About the Building Training and Assessment Centers Grants Program

The Building Training and Assessment Centers (BTAC) program provides $10 million in competitive grants to institutions of higher education and tribal colleges or universities to establish building training and assessment centers that identify opportunities for optimizing energy efficiency and environmental performance in commercial and institutional buildings. DOE is encouraging the BTACs to co-locate with the Industrial Assessment Centers.

Near-term Program Goals:

1. Train building energy efficiency professionals in energy-efficient design and operation to meet local and regional workforce demand.
2. Provide critical energy efficiency assessments and upgrades to improve the environmental performance of commercial and institutional buildings, especially those in areas that have been historically underserved (including K-12 schools and small commercial buildings that are 50,000 square feet or less).
3. Train engineers, architects, building scientists, building energy permitting and enforcement officials, and building technicians in energy efficiency design and operation.
4. Promote research and development for the use of alternative energy sources and distributed generation to supply heat and power for buildings, particularly energy-intensive buildings.

Long-term Program Goals:

1. Develop and deliver hands-on training for high-quality clean energy jobs.
2. Enhance performance and reduce emissions in the commercial building sector.
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Section 40512

The Building Training and Assessment Centers Program was created in section 40512 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). A key piece in President Biden’s Invest in America agenda, the infrastructure deal includes more than $62 billion for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to deliver a more equitable clean energy future for the American people by doing the following:

- Investing in American manufacturing and workers.
- Expanding access to energy efficiency and clean energy for families, communities and businesses.
- Delivering reliable, clean, and affordable power to more Americans.
- Building the technologies of tomorrow through clean energy demonstrations.

Office of State and Community Energy Programs

The Building and Training Assessment Centers Program is implemented by the Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) at DOE. SCEP works with state and local organizations to significantly accelerate the deployment of clean energy technologies, catalyze local economic development and create jobs, reduce energy costs, and avoid pollution through place-based strategies involving a wide range of government, community, business, and other stakeholders. SCEP also works closely with offices across DOE and other federal programs to ensure that tribes are consulted and supported in accessing these programs.

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