Western Interconnection Compliance Forum	# WICF Member Welcome

The Western Interconnection Compliance Forum (WICF) was developed as a resource for Registered Entities in the Western Interconnection that are facing mandatory reliability compliance. It is a private forum for sharing information and best practices among WICF members. WICF membership is required to receive WICF information and to vote on WICF matters.

WICF Vision Statement

WICF provides Registered Entities subject to North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Standards and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) compliance and enforcement within the Western Interconnection a venue to share knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned regarding compliance matters and ideas to promote best practices that help ensure the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System.

WICF Purpose

- Provide an open forum for members to share compliance lessons learned and effective ways to implement NERC Reliability Standards.
- Promote the consistent application of the NERC/WECC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (CMEP) within the Western Interconnection and consistent Regional Entity enforcement across the interconnections subject to NERC Reliability Standards.
- Identify and communicate issues that may impact the ability of Registered Entities to comply or effectively meet the requirements of NERC Reliability Standards.
- Foster a collaborative relationship between the Registered Entities, WECC, and NERC where the collective voice of the WICF membership can be heard to help promote cost-effective, efficient, and reasonable implementation of the NERC/WECC CMEP.
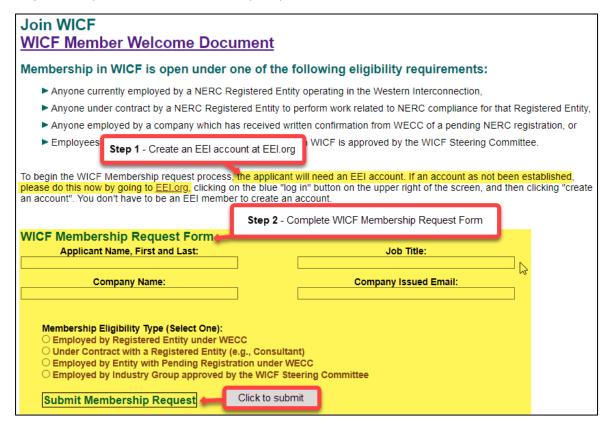
Becoming a WICF Member

Eligibility requirements

- Anyone currently employed by a NERC Registered Entity operating in the Western Interconnection,
- Anyone under contract by a NERC Registered Entity to perform work related to NERC compliance for that Registered Entity,
- Anyone employed by a company that has received written confirmation from the WECC of a pending NERC registration, or
- Employees of industry organizations whose membership in WICF is approved by the WICF Steering Committee.

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Visit www.wicf.biz and click on '**Join WICF**' in the left margin or click here.

> **Step 1** – Create an EEI account at EEI.org (see 'Create an EEI Account' section below)

> **Step 2** – Complete the WICF Membership Request Form and click submit.

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► Anyone under contract by a NERC Registered Entity to perform work related to NERC compliance for that Registered Entity,

► Anyone employed by a company which has received written confirmation from WECC of a pending NERC registration, or

► Employees ... WICF is approved by the WICF Steering Committee.

Step 1 - Create an EEI account at EEI.org

To begin the WICF Membership request process, the applicant will need an EEI account. If an account as not been established, please do this now by going to EEI.org, clicking on the blue "log in" button on the upper right of the screen, and then clicking "create an account". You don't have to be an EEI member to create an account.

Step 2 - Complete WICF Membership Request Form

WICF Membership Request Form

Applicant Name, First and Last:	Job Title:

Company Name:	Company Issued Email:

Membership Eligibility Type (Select One):
○ **Employed by Registered Entity under WECC**
○ **Under Contract with a Registered Entity (e.g., Consultant)**
○ **Employed by Entity with Pending Registration under WECC**
○ **Employed by Industry Group approved by the WICF Steering Committee**

Submit Membership Request ← Click to submit

Create an EEI Account

To create an EEI account, click here and follow the instructions titled "How to Create an EEI Account."

Access the Engage WICF Community Site

To be granted access to the Engage WICF Community site (and Focus Group sites), an EEI account must first be created, and a WICF Membership Request Form must be submitted (see Steps 1 and 2 described above). Once the steps are completed, the new WICF member will receive a notification once their access has been granted to the Engage WICF Community site (and Focus Group sites).

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<u>WICF Focus Groups</u>

The WICF Focus Group sites are used to facilitate discussions, file sharing, and coordination among WICF members. Currently, WICF has eight Focus Groups. Click on the links below for additional information about each Focus Group:

Event Analysis	Internal Controls	Small Entity
Protection & Control (PRC)	New Standards Implementation	Generator
Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)	Inverter-Based Resources (IBR)	

WICF members who have been granted access to the Engage WICF Community site have automatically been granted access to the WICF Focus Group sites, which can be accessed by WICF members at Engage.EEI.org.

<u>Note</u>: Members may customize their Engage WICF Community, and Focus Group sites privacy settings, email preferences, and community notifications in their site profile.

<u>Join & Share</u>

Once you become a WICF member, we encourage you to log into the Engage WICF Community site to see what your WICF peers are sharing and discussing. You can maximize your WICF membership by actively participating in WICF Meetings, Focus Groups, and Peer Share events and by utilizing the Engage WICF Community and Focus Group sites.

You may ask yourself, "How can I actively participate in WICF?" Your company's best practices, lessons learned, compliance near misses, and audit engagements are all relevant experiences that your fellow WICF members are interested in hearing about. All postings on the WICF Community and Focus Group sites and presentations during WICF Meetings are secure and are limited to discussions between you and your industry peers. WECC does not have access to the WICF Community and Focus Group sites.

<u>Questions?</u>

If you have any questions, please click here to send your question to the WICF Steering Committee.

If you have any technical questions pertaining to the EEI Engage WICF Community platform, please email Engage@EEI.org.