

# CONSENT-BASED SITING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



## FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH CONSENT-BASED SITING ACTIVITIES

The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a \$16 million funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support community engagement with DOE's consent-based siting activities. *As a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 114-328) enacted in December 2022, the Department is increasing the available funds for this FOA by \$10 million for a new total of \$26 million.* This funding will foster the development of innovative community ideas and feedback specific to siting one or more federal consolidated interim storage facilities for the nation's spent nuclear fuel. To view the FOA, visit [energy.gov/consentbasedsiting](https://energy.gov/consentbasedsiting)

This funding opportunity is another important step toward building understanding between interested communities, organizations, and DOE about the consent-based siting process without yet looking for a volunteer host community. In later phases, DOE will engage with communities that express interest in potentially hosting one or more facilities.



## WHAT IS THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

This funding opportunity will support awardees who will represent consent-based siting consortia that will operate over a period of 18-24 months. Each consortium or awardee will act as information, engagement, and resource hubs to:

- **Advance mutual learning** involving public participation and provide ease of access to information-sharing.
- **Foster open discussions** about consent-based siting, management of spent nuclear fuel, interim storage, siting considerations, and the role a federal consolidated interim storage facility could play in interested communities.
- **Develop and build** new community and stakeholder engagement capacity.
- **Strengthen existing relationships** with one or more communities.
- **Conduct activities** to identify equitable community decision-making processes.
- **Provide feedback** aimed at increasing a collaborative relationship with DOE.
- **Provide direct grants** to interested communities to ensure participation and remove barriers.



## Funding Update

On January 18, 2023, DOE announced an increase in total available funds to **\$26 million**.  
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## WHO IS INVITED TO APPLY?

This funding opportunity invites proposals from communities and organizations interested in learning more about consent-based siting. Potential awardees will engage communities within the continental United States to support community engagement in consent-based siting activities. Eligible awardees include, but are not limited to:

- Higher-education institutions (colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning)
- Tribal, State, and Local governments (municipalities, towns, cities, and counties)
- Community foundations
- Non-governmental organizations (trade associations, 501(c)(3) organizations, and other public groups)

Federally funded research and development centers are not eligible to apply for funding.



Scan QR CODE to learn more about consent-based siting.



## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION?

Proposals should demonstrate how an awardee plans to organize, lead, and maintain meaningful and inclusive engagement activities related to nuclear waste management. These activities are divided into three main tasks:

1. Organize, lead, and maintain meaningful, inclusive community, and stakeholder engagement processes related to the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel.
2. Elicit and map public values, interests, concerns and goals to promote and enable effective collaboration and community-driven insights and feedback toward refinement of a consent-based siting process aimed at siting a potential federal consolidated interim storage facility.
3. Develop, implement and report outcomes and strategies that support mutual learning among stakeholders, communities and experts on spent nuclear fuel-related topics.

Refer to the full funding opportunity announcement for greater detail specific to each area.



## WHEN IS THE LETTER OF INTENT DUE?

All interested applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit a letter of intent that includes:

- Name of applicant
- Title of project
- Name of project director or principal investigator(s)
- Estimated project cost
- One-page abstract

Within 30 days of the FOA issuance date, email your letter of intent to [consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov](mailto:consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov). In the subject line type: Letter of Intent for DE-FOA-0002575.

All submissions will remain confidential.



## WHEN SHOULD YOU SUBMIT?

**October 20, 2022**

Optional letter of intent due

**January 16, 2023**

To submit FOA specific questions

**January 31, 2023**

Application due



## WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

All application submissions must conform to requirements outlined in the funding opportunity announcement. Applications must be emailed to the DOE contracts specialist at [consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov](mailto:consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov) on or before the application due date of **January 31, 2023**.



## HAVE A FOA QUESTION?

Questions regarding the content of this FOA must be submitted via electronic mail to [consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov](mailto:consent-based-siting-project@id.doe.gov). Questions must clearly specify the FOA areas to which they refer. DOE response is dependent on volume of questions and availability of staff. DOE will try to respond to a question within five business days. If a similar question has already been asked and answered, it will appear in the amended portion of the online FOA.



## DISCLAIMER

This information summarizes key aspects of this funding opportunity. Applicants must refer to, and comply with, all application requirements found in the complete funding opportunity announcement. In the event that there is a discrepancy between this information and the funding opportunity announcement, the latter shall take precedent.

To request translation or an alternate format of this flyer, please email your request to: [consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov)

DOE is committed to a consent-based siting approach that enables broad participation and centers equity and environmental justice.

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