



University Sustainability Coalition Meeting
January 18, 2022
10am - 11am
Virtual Meeting

The University Sustainability Coalition was formed with one goal: To increase higher education sustainability efforts in Louisiana.

The idea of forming the university sustainability coalition was born from a steering committee of university representatives developing the university affiliate program as part of an EPA Trash Free Waters Grant with UL Lafayette and Keep Louisiana Beautiful. There are no fees associated with being a part of the coalition, just a seat at the table with your peers to communicate and is open to anyone in higher ed sustainability. Current sustainability coalition members represent universities from Grambling State University, Louisiana State University, Loyola University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Tulane University, River Parishes Community College, Xavier University, UL Monroe, UL Lafayette, University of New Orleans.

Attending: 21 Individuals, 12 Universities

Asja Jordan (UL Monroe), Aimee Thomas (Loyola University), Bruce Walker (UL Monroe), Cabell Mouton (Keep Louisiana Beautiful), Corbin Covher (Northwestern University), David Yarbrough (UL Lafayette), Ellen Smiley (Grambling State University), Esperanza Zenon (River Parishes Community College), Gretchen Vanicor (UL Lafayette), Jacqueline Richard (Fletcher Community College), Jerrod Penn (Louisiana State University), Jordan Stewart (Tulane University), Ladrina House (Dillard University), Liz Davey (Tulane University), Mary Jackson (Nicholls State), Michael Buckles (McNeese State), Michael Matthew (Dillard University), Rory Bedford (Grambling State University), Carol Lunn (UNO), Helena Robinson (Xavier University), Susan Russell (Keep Louisiana Beautiful)

Meeting Opened: 10:00 am

Introductions were made.

Report:

As a follow up from the November meeting, the coalition reviewed the structure, topics, and frequency of the sustainability coalition meetings.

The coalition agreed to the following for the university sustainability coalition meetings:

Frequency: Meet 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, May, September, October (In-person at KLB State Conference), and November. Student presentations encouraged at the in-person meeting in October.

Date & Time: The meetings are the third Tuesday of the month from 10am to 11am.

Topics: Top 3 topics for meetings are waste/recycling, funding, and network/engagement. Create small achievable goals, what do you have working well at your university that can be duplicated and shared with others.

Format: One hour meeting with 20-minute presentation followed by a broader discussion with Q & A.

Student Participation: Yes

Most Useful Sustainability Topics: Alternate transportation, Professional Development, Landscape, Networking, Food and Dining

Members of the coalition were asked to either agree to present on a relevant topic or secure a presenter. The remaining meetings, university presenter, and topic is as follows for the spring semester:

February 15 – Gretchen Vanicor/UL Lafayette/ASHE Stars

March 15 – Jordan Stewart/Tulane University/Move Out Challenges

April 26 – Aimee Thomas/Loyola University

May 17 – LSU/UL Lafayette/Tulane University Panel Discussion/OZZI Sustainable Solutions

Helena Robinson and Sara Good with Xavier University presented on “RecycleMania Campus Race to Zero Waste.” Presentation was emailed to members and included timeline, resources needed, pre-game and game planning, results, how to improve, and words of advice.

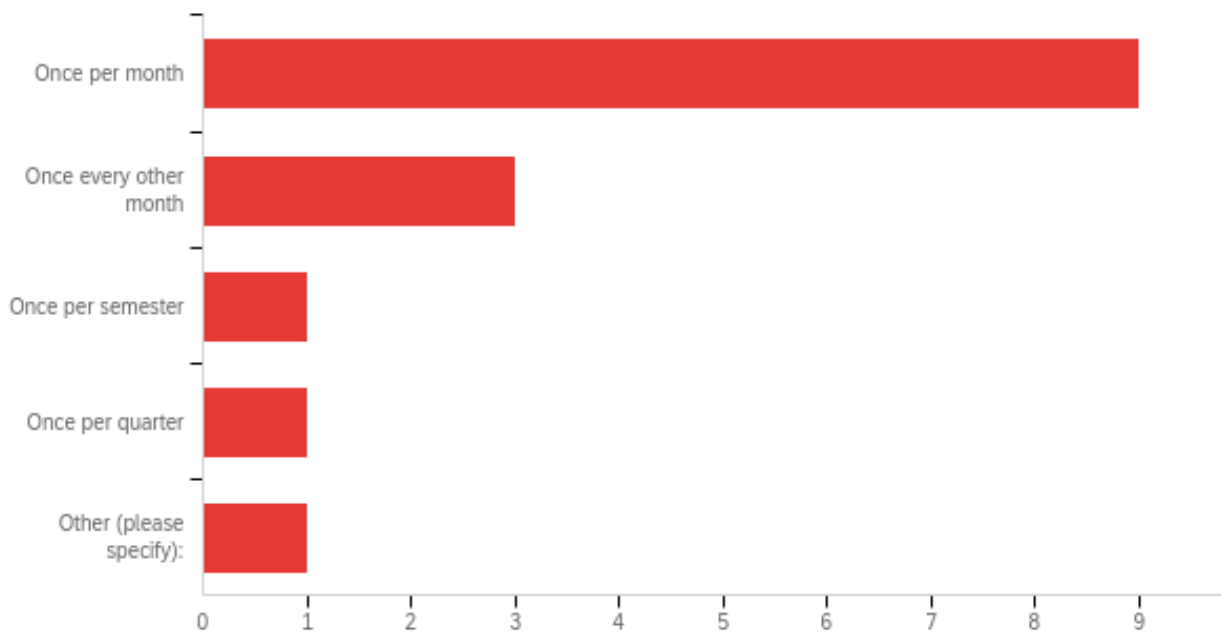
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 15, 10am to 11am

Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm

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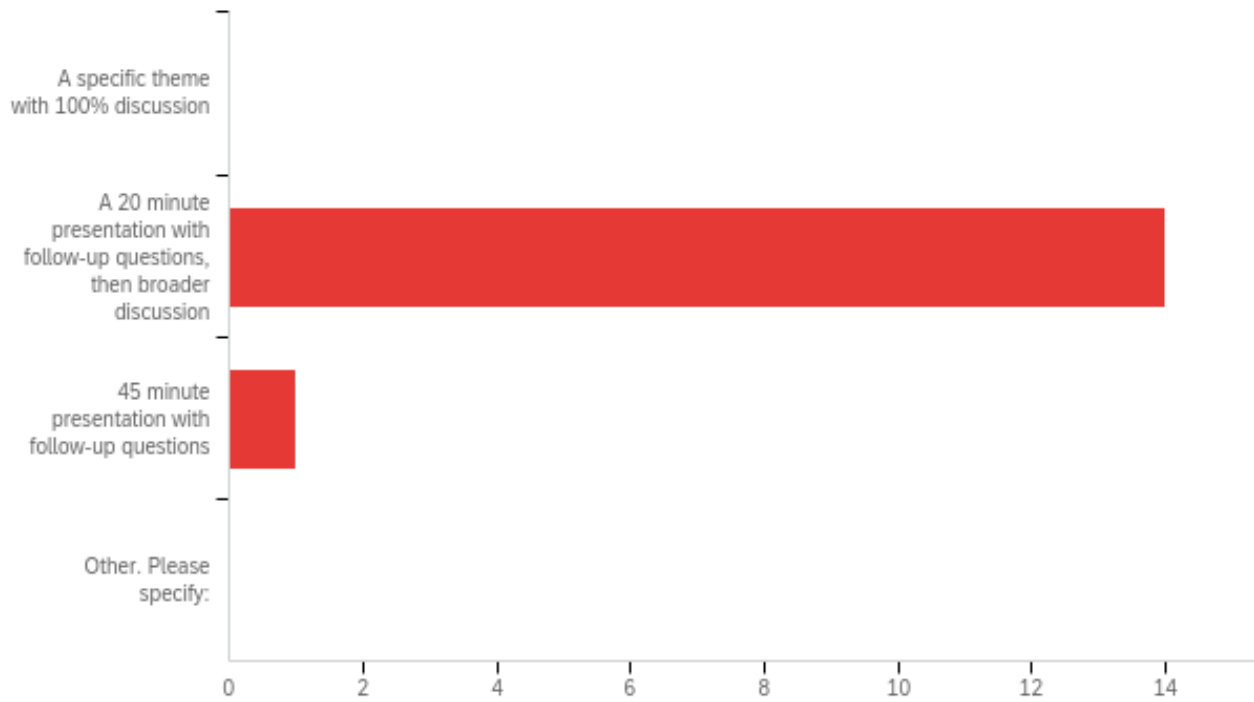
Timing - How often would you prefer to meet?



