



Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations



#### **Clean Energy Demonstrations on Mine Land Workshop**

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#### **Program Vision**



# Demonstrate innovative mine land conversion to replicable clean energy projects



#### **Program Details**

- **\$500M**, available through 2026
- Up to five (5) clean energy projects total, with at least two (2) projects being solar
- Emphasis on economic development and environmental justice, lasting beyond chosen projects
- Recipients will be selected in competitive solicitation
- Estimated application opening date:
   2023





#### **Program Details**

#### "Clean Energy Project" demonstrates 1 *or more* of the following technologies:

- Solar
- Micro-grids
- Geothermal
- Direct air capture
- Fossil generation with carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration
- Energy storage, including (but not limited to) pumped-storage hydropower and compressed air
- Advanced nuclear

#### Mine Land is defined as:

- Land subject to SMCRA and Mining Law of 1872
- Includes:
  - Active, inactive, and abandoned
  - Public and private land
  - Coal and hard rock





### **Workshop Goals and Objectives**

#### **Stakeholders:**

- Gain thorough understanding of the Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land
- Opportunity to interact with each other and OCED staff to discuss ideas, challenges, and solutions

#### **Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations:**

- Feedback from stakeholders on opportunities, drivers, challenges, and potential impacts of clean energy development on mine land
- Forum for stakeholder networking
- Stakeholder input for program design

The largest solar farm in Kentucky will be built on a former coal mine



A 200 megawat (WW) solar form will be built on a former coal more in eastern Returkly it will be the largest solar project in Kentucky and will provide employment opportunities for former coal workers. Source: Electrek



#### CLIMATE CHANGE STOR

Mining the Sun: How Nevada and West Virginia are Reclaiming Former Mine Lands with Solar Panels Source: The Nature Conservancy



### **Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations**

# Mission:

"Deliver clean energy technology demonstration projects at scale in partnership with the private sector to accelerate deployment, market adoption, and the equitable transition to a decarbonized energy system."



Source: energycommunities.gov

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Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program	Energy Storage Demonstration and Pilot Grants		
arbon Capture Large-Scale Pilot Projects	Industrial Emissions Demonstration Projects		
Carbon Capture Demonstration Projects Program	Long Duration Demonstration Initiative and Joint Program		
lean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land	Program Upgrading Our Electric Grid and Ensuring Reliability and Resiliency		
nergy Improvement in Rural and Remote Areas	Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs		







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#### **Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations**

Melissa Klembara Director, Portfolio Strategy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) October 11, 2022

# OCED Role Across Research, Development, Demonstration & Deployment (RDD&D) Continuum





Initial ApplicationInitial Applicati	Application Phase	Phase 1: Detailed Project Plan	Phase 2: Project Development	Phase 3: Construct & Integrate	Phase 4: Ramp-Up & Operate
	Pre - DOE funding	\$[TBD] Funding, Up to 50% DOE Share, 12-18 Months	\$[TBD] Funding, Up to 50% DOE Share, 2-3 Years	<pre>\$[TBD] Funding, Up to 50% DOE Share, 3-4 Years</pre>	<pre>\$[TBD] Funding, Up to 50% DOE Share, 2-4 Years</pre>
Engineering, Procurement, Construction	<ul> <li>Conceptual Design</li> <li>Technical Readiness</li> <li>Project Schedule</li> <li>Total Project Cost Estimate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engineering &amp; Design Documents</li> <li>Technical Maturation Plans</li> <li>Integrated Project Schedules</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mature Engineering &amp; Design</li> <li>Technical Risk Management</li> <li>Execution ready schedule &amp; cost estimate, PM Tools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing Execution Reporting</li> <li>Interim Go/No-Go reviews</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing performance Reporting</li> <li>Tech Risk Updates, Tracking</li> <li>Final TPC accounting</li> </ul>
Business Development & Management	<ul> <li>Business Strategy</li> <li>Team Description</li> <li>Workforce Plan</li> <li>Finance Plan</li> <li>Market potential analysis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Management Plan</li> <li>Risk Management Plan</li> <li>Financial Modelling</li> <li>Site Selection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Finalized Project Structure, Management, Financing</li> <li>Ongoing Risk Management</li> <li>Final legal, workforce, procurement agreements</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Ongoing Execution Reporting</li><li>Ongoing Risk Management</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Updated financial analyses</li> <li>Revised growth plans</li> <li>Updated Risk Management</li> </ul>
Permitting & Safety	<ul><li>Safety Plan(s)</li><li>Regulatory Overview</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Safety Plan</li> <li>Physical, Information, Cyber Security Plans</li> <li>Environmental &amp; Regulatory preparations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Execution ready safety and security plans</li> <li>Permits &amp; Approvals in place for Construction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing Permit and Environmental Reporting</li> <li>Permits &amp; Approvals in place for Operations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing permit, safety, and security reporting</li> </ul>
Community Engagement & Impacts	<ul><li>Stakeholder Identification,</li><li>Communities Impact Analysis</li></ul>	<ul><li>Community Development Analysis</li><li>Stakeholder Engagement</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Finalized DEI, EEJ, J40 Plans</li> <li>Community Impact targets identified, tracking plans</li> </ul>	Ongoing reporting on community engagement activities	<ul> <li>Revised community engagement plans for operations</li> <li>Ongoing impacts analysis</li> </ul>
Technical Data & Analysis	<ul> <li>Lifecycle Emissions Analysis</li> <li>Techno-economic Analyses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project Production Model</li> <li>Updated Lifecycle Emissions and Technoeconomic Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Final Lifecycle Emissions &amp; Technoeconomic Analyses</li> <li>V&amp;V and Project Completion Testing Plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Periodic analyses updates</li> <li>V&amp;V data collection</li> <li>Project completion testing and performance ramp V&amp;V</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Validated performance model</li> <li>Finalize lifecycle and technoeconomic analyses</li> <li>Dissemination of analyses, Lessons Learned</li> </ul>



