

SAVE THE YEAR:

Professional Development Opportunities with the Institute for Ethics in Government in 2026

Throughout 2026, OGE's Institute for Ethics in Government (IEG) will provide opportunities for ethics officials, at all levels, to enhance the knowledge and skills they need to administer their agencies' programs. Below, organized first by season then alphabetically, are the learning opportunities OGE plans to offer and the topics to be covered.

WINTER – Confidential Financial Disclosures (450s)

- » Demo: Navigating OGE's Website for 450 Resources
- » Flash Networking Events
- » How-To Session: Conducting Analysis of 18 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 208(a) Elements using Job Aid
- » How-To Sessions: Reviewing Challenging Entries on Annual 450s
- » Lecture: Elements of 18 U.S.C. 208(a) Analysis (with Job Aid)
- » Microlearning Series: Purpose of the Supervisory Review of 450s and How-To Do a Supervisory Review (Two-Part Series)

SPRING – Building a Culture of Ethics and Public Financial Disclosures (278s)

- » Demo: Navigating OGE's Website for 278 Resources
- » Flash Networking Events
- » How-To Sessions: Reviewing Annual 278s
- » Lecture: Incoming Leadership: Communication Strategies for Building a Culture of Ethics
- » Microlearning: Shifting from Reviewing 450s to 278s
- » Orientation for New Designated Agency Ethics Officials and Alternates (DAEOs and ADAEOs)
- » Workshop: Issue Spotting

SUMMER – Advice and Counsel and Outside Activities

- » Flash Networking Events
- » Gathering for New and Experienced DAEOs and ADAEOs
- » How-To Sessions: Analyzing Outside Activity Requests
- » Lecture: Gifts Between Employees
- » Live Course of Study: Advice and Counsel

FALL – Ethics Education and Preparing for 2027

- » Accelerated Curriculum in Ethics (ACE) Alumni Event
- » Demo: Navigating OGE's Website for Ethics Education Resources
- » Flash Networking Events
- » Orientation for New DAEOs and ADAEOs
- » Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Workshop: Ethics Education Planning for 2027
- » Quick Start Guide: Employee Training

What's new for 2026?

New Delivery Method: Live Broadcasts – Throughout the year, OGE will use live YouTube broadcasts to communicate with the ethics community and share important training and ethics program updates. OGE will also use this delivery method for some of its larger, live trainings, such as How-To Sessions, as it does not require attendee registration, and recordings can be made readily available on IEG course pages for those unable to attend at the scheduled time.

New Offering: Live Course of Study – Courses of Study are multi-part training products to help ethics officials develop comprehensive skills in ethics program areas. OGE plans to conduct a live Course of Study on advice and counsel next summer. This will include opportunities for ethics officials to gain a foundation in providing advice and counsel and to do some practice exercises. All live events will be recorded and published, along with the resources shared, on a new Advice and Counsel Course of Study in the IEG library.

How will OGE support ethics program leaders in 2026?

In addition to holding Orientations for New DAEOs and ADAEOs in 2026, OGE has developed two new programs to support the professional development of ethics program leaders.

Gathering for New and Experienced DAEOs and ADAEOs – This program will bring together new and experienced DAEOs and ADAEOs to continue learning and building their professional networks.

Accelerated Curriculum in Ethics (ACE) Alumni Event – Since its launch in 2023, three cohorts of ethics program leaders have completed OGE's most intensive and comprehensive training program, ACE. This year, OGE will host an ACE alumni event to reconnect with former participants and explore opportunities to grow the program and build upon OGE's investment in the future ethics leadership of the executive branch. For current new, or aspiring, ethics program leaders, ACE will resume in 2027.

Which types of learning opportunities will OGE provide in 2026?

- » Demos – Demos showcase tools and processes that assist with the implementation of the ethics program.
- » Flash Networking Events – Flash Networking Events provide opportunities for ethics officials to meet and grow their professional networks.
- » How-To Sessions – In How-To Sessions, instructors model their processes for completing specific ethics tasks, like 450 review and analyzing for a potential conflict of interest.
- » Lectures – Lectures help explain an ethics topic or topics.
- » Microlearnings – Microlearnings briefly, in 20 minutes or less, convey information to ethics officials on specific, very narrow, topics, such as shifting from reviewing 450s to 278s.
- » Peer to Peer (P2P) Workshops – P2P Workshops provide opportunities for ethics officials to exchange ideas, experiences, and good practices in specific program areas.
- » Quick Start Guides – Quick Start Guides combine short training videos and job aids to provide the first step to learning the fundamental ethics topics and tasks, like 450 review.
- » Workshops – Workshops are opportunities for ethics officials to learn new skills and practice those skills with each other.

How can I obtain my annual Professional Ethics Practitioner certificate in 2026?

Watch or attend, at least six (6) trainings that are labeled as eligible for Professional Ethics Practitioner (PEP) credit. You can use the PEP Progress Chart (PDF) to track your progress throughout the year. Before January 31, 2027, complete OGE's online application to report your trainings and receive your certificate.

I'm interested in sharing a product with, or conducting a presentation for, the ethics community. How can I submit a proposal?

You can send your proposal to OGE at trainingregistration@oge.gov.