

# **E-Enterprise Connect! FAQ**

# 1. What is E-Enterprise Connect! (EEC!)?

EEC! is designed to bring together environmental professionals across EPA, state, and Tribal government agencies by pairing up participants for bi-monthly, informal, 1:1 conversations.

## 2. Why should I join?

EEC! connects professionals who work on or are interested in E-Enterprise for the Environment efforts and innovative ideas that improve how we implement environmental programs - a shared inter-governmental responsibility.

#### 3. How does EEC! work?

- Participants voluntarily join using an online <u>sign-up form</u>, providing contact information such as agency, office, position, interest areas.
- Every two months (approximately six times per year), participants are paired to meet 1:1.
- Participants schedule meetings at their convenience.
- Participation in each bi-monthly meeting interval is optional, allowing for flexibility.
- Click <u>here</u> for a publicly available, free resource for icebreakers and conversation starters to support your experience. Participants will also receive samples in their match-up email.
- An <u>Intro Video</u> is available for your viewing that provides a basic overview of what EEC! is all about.

#### 4. How does EEC! benefit me?

• Learn firsthand about E-Enterprise, innovative approaches, practices, and applications being tested or used that improve how we run and manage environmental programs.

- Connect with other environmental professionals representing a range of specialties and experience within and beyond your agency.
- Exchange ideas with other professionals with multi-disciplinary knowledge, distinctive skillsets, diverse perspectives, etc.
- Know who to call on when you have a problem to solve, a challenging issue to untangle, or are in need of subject matter expertise or advice.
- Expand trusted working relationships across organizations in support of E-Enterprise.
- Practice good listening and coalition-building skills, critical for effective collaboration.

## 5. How long do meetings last?

The duration of each meeting is flexible and determined by participants, with a recommendation of 15-30 minutes.

# 6. How are participants matched for a meeting?

Participants are randomly paired for each meeting to encourage a variety of interactions.

### 7. How does participation work?

- Participation is entirely voluntary.
- Participants may skip any bi-monthly meeting interval.
- Participants schedule 1:1 meetings based on their availability.
- Participants can try just once to see if this program works for them.
- Participation or the ability to join is always available.

### 8. How do I join EEC!?

- Complete the <u>sign-up form</u> online, indicating contact information, areas of interest, etc.
- You will receive a confirmation email, including general information about EEC!
- Subsequently, you will be paired with a partner and provided basic scheduling and practical tips such as this FAQ.

# 9. Who can participate in the program?

Environmental professionals across EPA, state, and Tribal government agencies may participate.

# 10. Can I request specific preferences for meeting others?

Pairings are randomly assigned for each meeting to intentionally broaden interactions and opportunities for improving environmental protection. For instance, participants can share "how to" ideas for streamlining, adapting, or making environmental program management more efficient

If possible, after EEC! is piloted we may consider other ways to accommodate preferences, pair participants with similar interests, etc.

# 11. How can I provide feedback or suggest improvements for EEC!?

Feedback is encouraged and can be submitted to EEC! contacts via email below or in the <u>evaluation form</u>. Your input helps us improve the program and ensure a valuable experience for participants. Thank you.



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