

## Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program Seeks Reviewers for Full Applications

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is seeking diverse subject matter experts to review applications for the <u>Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program</u> passed in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or IIJA).

GDO's mission is to maintain and invest in critical generation facilities to ensure resource adequacy and improve and expand transmission and distribution systems to ensure all communities have access to reliable, affordable electricity. As part of the BIL, GDO is administering the \$10.5 billion Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Program to enhance grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system against growing threats of extreme weather and climate change. The GRIP Program comprises three funding mechanisms: the Grid Resilience Utility and Industry Grants; Smart Grid Grants; and the Grid Innovation Program.

The GRIP Program is recruiting reviewers for the first round of funding. Reviewers are crucial to the thorough and unbiased evaluation of funding opportunity applications and contribute a perspective that enhances the quality of the review. The benefits of reviewing include:

- Bringing your professional and lived experience to help inform GDO's funding decisions
- Getting to know the GDO's review and funding process
- Building your network by meeting new colleagues and industry experts
- Being compensated for your review (\*DOE employees are not eligible for compensation)
- Engaging with GDO through a limited and clear time commitment

## **Topic Area Expertise**

The GRIP Program is seeking reviewers with academic, subject matter, and/or practitioner experience in a wide range of areas, including but not limited to:

- Transmission Capacity Enhancements
- Advanced Distribution Management Systems
- Weatherization and Wildfire Mitigation
- Monitoring, Control, and Adaptive Protection Technologies
- Distributed Energy Resources Aggregation Technologies
- Grid Enhancing Technologies
- Smart Grid Communications and Data Networks
- Community Benefits

## How to Apply

Email your contact information, resume, and your area(s) of knowledge or expertise related to the GRIP FOA to **kristen.frick@hq.doe.gov** and register as a reviewer on **Infrastructure Exchange**.

Registering as a reviewer allows GDO to identify you as a potential reviewer for funding opportunities. Registering does not guarantee selection as a reviewer. GDO will contact reviewers with relevant expertise based on the needs of specific programs and solicitations. In addition, DOE must ensure that selected reviewers do not have conflicts of interest (COI) for a given opportunity and will require that all reviewers complete a statement attesting to the absence of COI prior to reviewing applications. Conflicts of interest can vary by opportunity and will be determined at the point of selection, so please register even if you may have a conflict for a particular opportunity or program.

