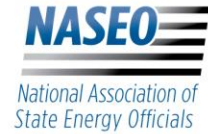


Project Objectives

- **Convene** the State Energy Office, State Broadband Office, and rural community partner(s) in Mississippi to identify broadband-dependent clean energy solutions for improving energy resilience and efficiency.
- **Enable** energy and broadband improvements in underserved rural communities through meaningful engagement and capacity building.
- **Create** collaborative frameworks and model approaches that can be easily replicated by other states
- **Support** the deployment of clean energy solutions through feasibility studies and applying for funding to implement the project idea.

Participants and Background

Partnership Participants:



Background:

- **New Albany, Gas & Light (NALGW)** is a municipal utility offering electric services to rural areas in Mississippi that can potentially use a clean energy microgrid to address severe reliability challenges in Blue Mountain, MS, a small rural town within their service territory.

Anticipated Deliverables

1. Community engagement guidelines to advance procedural equity within the project partnership.
2. Bi-annual partnership impact assessments.
3. An issue brief on rural community engagement and broadband as a requisite for various clean energy solutions, to be shared in the peer exchange network of the NASEO Rural Energy Working Group.
4. Support for a microgrid feasibility study – this will include developing an RFP solicitation and scope of work agreement for a support contractor to conduct the feasibility study.
5. Joint funding applications to support microgrid deployment.

Timeline for Phase Two and Beyond