# Thank You!

#### For additional updates and information, visit: <u>www.energy.gov/office-clean-energy-demonstrations</u>

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#### **Clean Energy Demonstrations on Mine Land: Information Gathering and Planning**

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### **Strategy: Information Gathering and Planning**

- Mine land development poses unique challenges with significant opportunities
- Successful demonstrations depend on information gathering and planning
- OCED's initial focus:
  - Engaging stakeholders with calls, presentations, and targeted outreach
  - Building connections with colleagues in state and federal government
  - Identifying success stories
  - Conducting Request For Information (RFI) with public and private stakeholders



"Miners Prospecting," Frederic Remington. Source: Library of Congress.



#### **RFI Process Details**

- RFI was open for responses June August 2022
- Question categories:
  - Mine Land Development
  - Mine Land Operations
  - Job Creation Potential and Challenges
  - Technology-Specific Concerns
  - Mine Land Program Implementation
  - Equity, Environmental and Energy Justice (EEEJ) Priorities
- 84 responses received



- Project developer/owner
- State and local government
- Industry organization
- Mine owner/operator
- Community, environment, labor
- Federal government, national labs
- Academic/research institute



# **RFI Summary of Responses**

#### **Challenges For Development**

- Complicated ownership, mineral rights, and multiple regulatory regimes
- Changing post mining land use (SMCRA requirements) to clean energy development
- Scale of project large enough for profitability (i.e., commercial vs utility scale)
- Lack of data describing sites, including environmental and regulatory status
- Impacted water quality and soil geotechnical (subsidence) conditions major challenge
- Job quality, consistency, and wages
- Landscape and area requirements, transmission access, and remoteness
- Unpredictability of these projects creates investment challenge





# **RFI Summary of Responses**

#### **Opportunities for Success**

- Reclamation plans integrating future development (i.e., grading) with existing infrastructure
- Collaborate across entities to make economic case for CEML
- Large opportunities for job retraining and skills relevance
- Co-locating energy (i.e., generation + storage)
- Clean energy projects providing generation behind the meter or grid connected
- Clean energy co-located with data centers
- Increased coordination between DOE and other federal agencies
- Proactive engagement with local communities





# **RFI Summary of Responses**

#### **Demonstration Excellence**

- Demonstrations that are scalable, replicable, and economically viable
- Well-informed and meaningful community input and outreach
- Understanding the roles that community ownership, benefit agreements, union labor, etc. to ensure a successful project
- Cultural sensitivity will be key, especially for development on Tribal land
- Utilize valuable land resource to advance clean energy technologies and reduce GHG emission's while building up our communities





