



Inclusive Energy Economy



CEBN's Inclusive Energy Economy Update highlights news, business resources, and events at the nexus of economic opportunity, clean energy, and diversity, equity & inclusion.

This week, find out about a reverse pitch event hosted by Women in Cleantech and Sustainability, three new funding opportunities for energy communities, and pro bono technical assistance for communities facing environmental injustice.

Events



July 11-12, 2023 | New Orleans Marriott | New Orleans, Louisiana

Registration is OPEN!



July 11-12: 2023 Small Business Forum & Expo (New Orleans, LA)

Hosted by the DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, the 2023 Small Business Forum & Expo is designed specifically to connect small businesses with the

Department's national laboratories and program offices as well as the prime contractors all of whom help advance the Agency's missions. Early-bird registration is now live!

March 9: [Women in Cleantech and Sustainability: Reverse Pitch Event](#)

Attention Founders, co-founders, entrepreneurs, CFOs and business development leaders! We're flipping the script! A couple dozen representatives from the entrepreneur support, investor, and banking community who prioritize sustainability and environmental solution businesses will be pitching to you. Find your funding match during this event.

March 21: [Energizing Rural Communities Prize - Informational Webinar](#)

The [Energizing Rural Communities Prize](#) challenges individuals and organizations to develop partnership plans or innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects. Cash prizes of \$100,000 are offered in Stage 1. Join the prize administration team on 3/21 to learn about the prize goals, structure, timeline, and strategies for developing a successful application.

Funding Opportunities for Environmental Justice

[Three New Federal Programs Announced For Energy Communities](#)

The Department of Energy, Department of Treasury, and the IRS have recently announced three new opportunities available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act that benefit energy communities.

- The [Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program](#) provides \$750M to accelerate clean energy manufacturing in energy communities.
 - The [Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit \(48C\)](#) program provides up to \$10B in tax credits to qualifying investments in cleantech manufacturing and recycling; industrial GHG emissions reductions; or critical minerals processing, refining, and recycling
 - The [Low-Income Communities Bonus Credit program \(48\(e\)\)](#) provides up to a 20% boost to the investment tax credit for small-scale (<5MW) solar and wind energy projects in low-income communities and tribal land.
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[Low-Income Community Solar and Energy Assistance Fellowship](#)

This fellowship offers energy professionals the opportunity to work with state and regional organizations to support the development of the [Community Solar Subscription Tool](#). The fellowship will enable talented candidates from diverse backgrounds to spend up to two years working at host organizations in participating pilot regions.

Miller Center Accelerator

Miller Center's Silicon Valley-based, globally recognized, investment readiness accelerator helps leaders develop pathways to scale and prepare for next-level investment. The Miller Center focuses on social enterprises working on women's economic empowerment and/or climate resilience. [Apply by March 31.](#)

Featured Resource

Environmental Protection Network

- The Environmental Protection Network (EPN) consists of EPA alumni working to preserve the nation's bipartisan progress toward clean air, water, land and climate protection. [Learn more](#) about EPN's pro bono technical assistance for communities experiencing environmental injustice and the NGOs supporting them.
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