Cyber Pathways Program

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As public power utilities continue to face evolving cybersecurity threats, it is important to have a comprehensive understanding of the system and access to the resources and solutions to address these risks.

The Cyber Pathways Program, a new cooperative agreement between the Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response and the American Public Power Association, is a series of initiatives to help public power entities of all sizes and maturities on their cyber journey.

Through this four-year effort, members will be able to:

Get recognized for adhering to cybersecurity best practices. The Cyber Accelerator Program, a new cybersecurity designation program, will recognize utilities of all sizes for best practices in cybersecurity and for improving maturity.

Get funding to explore and assess cyber training programs. There is no one-size-fits-all for cybersecurity training. Members will help vet the variety of training opportunities for utilities, both in-person and virtual, to determine and relay how effective they are for public power organizations, regardless of size or cyber maturity level.

Participate more – and more meaningfully – in threat information sharing programs, such as the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

Improve cybersecurity incident preparedness and response. APPA will revise its suite of resources, such as the Cybersecurity Roadmap and Cybersecurity Incident Response Playbook, with best practice guidance and up-to-date information. This effort will also focus on increasing participation in the Cyber Mutual Assistance program.

Assess cyber practices against industry baselines. APPA will reassess the cybersecurity maturity and capability of the public power community using currently available frameworks and tools, and then work with members to conduct self-assessments.

For further information on the Cyber Pathways Program or any of APPA's cybersecurity programs, email **Cybersecurity@PublicPower.org.**

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