# What's Next for OCED?

- From listening to planning
- Efforts are evolving based on continued stakeholder feedback
- Gather information to assist potential applicants for successful projects
  - Stakeholder Engagement Workshop(s)
    - Virtual (Oct. 25-26, 2022)
  - Technical Assistance (Open!)
  - Datasets, tools, maps
- Funding Opportunity Announcement (2023)



Gold Mining in California, Currier & Ives, 1876. Source: Library of Congress



# **Technical Assistance (Now Open!)**

Assist stakeholders to evaluate viability and benefits of clean energy development on mine land

#### Who is Eligible:

- State and local governments
- Tribes
- Not-for-profit community-based organizations in current and former mining communities
- Industry representatives from (private or public) companies

#### **Technical Assistance Categories:**

- Job creation and economic development
- GHG reduction potential
- Development of lower-cost electricity generation

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# **Equity, Energy, and Environmental Justice**

Catherine Clark Energy Justice Liaison Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) October 11, 2022



# Our energy system is inequitable

# **Energy burden and energy insecurity**

#### Energy burden: % of household income spent on home energy costs Energy insecurity: an inability to pay for basic energy needs (heat, cooling, light)





# **Energy burden and energy insecurity in rural areas**







The High Cost of Energy in Rural America: Household Energy Burdens and Opportunities for Energy Efficiency; Lauren Ross, Ariel Drehobl, and Brian Stickle, 2018

#### **Air Toxics Exposure**

Disproportionate Pollution Burdens Among Full 2018 RSEI Data

	Pollution Burden 2018 RSEI Data	Proportion of 2018 U.S. Population
Minority	47.8%	38.9%
Black or African-American	17.3%	12.3%
Hispanic	23.5%	17.8%
Poor (below poverty level)	17.6%	14.1%
Near Poor (below 200% of poverty level)	37.3%	31.9%

Share of 2018 RSEI pollution burden carried by 5 populations vs their proportions in 2018 US pop

**Research Brief: Environmental Justice Across Industrial Sectors** - Greenpeace USA <u>https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/research/environmental-justice-industrial-sectors/</u>



# **Clean energy access**



Percentages of Each Census Tract With and Without Existing Rooftop Photovoltaic Installations

Sunter, D.A., Castellanos, S. & Kammen, D.M. Disparities in rooftop photovoltaics deployment in United States by race and ethnicity. *Nat Sustain.* 71–76 (2019).

Median Household Income (2013 USD)



# **Environmental injustice on mine land**

#### Justice

#### 'We're Losing Our People'

Covid-19 ravaged Indigenous tribes in New Mexico. State and federal data reveal how a long legacy of uranium exposure may have made them uniquely vulnerable.

**By Eli Cahan, Capital & Main** September 13, 2022



https://insideclimatenews.org/news/13092022/were-losing-our-people/

# Extreme weather is making mining waste a major problem

New report calls for revamped safety standards as companies race to meet demand for clean energy minerals.

Lina Tran · Climate & Energy · June 2, 2022

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NEWS NEWSCASTS CORONAVIRUS CLASSIFIEDS OUTSIDE PRESS POOL OPINION

Hundreds rally in San Jose for protection of sacred tribal land from mining project

Over 400 people gather to call on Santa Clara County to deny approval of proposed mine on sacred lands

PRESS POOL • SEP 12, 2022



# What are environmental and energy justice?

#### **Environmental justice**

- Fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people (race, national origin, income)
- Development, implementation, and enforcement
- Ensure everyone the same degree of protection and access to decision-making

#### **Energy Justice**

- Social and economic participation in the energy system
- Remediation of social, economic, and health burdens on frontline communities, centering their concerns
- Accessible, affordable, clean, and democratically managed energy



Initiative for Energy Justice <u>Defining Energy Justice: Connections</u> to Environmental Justice, Climate Justice, and the Just Transition



## Justice40

EO 14008 Sec 223 – Justice40 – how Federal investments might be made for **40% of the overall benefits** of **certain federal investments** to flow to **disadvantaged communities** 





### What does Justice40 cover?

#### **Federal investments**

Federal grant & procurements

Financing (credit, loans, guarantees)

Provision of goods & services

Staffing costs

Others per OMB

#### In these areas

Climate change

Clean energy, energy efficiency

**Clean transportation** 

Affordable and sustainable housing

Training/workforce development

Remediation of legacy pollution

Clean water/waste infrastructure



# **DOE definition for Disadvantaged Communities**

# Qualifying census tracts: 13,581 (18.6%)

#### Additional native lands:

703 native populations in 858 locations

#### **U.S. territories:**

Virgin Islands, Northern Marianas, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico

https://www.energy.gov/diversity/justice40-initiative





# **DOE Justice40 Policy Priorities**

In disadvantaged communities:

