

Carbon Sequestration

On August 18, DOE announced the selection of seven regional carbon sequestration partnerships. Four were selected in the West:

- [West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership](#) led by the California Energy Commission, Sacramento, CA, and made up of representative organizations from Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.
- [Southwest Regional Partnership for Carbon Sequestration](#) which will involve the efforts of 21 partners in eight states coordinated by the Western Governors' Association and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM,
- [Northern Rockies and Great Plains Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership](#) which will be headed by Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, and cover Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota;
- [Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership](#) which will extend across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and two Canadian provinces. It will be led by the Energy & Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

During the negotiation process following the selection, DOE notified WGA that it could not make a stand alone grant to WGA but would be willing to include funding in the Southwest Partnership for WGA.

The groups have started to organize. The West Coast held a kickoff meeting on September 30 – October 1. The Southwest held one on October 27 and 28. The Northern Plains held an informal kickoff on October 22 and will hold its formal kickoff on December 11-12. WGA representatives have attended each of the meetings and have started discussions on a common GIS system for the partnerships.