

Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) Membership Definitions

Who can be a member of ITRC?

Membership in ITRC is defined by ERIS in its bylaws and is generally open to representatives from state, federal, tribal, and local agencies, the private sector, academic, and public stakeholders. Other affiliations or individuals who share ITRC's strategic direction and mission and dedicate time and provide substantive input to ITRC Project Teams and Program Areas may also be eligible for membership.

ITRC Membership Groups:

State Agency Members: individuals employed by or representing an agency in any branch of a U.S. state or territorial government.

- Employees from **non-profit state-affiliated associations** and associations that are formally established by state governments are eligible for membership on a case-by-case basis. Decisions are made by the ITRC Director.

Federal Agency Members: individuals employed by or representing an agency in any branch of the U.S. federal government.

Tribal Members: individuals who are members of or employed by any U.S. Federal or state-recognized tribe.

City/Regional (Local) Agency Members: individuals employed by or representing an entity with a democratic governance structure established by state or local statutes (ex., counties, cities, towns, municipalities, councils, commissions).

- Individuals employed by or representing special districts established by state or local statutes, and whose primary function is environmental protection or the provision of essential services such as sanitation and infrastructure will be considered for membership on a case-by-case basis. Decisions are made by the ITRC Director.

Private Sector Members: individuals employed by private, for-profit companies, or industry associations and organizations that represent the interests of private companies.

- The individual's company, association, or organization must join the **ITRC Industry Affiliates Program (IAP)** to be eligible for membership.

Academics: faculty members, researchers, or graduate and doctoral students whose primary institutional affiliation is with a public or private university, college, or non-profit research institution.

- Individuals whose primary paid employment is with a private, for-profit company or enterprise do not qualify for this membership category and **must join the ITRC IAP**.

Public Stakeholders: individuals or representatives of organizations that advocate for the public interest in environmental issues and will contribute diverse perspectives on ITRC's work.

- **Emeritus Members:** Former ITRC members who are no longer actively employed in a role that qualifies for membership will be considered for membership as a public stakeholder on a case-by-case basis. Decisions are made by the ITRC Director.

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