Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Eastern Workshop

Day One: Wednesday, October 26

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Time	Topic	Format	Description
2-2:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Presentation	• Welcome and introductions • Purpose and collaborative objectives
2:15-3 p.m.	Why It Matters	Presentation	• Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations intro • ERA program overview and how it relates to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law • ERA provision priorities • RFI Overview
3-3:15 p.m.	Networking Break		
3:15-4 p.m.	What to Expect and How to Prepare	Panel plus Q&A	• OCED Project Management approach • Justice 40 and equity and environmental justice overview • Technical assistance potential
4 p.m.	Remarks	Presentation	• Preparation for day two dialogue

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Day Two: Thursday, October 27

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Time	Topic	Format	Description
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Presentation	• Key takeaways from day one • Agenda, goals, and objectives for day two
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Clean Energy Transition in Rural or Remote Areas	Panel plus Q&A	Clean energy case studies, developments, and opportunities in rural communities, including topics such as, public/private partnerships, financing mechanisms, operations, maintenance, and sustainability
9:45-10 a.m.	Networking Break		
10-11:30 a.m.	Breaking Through the Gaps	Breakout groups	• Where is federal support needed most to assist energy improvements programs in rural and remote communities? • Small group discussions to identify technical assistance potential and review lessons learned from past projects.
11:30-12:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch		
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Identifying the Options to Demonstrate Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas	Panel plus Q&A	• Alignment on the pathways for clean energy demonstrations in rural and remote communities including topics such as innovative or novel approaches to incorporate technologies new to a community, alternative project frameworks, and workforce development methods to support energy programs
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Networking Break		
1:45-3:15 p.m.	Defining a Successful Project	Breakout groups	• What are the components of a successful demonstration project? • Small group discussions on overall project success and components including types of projects, effective project management, community assets and partnerships, financing, etc.
3:15-4 p.m.	Wrap Up and Closing	Remarks	• Closing, appreciation, and next steps