

Agenda

October 12 and 13, 2022
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
15003 Denver West Parkway
Golden, CO 80401

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

Day One: Wednesday, October 12

All times shown in Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Time	Topic	Format	Speakers	Description
2-2:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Presentation	MC: Sean Esterly, NREL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and introductions.Purpose and collaborative objectives.
2:15-3 p.m.	Why It Matters	Presentation	OCED staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Regina Galer, Program Manager, ERAMichael Kuca, Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) intro.ERA Program 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 staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Klembara, Director of Strategy & DesignCatherine Clark, Energy Justice LiaisonMichael Kuca, Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OCED project management approach.Justice 40 and equity and environmental justice overview.Technical assistance potential.
4 p.m.	Adjourn	Presentation	MC: Sean Esterly, NREL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preparation for day two dialogue.



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Day Two (morning): Thursday, October 13

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Time	Topic	Format	Speakers	Description
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction	Presentation	MC: Michael Kuca, Engineer, OCED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Key takeaways from day one.Agenda, goals, and objectives for day two.
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Clean Energy Panel	Panel plus Q&A	Moderator: Peter Cappers, LBL Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mark Walter, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Savion EnergyReg Rudolph, Chief Energy Innovation Office, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assn	Clean energy case studies, developments, and opportunities in rural communities including topics such as public/private partnerships, financing mechanisms, operations, maintenance, and sustainability.
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Community and Economic Development Perspectives	Panel plus Q&A	Moderator: Thomas Mosier, INL Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">William Barber III, CEO, Rural Beacon InitiativeSarah Gimont, Associate Legislative Director, National Association of Counties	Integration of regional economic development with clean energy projects including topics such as financing, local and regional economic development planning and impact, project management structures, and the potential and pathway for community ownership.
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Networking Break			
10:45-noon	Identifying the Opportunity	Panel plus Q&A	Moderator: Jed Jorgenson, PNNL Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris McConnell, Director, Rural Energy Alaska ProjectSuzanne Singer, Executive Director, Native RenewablesTrent Thompson, Economic Development Representative for Colorado, EDA, U.S. Department of Commerce	Alignment on the opportunity 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.
Noon-1 p.m.	Networking Lunch			



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Time	Topic	Format	Speakers	Description
Noon-1 p.m.	Networking Lunch			
1-2 p.m.	Breaking Through the Gaps	Breakout groups	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sean Esterly, NRELMichael Kuca, Engineer, OCED Table Leads: Lab Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
2-3 p.m.	Defining a Successful Project	Breakout groups	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sean Esterly, NRELMichael Kuca, Engineer, OCED Table Leads: Lab Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
3-3:15 p.m.	Networking Break			
3:15-4 p.m.	Wrap Up and Closing	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Michael Kuca, Engineer, OCED &Thomas Mosier, INL	Closing, appreciation, and next steps.