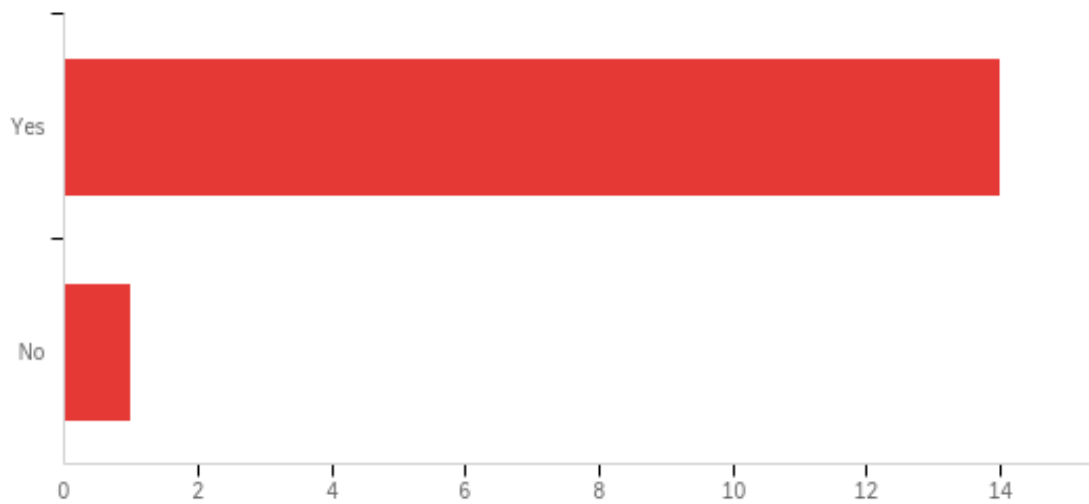
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Once a quarter with inperson meeting once a year.

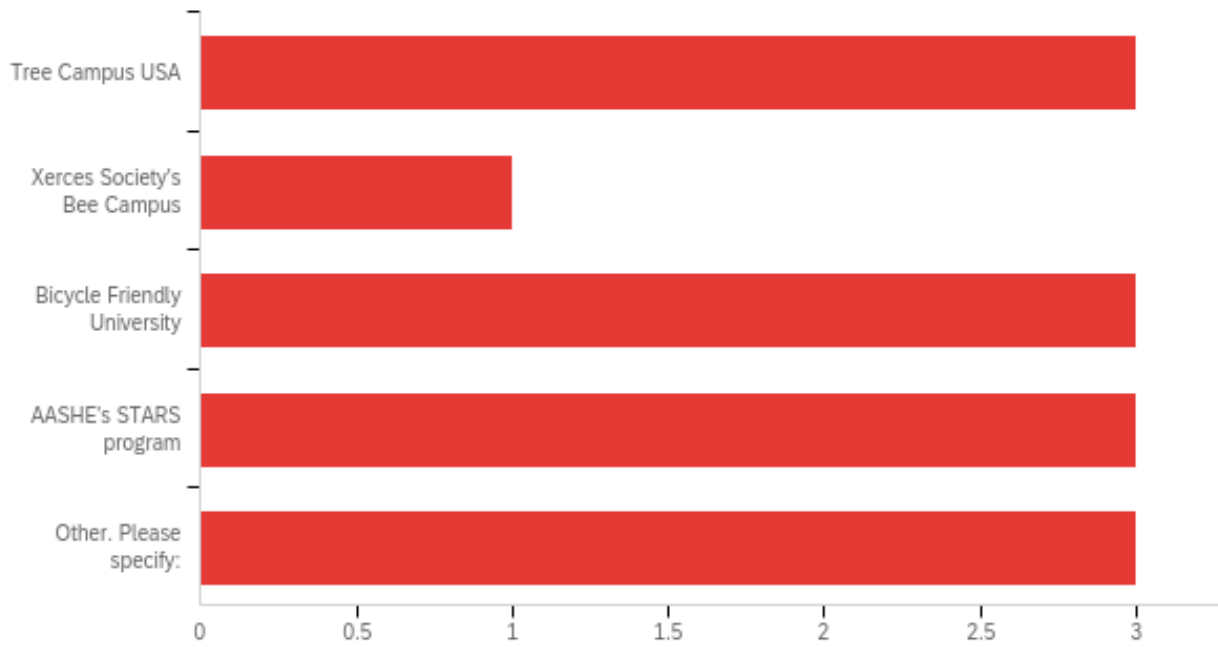
Format - What is your preferred 1-hour meeting format?



Student attend - Would you like students to be able to participate/shadow the meetings?



