The National Governors Association’s Center for Best Practices formed the Energy Policy Learning Network in 2009 in response to requests by governors for help with a variety of energy policy issues in comprehensive and structured way.

The primary goal of the Network is to inform governors’ energy policy advisors about energy policy best practices that governors are uniquely positioned to advance.

The activities of the Network include an annual Energy Policy Institute to highlight best practices and policies on a wide variety of issues, quarterly webinars on policy and technology topics, in-state retreats, learning labs and policy academies, where governor-designated cross-agency teams develop energy policy strategies with NGA’s support. Recent topics covered as part of the Network include: power sector modernization, energy security and resilience, energy efficiency and state lead-by-example strategies, state policies to advance energy storage, and offshore wind.

About the Energy Policy Institute
NGA hosts an annual gathering of governors’ energy policy advisors in Washington, DC that allows them to engage with peers, leading experts and NGA subject matter experts. The event kicks off more targeted assistance in the form of follow-up webinars, retreats and tailored technical assistance. The agenda and presentations from the most recent institute can be found here: 2018 Energy Policy Institute. The recent institute provided an opportunity for governors' energy advisors from over 20 different states to examine a comprehensive suite of energy policy best practices with state peers as well as private sector and federal experts. The institute focused on innovative energy technologies, utility business models, energy resilience, beneficial electrification, the role of data, distribution system planning and other topic areas.

About NGA’s Center for Best Practices
The NGA Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) develops innovative solutions to today's most pressing public policy challenges and is the only research and development firm that directly serves the nation's governors. The Center has five divisions; the Energy Policy Learning Network is spearheaded by the Environment, Energy & Transportation Division.