

# CO<sub>2</sub>nnect

An event series presented by the Carbon Action Alliance

Annual Event

**Thank you to all who attended and helped make CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2023 a success!**

Hosted by the Great Plains Institute's Carbon Action Alliance

on October 1 - 3 in New Mexico.

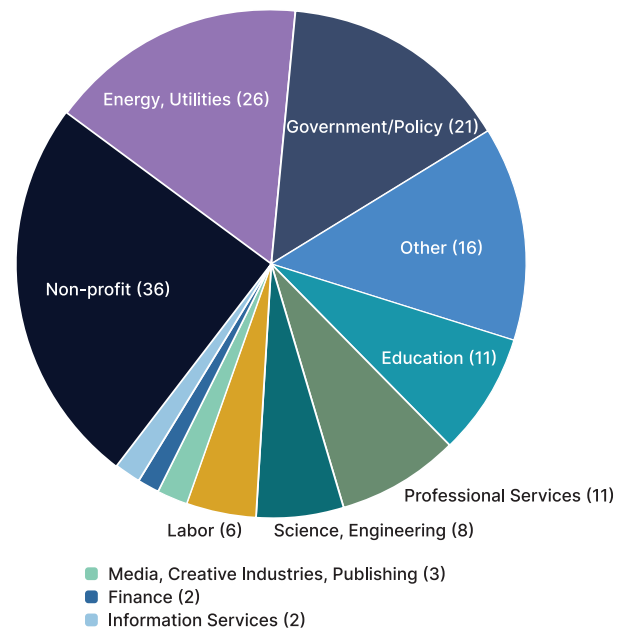
## Main Takeaways

- Community engagement is central to successful project deployment, and establishing trust is critical.
- Carbon management projects can provide benefits to all, from lower carbon emissions to increased jobs to cleaner air.
- Labor organizations and their workers will form the foundation of successful buildout of projects, leading the country into a new era of cleaner energy.
- Equity must be at the heart of creating and deploying projects, including taking into account environmental justice communities' concerns and needs.
- This time marks an exciting moment in US energy, with the US Department of Energy allocating significant funding to carbon management projects to deploy them at the scale needed to meet midcentury net-zero emissions climate goals.

## Conference Summary

**142** attendees

Attendees by sector:



## Attendee Feedback

**Testimonial #1:** "The conference provided a unique space to learn from and network with solutions-oriented business, community, labor, and advocacy leaders."

**Testimonial #2:** "The conference was very well organized, including the arrangement of content in order of topic-relatedness, relevancy, and timeliness, appreciated the well-thought-out schedule of breaks and meals, and loved that the conference was held on the same property as the rooms. Very well done!!"

**Testimonial #3:** "Great conference to discuss the future of carbon capture along with the associated labor and financial challenges. Plenty of thoughtful people and engaging conversations."

**Testimonial #4:** "Great conference with very informed speakers."

## Event Description

CO<sub>2</sub>NNECT 2023 brought together a diverse group of stakeholders interested in learning more about carbon management solutions—including carbon capture, removal, transport, reuse, and geologic storage—that are needed to meet our climate goals. The event was hosted by the Carbon Action Alliance, a network of governmental, industry, labor, environmental, tribal, and community partners. Speaker presentations, panel discussions, and audience participation highlighted the importance of prioritizing communities and creating space for open and productive dialogue to ensure the deployment of carbon management technologies is achieved in a responsible and timely way.

## Sessions Held

- The Role of Carbon Management in Achieving US Climate and Energy Goals
- The State of Carbon Management—Moving from Ambition to Action
- Capturing Better Futures in Vernon Parish: A Carbon Management Success Story
- Decision Support Tool for Louisiana Carbon Management
- Decarbonizing the West with the Western Governors' Association
- Building Trust: Engaging Communities and the Public in Siting Carbon Management & Other Clean Energy Projects
- Exploring the Numbers: How will Carbon Management Translate into Economic and Worker Benefits?
- Organized Labor and the Clean Energy Transition
- Integrating Equity and Environmental Justice into Carbon Management Deployment
- Improving Air Quality: Analyzing the Co-Benefits of Carbon Capture
- Understanding Public Sentiment Toward Carbon Management
- Engaging with the Department of Energy on Carbon Management



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September 29 - October 1

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The [Carbon Action Alliance](http://www.carbonactionalliance.org) is a growing network of industry, labor, nonprofit, government, and community leaders working together to inform the public about carbon management opportunities, address decarbonization challenges, support project deployment, and benefit communities.

The Carbon Action Alliance is an initiative of the [Great Plains Institute](http://www.greatplainsinstitute.org). A nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, the Great Plains Institute (GPI) accelerates the transition to net-zero carbon emissions for the benefit of people, the economy, and the environment. Learn more at [www.betterenergy.org](http://www.betterenergy.org).