2021 FIRST-TIME ACCREDITATION REGISTRATION

Overview
Application slots for first-time accreditation in 2021 will be filled via lottery. Your organization may register for the lottery any time between Noon Eastern on June 1 and 5:00 pm Eastern on June 30, 2020, using an online system accessible through the Commission’s website. Completing and submitting the registration form enters an organization into the lottery. The lottery will be drawn in July 2020.

Organizations can choose to register for any and all rounds available (TBD). An organization that selects all available rounds (as applicable) will get more than one opportunity to be selected, and must be prepared to meet the pre-application and application due dates for those rounds. If your organization enters the lottery and is not chosen for an application slot in 2021, it is guaranteed a slot in 2022 (the next time that first-time application slots are available).

What Information is Requested at Registration?
The registration form has five sections: eligibility and registration requirements; organization information; accreditation primary contact; related corporations; and Registration Terms of Agreement; these are followed by a payment form.

Eligibility and Registration Requirements
A registrant must be able to respond “Yes” to:
- Are you a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity or quasi-governmental organization?
- Have you been incorporated for at least 2 years?
- Have you completed at least two direct land or easement acquisition projects?

Organization Information, Accreditation Primary Contact, and Related Corporations
In this section you provide information on the organization, the accreditation contact, and any related entities.

Registration Terms of Agreement
Your organization must agree to the Registration Terms of Agreement (available online).

Payment Form
Enter credit card and billing information for the nonrefundable, nontransferable $850 registration fee and select “Submit”. Payments will be processed by a secure online payment system; the fee may be paid via VISA, Discover, MasterCard, or eCheck/ACH. (Your organization must also be prepared to pay the application fee, which will be due at the time of application.)