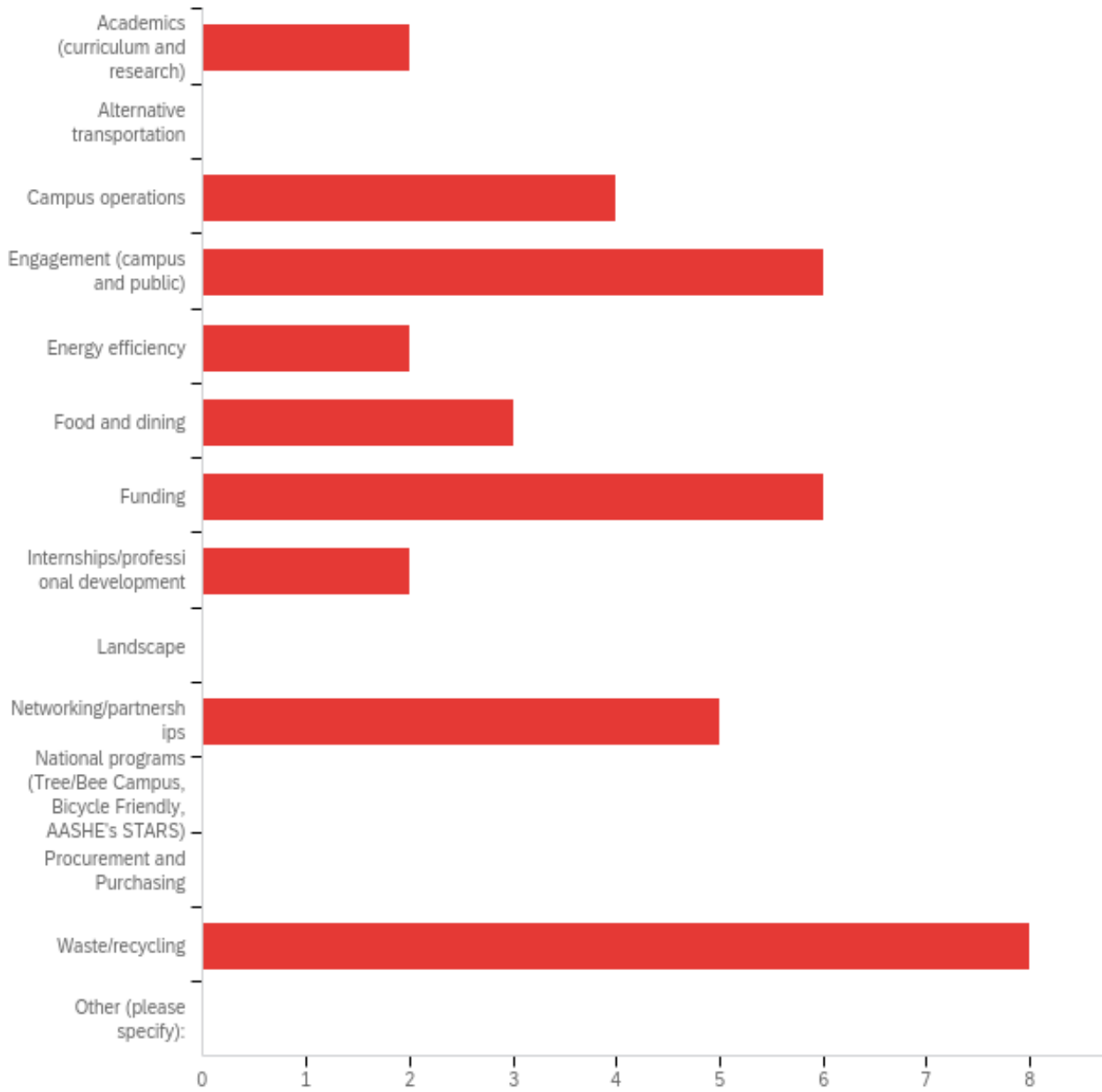
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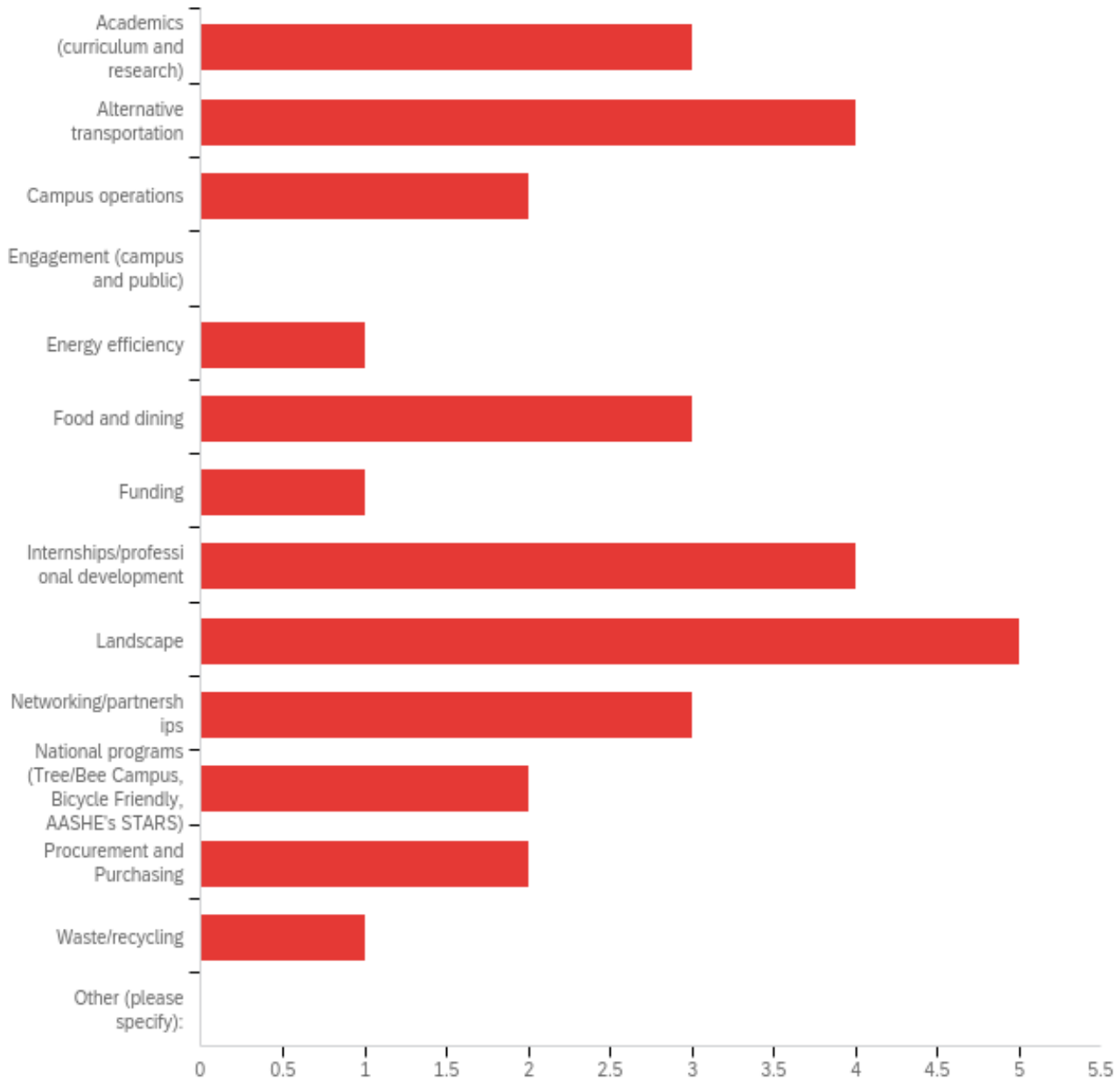
Q4_5_TEXT - Other. Please specify:

