



Women in Leadership: Mentor Application + Information Sheet

COURSE INTRODUCTION

Western Energy Institute's Women in Leadership – Mentoring + Development program is an opportunity for women to discuss the obstacles and challenges of working in the utility industry. The utility industry workforce is significantly underrepresented by women, as compared to the general population where women make up roughly half of the total workforce. Organizational efficiency is characterized by a balanced workforce both in terms of skill sets and perspectives. This program addresses some of the opportunities and challenges that women face working in the energy industry, advocates for workplace inclusion and teamwork, and discusses critical issues related to attracting and maintaining a diverse workforce. Formal opportunities for mentorship will provide women in the industry with support for increased retention and satisfaction. Mentors and mentees will regularly connect over a 10-month period with an in-person kickoff session in October/November and an in-person meeting at the WEI Annual Meeting in September 2023.

Program participants will develop:

- A significantly enhanced comprehension of the energy industry
- The ability to educate others including mentoring and being mentored effectively
- An increased ability to manage cross-functional and diverse teams

PARTICIPANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Cohort Characteristics:

- Reflective of WEI membership (gas and electric, distribution, transportation, generation, etc.)
- Diverse and balanced composition
 - Variety of companies within WEI's membership
 - Geography
 - Demographics
 - Levels within their own companies, meeting criteria below
- Similar learning objectives

MEMBER COMPANY CONSIDERATIONS FOR MENTOR CANDIDATES

Level:

- At least 15 years of utility or closely related experience. (*Exceptions are on a case-by-case instance*)
- Current role: Chief Executive Officer or other Executive Officer, President, Vice President, or Senior Director of a large company with significant responsibility.

Functions:

- Corporate
- Customer
- Operations

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CANDIDATE CHARACTERISTICS

- Interested in developing mentoring skills
- Interested in seeing the industry through a new perspective
- Interested in developing a relationship with mentee and providing honest, constructive feedback
- Available to participate in full program

2022-2023 TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT	TIME COMMITMENT	LOCATION
<i>July - September, 2022</i>	<i>Mentor Recruitment</i>	<i>Submissions due September 12th</i>	
<i>August - October, 2022</i>	<i>Mentee Recruitment</i>	<i>Submissions due October 10th</i>	
<i>October - November, 2022</i>	<i>Participants accepted, notified of final assignment of kickoff dates and location, and registration open.</i>		
October 25-26, 2022	Mentor and Mentee Kickoff Forum westernenergy.org	2 days	Tucson, AZ
November 2-3, 2022	Mentor and Mentee Kickoff Forum westernenergy.org	2 days	Portland, OR
<i>October 19-21, 2022</i>	<i>Women in Energy Symposium*</i>	<i>3 days</i>	<i>Coronado, CA</i>
December 2022	Mentor Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
January 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
February 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
March 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
<i>April 25-28, 2023</i>	<i>Operations Conference*</i>	<i>4 days</i>	<i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
April 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
May 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
June 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
July 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
August 2023	Mentorship Session	1-2 hours	Phone/Video
September 17-19	Annual Meeting + Leadership Conclusion Session	3 days	Vancouver, British Columbia

**The WEI Women in Energy Symposium and Operations Conference are not officially part of this program, however Mentors and Mentees are highly encouraged to attend. Registration for the Operations Conference will be offered at a discount, outside of Women in Leadership – Mentoring and Development registration fee.*

For more information, please contact Diana Zoren, CAE, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Western Energy Institute zoren@westernenergy.org or 971.255.4965.



Women in Leadership: Mentor Profile + Background Information

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT COPY OF YOUR RESUME OR BIOGRAPHY
 Note: if you have any questions, please call Diana Zoren at 971-255-4965.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name:

Job Title:

Years in Current Position:

Company:

Work Phone:

Email:

Do you have Assistant?

Yes No
 (If yes, please provide contact info.)

Assistant Name:

Assistant Phone:

Assistant Email:

Mentees will be paired with a mentor to attend the virtual kickoff. Please save the dates on your calendar.

- I am only available October 25-26, 2022.
- I am only available November 2-3, 2022.
- I am available for either kickoff.

This program is open to WEI members, including limited spots available to service company employees. Please share your preference on who you will be paired with:

- Energy Company Member only, Service Company Member only, Either company type is acceptable

CANDIDATE DEMOGRAPHICS

In order to ensure the diversity of the mentor + mentee relationship, please provide the following information.

Race/ Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino/Latinx
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer Not to Answer

Industry:	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Years in Industry:
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Business Ownership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Investor Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Industry Segment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Generation <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Functional Areas: (e.g., Customer Service, HR, Operations, etc.)

Candidate's Name:

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Responses will be shared with your mentee along with your resume or bio.

1. Can you commit to attending both in-person sessions and all virtual meetings? () Yes () No

2. Please select the top 5 strengths or skills that you can share with your mentee.

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| () Managing Conflict | () Improving Team Dynamics |
| () Change Management | () Strategic Decision Making |
| () Work Life Balance | () Negotiation Skills + Being More Assertive |
| () Increasing Workforce Diversity | () Innovation and Creativity |
| () Reputation and Credibility | () Industry Knowledge |
| () Networking + Relationship Management | () Other: _____ |

3. Why do you want to participate in this program and what do you hope to get out of it?

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

Candidate's Signature:

Date: