

# Training for Residential Energy Contractors

The Training for Residential Energy Contractors Program, also known as the State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants, includes \$200 million for states, territories, and Washington, D.C. to reduce the cost of training, testing, and certifying residential energy efficiency and electrification contractors.

Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), DOE is allocating \$150 million to state and territory energy offices through a formula and up to \$40 million through a competitive grant process. The Training for Residential Energy Contractors Program provides grants to states to train and educate contractors involved in the installation of home energy efficiency and electrification improvements, such as improvements eligible for rebates under the \$8.8 billion Home Energy Rebates Programs.

To access formula funds, states and territories will determine their residential energy efficiency and electrification workforce needs then submit an application that meets the needs of these workers and their communities.

### Near-term Program Goals:

- 1. Reduce the cost of training contractor employees.
- 2. Test and certify contractors trained and educated under state programs.
- 3. Partner with nonprofit organizations to develop and implement state programs.
- Prepare workers and businesses in every U.S. state and territory to deliver energy efficiency and electrification measures funded through the DOE Home Energy Rebate Programs.

### Long-term Program Goals:

- 1. Diversify the energy efficiency workforce and connect underrepresented workers with opportunities for economic mobility.
- 2. Stimulate high quality contracting across the residential sector.



# Inflation Reduction Act Section 50213

The Training for Residential Energy Contractors Program was created in Inflation Reduction Act section 50123. The IRA includes \$391 billion to support clean energy and mitigate climate change. The IRA builds on the historic investments in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and advances his Justice40 Initiative, which will deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities.

## Office of State and Community Energy Programs

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) is implementing the Training for Residential Energy Contractors Program. 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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