Geothermal Rising: Annual Conference 2021

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YOU are the key to our success!

The entire geothermal community helps to advance geothermal R&D.
Administration Priorities

Build Back Better: Create a vibrant, clean energy economy that benefits all Americans.

- 100% clean energy electricity by 2035.
- Cut CO2 emissions in half by 2030.
- Support transition of fossil fuels workforce to renewable energy.
- Create millions of new clean energy jobs.
- Deliver 40% of the benefits of clean energy to disadvantaged communities.

Secretary Granholm (right) and Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) meet with students of the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program.

Kelly Speakes-Backman, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy with President Biden at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, where the President delivered remarks on building a clean energy future and a stronger economy.
FY 2022 Budget Status

• Where are we in the FY 2022 budget cycle?

• The current Infrastructure Bill – what can we expect to see for geothermal?
A new mission, built on an urgent need for action.
Renewed Mission, Renewed Purpose

EERE Mission

Equitably transition America to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide by no later than 2050.

Ensure the clean energy economy benefits all Americans, creating good paying jobs for the American people...

...especially workers and communities impacted by the energy transition and those historically underserved by the energy system and overburdened by pollution.

Keys to Ensure the Greatest Impact

- Environmental Justice & Equity
- Diversity in STEM
- Workforce Development
- State & Local Partnerships

EERE Program Priorities

- 100% decarbonized electric grid by 2035
- Decarbonize transportation across all modes
- Enable a net-zero agricultural sector
- Reduce the carbon footprint of buildings
DOE and EERE Response

• **DOE/EERE Budgets:** Expected budget increases reflecting the urgency of climate change.

• **Joint Office Partnerships:** Emphasis on cross-office collaboration.

• **Critical Materials:** Focus on securing the supply of critical materials that build clean energy technologies.

• **S1 Deployment Metrics:** Quantify and accelerate the deployment of existing renewable resources.
New DOE and EERE Initiatives

- **Inclusive Innovation Prize**: Prize that identifies and incentivizes activities to help traditionally underrepresented groups apply for and receive DOE funding.

- **DOE Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Program)**: Under LEAP pilot, supportive services, valued at up to $16M, provided to low-income, energy-burdened communities for community-driven clean energy transitions.

- **EEEJ Analytical Roadmap**

- **EEEJ Metric and Stakeholder Engagement Guidance (December)**
As always, GTO is ready for the challenge...
GTO’s FY 2022 Budget Request:

- Exceeds previous appropriations.
  - Up 54% from FY 2021 and nearly tripled from FY 2015
- Focus on driving down the cost of geothermal and ensure that it’s integrated into a resilient power system.
- Follows on years of growth that will help geothermal reach its potential.
FY 2022 Emphases

- **Renew the focus** on demonstration and deployment along with continued support of research and development.
- **Tackle the climate crisis head on** - work to achieve the Administration's goals of a carbon free grid by 2035 and a 100% clean energy economy by 2050.
  - Geothermal offers near-term renewable electricity deployment for 2035 goal.
  - Geothermal offers grid efficiency through geothermal heating and cooling, mapping to 2050 goal.
- **Incorporate tenets** of DEI, EJ, workforce development, diversity in STEM, just transitions for disadvantaged communities.
  - DEI merit review criteria, observers
  - New projects dedicated to deployment, modeling, utility outreach, Alaska outreach
FY 2022 Request Initiatives

Frontier Observatory in Research in Geothermal Energy (FORGE) ($20M)
Utah FORGE drilled the first-ever highly deviated geothermal well at a rate twice the industry standard. In FY 2022, GTO will support the next R&D solicitation, contributing to meeting Administration goals for a carbon-free electric grid.

Drilling Technology Demonstration Campaign ($20M)
This campaign will enable field demonstration to prove utility and efficacy to industry and attract future private investment and use to further the Nation's goal to a 100 percent clean energy economy.

Geothermal Energy from Oil and gas Demonstrated Engineering (GEODE) ($10M)
This is a new consortium designed to leverage the oil & gas subsurface industry to help solve geothermal energy’s toughest challenges.

Shown here is a drilling rig at the FORGE site outside of Milford, Utah. RD&D at FORGE continues through 2024 and will drive technological advances in enhanced geothermal systems. Photo: Eric Larson / FORGE Utah
FY 2022 Request Initiatives

Community Geothermal Heating & Cooling Technical Assistance & Deployment ($15M)
This initiative funds technical assistance to demonstrate, deploy, and implement community-scale direct use geothermal district energy systems through installation of geothermal heat pumps (GHP) and/or direct use of geothermal fluids.

Federal Partnerships for Geothermal Installations ($5.4M)
GTO and FEMP will make it possible for Federal agencies (DOD, GSA, State, NASA, DOE Labs, Park Service) to consider geothermal energy to heat/cool (and in some limited cases, potentially power) their installations.

Next Generation Connected Communities ($5M)
GTO will collaborate with the Building Technologies Office to demonstrate the market viability of highly energy-efficient, demand-flexible, low-carbon buildings integrated with distributed energy resources (DERs) to cost-effectively contribute to America’s transition to a zero-carbon grid.

Military installations and university campuses are among the variety of locations that can benefit from direct use geothermal. Shown here are the Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada and Cornell University in New York.
Status of Ongoing Initiatives

- **Hydroprops** (hydraulic properties) selection announcement on Sept. 20.
- **FY 2022 AOPs** with DOE National Labs will be finalized in November 2021.
- Lithium Extraction from Geothermal Brines Prize **Phase 1 winners** to be announced at COP26 in Glasgow on Nov. 4.
- GCC submission deadline on Nov. 4.
...and with your help we can usher in a new world of geothermal opportunities.
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