DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information on Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes for Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid


ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) invites public comment on its request for information (RFI) regarding formula grants to be awarded to States and Indian Tribes to support investments for preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid. The purpose of the RFI is to collect stakeholder feedback to inform DOE’s structuring of such formula grants to States and Indian Tribes, with funding made available through a provision of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received by no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 2, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit questions, comments, and responses to the Department’s RFI to the following email address: 40101formulagrant@hq.doe.gov. Include “Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes for Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid” in the subject line of the email. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) attachment to the email, and no more than 5 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. If possible, copy and paste the RFI sections as a template for your responses. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (i.e., zipped) to ensure message delivery. Only electronic responses will be accepted. The complete RFI document, as well as, documents describing DOE’s plans for implementing section 40101(d), and other pertinent information are available at https://netl.doe.gov/bilhub/grid-resilience/formula-grants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments and questions may also be addressed to: Patricia Hoffman, Grid Deployment Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585 (202)-586–6074, pat.hoffman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 40101(d) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117–58), codified at 42 U.S.C. 18711(d), directs the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to establish a formula grant program to provide funds to States and Indian Tribes to support investments for preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid. Under section 40101(d), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is authorized to provide up to $459 million annually over a five-year period (for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026) to States and Indian Tribes according to an award formula based on five statutory factors. States and Indian Tribes are required to submit annual applications to DOE to receive funding. The Department seeks input, in the form of comments and questions, from all stakeholders on DOE’s plans for implementing section 40101(d), including on the application and award requirements, the award formula allocation, and the technical assistance approach. Documents that provide this information are located at: https://
should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked “Confidential Commercial and Financial Information” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination. The copy containing confidential commercial and financial information must include a cover sheet marked as follows identifying the specific pages containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information: “Notice of Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data: Pages [list applicable pages] of this response may contain confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure.” The Government may use or disclose any information that is not appropriately marked or otherwise restricted, regardless of source. In addition, (1) the header and footer of every page that contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be marked as follows: “Contains Confidential, Commercial, or Financial Information Exempt from Public Disclosure” and (2) every line and paragraph containing proprietary, privileged, or trade secret information must be clearly marked with [double brackets] or highlighting.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 27, 2022, by Patricia A. Hoffman, Acting Director of the Grid Deployment Office, puruant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document on publication in the Federal Register.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 28, 2022.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid open meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this in-person/virtual hybrid meeting be announced in the Federal Register.

**DATES:** Thursday, June 2, 2022; 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This hybrid meeting will be conducted in person for Board members, Department of Energy (DOE) representatives and Board support staff, and virtually for all other participants.

Board members, DOE representatives and support staff will participate in-person, strictly following COVID–19 precautionary measures, at: The Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Room 165, Piketon, OH 45661.

Board liaisons and DOE contractors will participate via virtual platforms.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Roberts, Board Support Manager, by Phone: (270) 554–3004 or Email: eric@pgdpcab.org.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Tentative Agenda**

- Review of Agenda
- Administrative Issues
- Reading of Public Comments

**Public Participation:** The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public. To obtain the link to observe this meeting, please contact the Portsmouth Board Support Manager at the aforementioned email address by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 30, 2022. Please put “Meeting Link” in the subject line. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting as there will not be opportunities for live public comment during this online virtual meeting. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 30, 2022, will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5:00 p.m.