EFCOG’S OBJECTIVE

EFCOG’s objective is to maximize Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) mission success by sharing best practice and information to support management and operational excellence. Ensuring safety, security and quality is the foundation for EFCOG’s work.

Unparalleled Reach:
EFCOG is a group of nearly 100 DOE operating contractors, representing more than two-thirds of DOE’s total funding.

Efficiency and Cost Savings:
The sharing of best practices among the contractor community and collaboration with DOE on key policies has saved hundreds of millions of dollars since EFCOG’s inception in 1991 and resulted in more efficient operations across the complex.

Rapid Response:
EFCOG provides a complex-wide network to rapidly address common issues, enable effective communication, and develop solutions.

A Commitment to Partnership:
EFCOG’s members work in partnership with the DOE to save money, increase safety and security, and optimize project delivery across the DOE complex.

Industry Leaders:
EFCOG is managed by a group of dynamic, committed executives elected annually by members to serve on the Board of Directors.

How does EFCOG work?

EFCOG is a volunteer organization, directed by senior executives from DOE and NNSA contractors, sustained by working level personnel from member contractors, and supported by DOE officials who serve as sponsors from relevant program, staff and field offices. This creates a very powerful partnership, enabling EFCOG to effectively support DOE’s mission goals and address a broad range of operational challenges and issues across the DOE complex.

EFCOG was formed in 1991 by a group of DOE contractors who decided to work together to improve the cost effectiveness of DOE operations by sharing lessons learned and best practices across corporate and program lines.

- Ensuring human capital needs are met, both now and in the future
- Lessons learned from operations during COVID-19 pandemic
- Addressing supply chain issues for nuclear projects
- Strengthening Risk Communication and Stakeholder Relations
- Improving Data Quality and Performance Assurance

Key Initiatives
Working Groups

EFCOG accomplishes its mission through working groups that provide forums to address common challenges and exchange proven techniques and other management and technical information among member contractors. There are currently six working groups:

**Cybersecurity:** This group, new in 2020, serves as a user group of Subject Matter Experts and a technical resource for the benefit of all projects within the DOE complex. The purpose of this group is to promote excellence in all aspects of Cybersecurity operations and management of DOE facilities through consistent exchange of information, best practices, and corresponding improvement activities.

**Project Delivery:** This group is chartered to leverage the expertise and experience of DOE’s contractors to address challenges and achieve improvements in project delivery across the complex. The Project Delivery Working Group’s (PDWG) portfolio includes those broad-based, interrelated elements across the project lifecycle critical to successful delivery. Areas of focus include acquisition strategy and planning, earned value management, cost estimating and scheduling, management of complex projects, contract alignment and incentives and start-up and commissioning.

**Safeguards & Security:** This group is focused on continuously improving safeguards and security performance across DOE by focusing on the protection of Special Nuclear Material, sensitive information, classified matter, assets, and personnel. The Safeguards and Security Working Group (SSWG) adds value by bringing together the best and brightest DOE and industry professionals to analyze issues and develop cost-effective solutions that bring clarity and continuous improvement to the DOE missions.

**Safety:** This group assists member companies in attaining and maintaining the highest levels of safety and regulatory performance in the operation of DOE/NNSA facilities/projects. The Safety Working Group (SWG) achieves this by seeking out, developing, and promoting best practices, providing DOE/NNSA and member companies with access to a network of subject matter experts and identifying opportunities to save and/or avoid costs in the implementation of their safety and regulatory programs.

**Training:** The purpose of this working group is to ensure complex wide collaboration and integration to attain and maintain the highest levels of training, reduce redundant training and assist in improving performance in the operation of DOE facilities and projects.

**Waste Management:** This group is focused on seeking out best practices, cost effective technologies and disposal options for all waste streams generated at DOE facilities whether destined for DOE or commercial facilities. The Waste Management Working Group (WMWG) is focused on complex-wide integration and technology transfer while supporting cost effective and efficient waste options.

Additional information on EFCOG membership can be found at [www.efcog.org](http://www.efcog.org)