



## North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ is provided to define the RISE Coalition membership options and participation opportunities.

### **Question 1: What is the membership structure of the RISE Coalition:**

**Answer:** The membership structure of the Coalition consists of the following:

1. Voting Members: Voting members must be members of NCTCOG and be paying participants of the RISE Coalition.
2. Non-Voting Members:
  - a. Local governments who are eligible for NCTCOG membership but are not members of NCTCOG
  - b. Local governments who are NCTCOG members but are not Coalition paying participants
3. Participants
  - a. Private Sector and Industry representatives, which can include individuals from relevant industries, professional associations, or other appropriate private entities
  - b. Environmental/Public Interest Groups related to sustainability
  - c. Federal or State Entities (EPA, TCEQ, etc.)
  - d. Representatives of interests not otherwise serving on the Coalition may be invited to serve in ex-officio, non-voting capacity to provide advisory assistance to the Coalition.

### **Question 2: Who can join the RISE Coalition Public Meetings?**

**Answer:** Any local, state, or federal governmental entity, university, non-profit, private sector, individual, or other interested party is welcome to join the RISE Coalition Public Meeting to hear updates from the RISE Coalition members and share information by participating in the Roundtable discussions.

### **Question 3: What is the role of Participants and how can Participants participate in RISE Coalition meetings?**

**Answer:** The RISE Coalition Public Meetings are the venue by which the RISE Coalition voting and non-voting members share information with the public. The Public Meeting is also an opportunity for Participants to share information with RISE members about activities, upcoming programs, projects, or other initiatives happening in the North Central Texas region that are related to sustainability and the goals of the RISE Coalition. The Roundtable Agenda Item, included on every Public Meeting Agenda, is meant to provide a venue for this collaboration. Participant organizations are encouraged to provide feedback on what the RISE Coalition is working on. Additionally, the RISE Coalition will host annual workshops or other educational opportunities focused on specific topics of interest. These opportunities are intended to be a collaborative event for a broad audience and focused on a selected target. Participants would have an opportunity to serve as speakers, share specific efforts, provide information, and engage in discussions as it relates to the selected topic. There is no membership fee for Participants to participate in the RISE Coalition Public Meetings.

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**Question 4: How do Participants or interested parties share information with the RISE Coalition outside of the quarterly public meeting?**

**Answer:** If voting or non-voting members or participants have information that they would like to share with the RISE Coalition outside of the quarterly Public Meetings, please contact NCTCOG staff at [eandd@nctcog.org](mailto:eandd@nctcog.org) or (817) 695-9210.