



# GRIDWORKS

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## FAQs

### 1. What is Gridworks' mission?

Gridworks' mission is to convene, educate and empower stakeholders working to decarbonize electricity grids. The decarbonization of our economy is within our reach, and it is now more important than ever. We strive to ensure a clean and renewable energy future that provides economic opportunity and more equitable, sustainable and affordable future for all. We do this by bringing together stakeholders to tackle the most challenging issues in clean and renewable energy.

### 2. What type of work does Gridworks do?

Gridworks facilitates difficult discussions and collaboration between policymakers, decarbonization advocates, energy providers and utility operators. We work with these groups to determine the best approach to meet decarbonization goals, advance policy and ensure a just transition toward sustainability. We also provide expert consultation to policymakers as they make this important shift.

### 3. What kinds of things does Gridworks facilitate?

We facilitate collaboration, working groups and research focused on distributed energy resources, grid planning and modernization, renewable integration, beneficial electrification and gas system transitions to meet decarbonization goals. Through this work, we bring together key stakeholders across the public and private sectors to work together to achieve consensus and set the stage for policy change.

### 4. Why focus on stakeholder engagement?

Decarbonization is a complicated transition that requires consensus from multiple parties and often crosses city, county and state borders. Lack of stakeholder consensus can halt or delay proposed transitions to clean and renewable energy, underscoring the need for inclusion throughout the process. Bringing together multiple perspectives on decarbonization projects allows for deeper, more impactful solutions. That's why we facilitate collaboration between policymakers, decarbonization advocates, energy providers and utility operators to meet decarbonization goals.

### 5. Is Gridworks a neutral mediator or does it have a point of view?

We work to advance clean and renewable energy solutions to meet decarbonization goals set by cities, counties, and states. We collaborate with all stakeholders to determine the best strategies and approaches to meet these pre-defined goals.

### 6. Is Gridworks a consulting firm or an engineering firm?

While the Gridworks team has backgrounds in consulting and engineering, we focus on facilitation. The work we do varies from client to client based on their needs. For some, our approach centers around bringing together stakeholders to achieve consensus for decarbonization initiatives. For others, we bring together experts to conduct research. Our unique value to clients is that we are able to provide a flexible approach to overcome their specific challenges to meet decarbonization goals.

**7. Is Gridworks an advocacy organization? Does Gridworks work on legislation?**

Gridworks is not an advocacy organization. We do not lobby, influence or take part in drafting legislation. Our working groups produce guidance on decarbonizing the power sector, transportation and natural gas that is widely referenced by policymakers and industry experts.

**8. What are Gridworks' specific areas of expertise?**

Gridworks is a recognized leader on distributed energy resources, grid planning and modernization, renewable integration, beneficial electrification and gas system transitions. Our working groups provide widely cited guidance to policymakers on decarbonizing the power sector, transportation and natural gas. We continue to expand our scope as the renewable energy field continues to grow.

**9. How is Gridworks funded?**

Gridworks' projects are primarily funded by individual clients with specific research or facilitation needs. We have also received the generous support of foundations committed to promoting decarbonization. We keep our operating costs low by maintaining a small and nimble staff and bringing in experts on an as-needed basis.

**10. Where is Gridworks involved?**

We began our work in California and have since expanded to Hawaii, Colorado and Oregon. We continue to expand our partnerships with the goal of working toward decarbonization in all 50 states by 2024.

**11. Who does Gridworks work for?**

Our clients include public utility commissions, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and energy vendors pursuing decarbonization goals to ensure a healthier, more equitable and more sustainable future for everyone.

**12. How does Gridworks function?**

Clients come to us with challenges they face while working toward a clean energy transition. Based on their goals, we bring together stakeholders across the public and private sectors to achieve consensus at many stages of an initiative. We provide objective expertise and insights into the economic and social benefits of clean, low-cost power. And we support implementation through analytical tools and metrics that measure performance of decarbonization policies.

**13. How can I participate in Gridworks' efforts?**

Our working groups bring together experts from across the decarbonization field and we welcome new voices to take part in these discussions. An easy point of entry is our happy hour series—currently virtual— on new issues in decarbonization that is open to the public. To receive the most up-to-date information about our initiatives, sign up for our [newsletter](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

