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Application Deadline for Free SANS Cybersecurity Online Courses is November 16

Forty-one (41) cooperatives improved their cybersecurity skills with NRECA's RC3 Cybersecurity SANS voucher program in 2018 to date, and with U.S. DOE funding support, a second group is now able to take this high-quality cybersecurity training **at no registration cost**. Registration is open and the deadline for applications is **this Friday, November 16**.

- [Advisory and FAQ](#)
- [Application for Participation](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Lauren Khair](#)

How Co-ops Help Close the Digital Divide

Broadband is an essential ingredient for modern life, but unfortunately, access to high speed internet is not ubiquitous, particularly in rural areas served by electric co-ops. This article, first published in the Fall 2018 issue of the NCBA CLUSA Cooperative Business Journal, explores the value of broadband access for both electric co-ops and their consumer-members, and the role that co-ops play in closing the digital divide. Listen to a related Podcast to hear more, and see some real-world examples of co-ops' broadband initiatives in our case study series:

- [Article](#)
- [Podcast](#)
- [Broadband Case Studies](#)
- Contacts for Questions: [Joe Goodenbery](#) and [Paul Breakman](#)

Emerging Priorities in Energy Research

The Emerging Priorities in Energy Research Day held in Anchorage, Alaska on October 31st was co-hosted by NRECA and the Alaska Power Association and sponsored by CFC. Over 60 participants from utilities, 5 DOE national labs, the University of Alaska, and CFC came together to learn more about the emerging energy trends in the industry and to learn about the research taking place in this space. See the presentations from the day on cooperative.com:

- [Website Page](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Lauren Khair](#)

Upcoming Events

- [RC3 Cybersecurity Summit and Classes](#) – December 11-12, Great River Energy, Maple Grove, MN – *Full, Wait List Available*
- [RC3 Cybersecurity Summit and Classes](#) – January 28-30, Idaho National Laboratory
- [2019 TechAdvantage® Conference and Expo](#) – March 10-13, Orlando, FL

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RURAL COOPERATIVE CYBER SECURITY CAPABILITIES PROGRAM

Cybersecurity Summits Offer Members Insights and Resources

Forty-eight attendees and speakers from electric cooperatives, NRECA, APA, E-ISAC, NCSA, PNNL, FBI, DHS, FTC, and the Alaska Office of the Attorney General attended NRECA's recent RC3 Summit hosted by the Alaska Power Association in Anchorage, AK. The Summit included education and discussion about cybersecurity issues relevant to small- and mid-sized electric cooperatives, information sharing resources, an in-depth look at attacks on the Ukrainian electric utility, and a 3-hour CyberSecure My Business™ workshop by the NCSA. Presentations from the event and information on upcoming RC3 Summits are available on cooperative.com.

The Summits are not technical sessions, and any members responsible for cybersecurity decisions at their co-ops are encouraged to attend.

- [RC3 2018-2019 Summits Website](#)
- [Registration for Summit at Idaho National Laboratory: January 28-29](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Cynthia Hsu](#)

Online Courses on PV Safety and Impact Available to Members

Two one-hour online courses are now available to NRECA members regarding PV Safety Concerns and a PV System Impact Guide. NRECA has worked with SOS Intl, a leading training provider for electric utilities and NRECA Associate Member, to convert material developed during the Solar Utility Network Deployment Acceleration (SUNDA) project to create online courses for members. This advisory provides details on this opportunity:

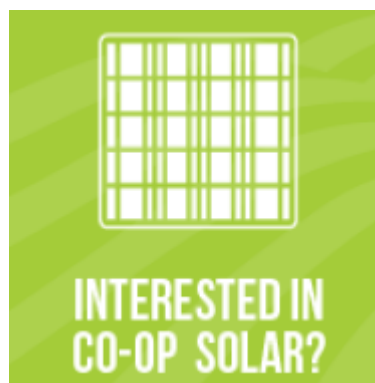
- [Advisory](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Patti Metro](#)

2019 TechAdvantage® Registration Now Open

Don't miss the chance to attend the 2019 TechAdvantage® Conference and Expo. This is a must-attend event for electric co-op engineering, operations, IT and supply chain management professionals. New this year, you will be able to choose among 20 different TechTalks in the TechPark. In addition, thirteen Pre-conference workshops will address the most important technology issues affecting the electric co-op industry, including cybersecurity, broadband, distribution automation, infrastructure security and drone technology.

- [Registration](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Mary Ackleson](#)

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