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NRECA was founded in 1942 to unite rural electric systems in a way that would permit them to develop the services and the support needed to properly serve rural America. NRECA is one of the largest rural-oriented organizations in the United States. The NRECA Cooperative Research Network, a service of NRECA that has partially supported development of this toolkit, was created to conduct studies and carry out research of special interest to rural electric systems and their consumers.

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- Improve productivity
- Control costs
- Increase service excellence
- Keep pace with emerging technologies

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