East Newsletters

Quarterly updates on top policy issues in the region. Sign up for our general interest newsletter and policy-specific email lists.

[csgeast.org/work/#newsletters](https://csgeast.org/work/#newsletters)

### CSG Shared State Legislation

An annual collection of legislation submitted by members for review and curation by the shared state legislation committee.

[csg.org/work/shared-state-legislation](https://csg.org/work/shared-state-legislation)

### CSG Justice Center

A leading source of information and data-driven policy analysis on criminal justice policy. In all 50 states, Justice Center staff provide leaders with tools and strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities.

[csgjusticecenter.org](https://csgjusticecenter.org)

### CSG Center of Innovation

A hub for research requests providing objective, in-depth analysis of data and policy best practices to facilitate better understanding of existing and developing issues and to assess available and potential solutions.

[csg.org/work/csg-center-of-innovation](https://csg.org/work/csg-center-of-innovation)

### National Center for Interstate Compacts

The driving force behind more than 300 pieces of legislation passed nationwide to establish interstate compacts and solve common problems across state lines.

[compacts.csg.org](https://compacts.csg.org)

### CSG Capitol Ideas Newsletter

Weekly updates featuring member stories, state successes, the latest policy trends, news from CSG and more.

[csgovts.info/CI-newsletter](https://csgovts.info/CI-newsletter)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR | 2026

### **CSG East Housing Summit**

February 27-28 | Wilmington, Delaware

### **CSG National Conference**

December 9-13 | Anaheim, California

### **65th Annual Meeting and Regional Policy Forum**

December 13-16 | San Juan, Puerto Rico

## CSG LOCATIONS

### **CSG Regional Offices**

CSG regional offices in the East, Midwest, South, and West allow state officials to connect with neighboring leaders that face similar challenges and serve similar constituencies. On issues ranging from housing to agriculture and transportation, these regional networks spur innovation and drive collaboration across state and national lines through regional conferences, policy summits, webinars, training programs, and more.

### **CSG National Office**

The CSG national office, located in Lexington, Kentucky, houses national projects, publications, and special initiatives that foster collaboration and community between elected and appointed officials from across the country and the six U.S. territories. The CSG national office is home to the CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts and the CSG Henry Toll Fellowship national leadership development program.

### **CSG Justice Center**

The CSG Justice Center brings together state and local officials and subject matter experts to discuss challenges and best practices in policy areas directly related to issues of public safety and justice in order to strengthen communities.



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