- L. Decrease energy burden
  - Decrease environmental exposure and burdens
- 3. Increase parity in clean energy technology access and adoption
- 4. Increase access to low-cost capital
- 5. Increase clean energy enterprise creation (Minority/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)
- 6. Increase the clean energy job pipeline and job training
- 7. Increase energy resiliency
- 8. Increase energy democracy



#### Equity, Energy, and Environmental Justice at OCED

- Collaborating across DOE to support the Justice40 Initiative
- OCED-funded programs are incorporating requirements related to
  - Energy and environmental justice and Justice40 Initiative
  - Community and labor engagement
  - Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
  - Quality jobs and workforce development
  - $\rightarrow$  recent example includes Hydrogen Hubs FOA
- Supporting EJ TCTACs (applications due November 1)



#### **Community Benefits Plan**





# **Priorities into action-oriented plans**



Vision: We affirm we care about justice / engagement / DEIA / quality jobs

Assessment: We mapped or assessed underserved communities / stakeholders / DEIA

**Goals:** From our assessment and engagement, we know X is lacking, so we want to improve in X

**Outcomes:** We know we have succeeded when Y (specific target) is reached

**Implementation:** To achieve Y, [specific actor] has to do Z [in specific timeframe]



# **Community and Labor Engagement**

- Social Characterization Assessment (social, economic, historical, political context for affected area)
- Stakeholders Analysis, especially traditionally excluded groups
- Engagement methods and timelines
- Two-way engagement Statement
- Workforce and Community Agreements Statement
- Engagement Evaluation Strategy
- Resource Summary



# **Investing in the American Workforce**

- Quality jobs
- Workforce development
- Worker rights
- Implementation Strategies
- Resource summary

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	Solar Generation	Nuclear Generation	Natural Gas Generation	Wind Generation	National Workforce Demo- graphics <sup>MII</sup>	EPG Overall
Male	70%	64%	64%	69%	53%	68%
Female	30%	36%	36%	31%	47%	32%
Hispanic or Latinx	20%	15%	18%	20%	18%	18%
Not Hispanic or Latinx	80%	85%	82%	80%	82%	82%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian	9%	10%	10%	10%	6%	10%
Black or African American	8%	12%	10%	8%	12%	9%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
White	71%	66%	64%	69%	78%	69%
Two or more races	9%	10%	14%	11%	2%	10%

2020 U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER) (usenergyjobs.org)



#### Electric Power Generation Demographics by Sub-technology, 2019

# Diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility

- Assessment of current state of DEIA in your project/company and prior and ongoing DEIA efforts
- Implementation strategies, milestones, and timelines based on goals and desired outcomes
- Resource Summary



### **Justice40 Initiative**

#### Assessment

- Who is impacted, and the burdens they already experience
- Benefits, where they flow
- Harms, where they flow
- Information gaps

#### Implementation Strategy

- EEJ opportunities and risks
- Strategies, milestones, timelines
- Barriers and risks
- Resources



# **Guidance documents**

- **Process:** Steps for creating a plan and advice on how to go about it
- Content: A walkthrough of required elements, with details about what they might look like
- Frequently asked questions and resources





#### EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs)

- DOE is partnering with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create the new <u>Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance</u> <u>Centers (EJ TCTAC):</u>
  - up to \$100M (\$10M per award) to establish 5-10 TA centers across the U.S. to serve communities with EJ concerns and their partners
- TCTACs will provide:
  - training, assistance, and capacity building on writing grant proposals, navigating federal systems, and effectively managing grant funding;
  - guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants.
- Eligible entities include:
  - Public and private universities and colleges
  - Public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes institutions of higher education such as community colleges, and philanthropic organizations),
  - Intertribal Consortia



For more information and to access the application:





# **Thank You!**

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# **Thank You! Stay in Touch!**

#### **Next Steps and Resources:**

- Stakeholder Engagement Workshops
  - Virtual (Oct. 25-26, 2022)
- Technical Assistance (*Open today!*)
  - Email: <u>CEML.TA@nrel.gov</u>
- EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs – Due Nov. 1, 2022)



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