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Q6 - Pick the 3 most useful sustainability topics to your college/university.



Q11 - Pick the 3 least useful sustainability topics to your college/university.



Q10 - Please describe what your vision and ideas for what you would like to get out of the Louisiana University Sustainability Coalition. What knowledge, activities, and outcomes would be most beneficial

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Any growth toward sustainability would be a win, I am an artist working alone.

Learn what's going on elsewhere to introduce to ULM

Sharing opportunities, ideas and suggestions for improving sustainability practices on our campuses. Funding opportunities to implement these are important as well.

Increase the network and knowledge within the state to more efficiently adopt more sustainability practices. Provide a mechanism for networking and professional development, including for students.

I would like to know more about the mission of KLB and network with colleagues working on this project.

As a Graduate Assistant working with Community Engagement and Service, I seek to find opportunities to grow the campus relationship with the community. In context to this group, I'd like to learn more about sustainability efforts and how to begin initiating sustainability and recycling efforts on ULM campus. I have faculty, staff, and students that have expressed interest but I feel a little lost on where to go and what resources are out there!

Vision for the group is to have a coalition of universities that can share ideas, provide or lead to resources to help with sustainability activities/causes Most beneficial would be knowledge on storm water management practices, waste management, and energy efficiency

- I'd like to expand my grasp on campus sustainability in Louisiana and to have a better grasp on unique projects that would justify a field trip! - We might also consider how this group might stay abreast of K-12 environmental education and activity in green jobs/green industries - Topic of interest: Greenhouse Gas emissions reporting and tracking; emerging climate action initiatives by the state; carbon pricing/strategic planning.

Information and resource connections about best practices in the areas identified