



U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program July 2024 Monthly Bulletin

The State Energy Program is pleased to share the July 2024 Monthly Bulletin! The purpose of this email is to consolidate our communications and provide states with key deadline reminders, information about trainings and webinars, and updates about new tools and resources from the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. Please reach out with any questions.

SEP BIL Direct TA Round 2 – Request Form Open Until July 12th

As a reminder, SEP is accepting requests for the second round of Direct Technical Assistance to support implementation of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law projects until close of business on Friday, July 12th. You can work with your project officer or visit the Direct TA webpage to submit your request and find more information. One more request window in 2024 will open in October. Please reach out to StateEnergyProgram@hq.doe.gov with any questions.

SEP Office Hours on Friday, July 19th

SEP's next monthly office hours is taking place next Friday, July 19th from 12:00 pm – 2:00pm ET. Topics discussed will include the EECBG 180-day subawardee due date and a Better Buildings Initiative Update. Please reach out to StateEnergyProgram@hq.doe.gov if you do not have a Teams calendar invitation for the event.

Upcoming SEP Deadlines and Opportunities

July 1 st – 12 th	Round 2 of SEP BIL Direct TA Opens for requests. Find more info on our webpage .
July 30 th	Quarterly Reports due in PAGE for SEP Annual, SEP-BIL, and EECBG.

Upcoming Trainings, Webinars, and Conferences

July 19th 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET	SEP Office Hours – <i>EECBG: 180-day subawardee Due Date</i>
July 25th 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	ESPC Campaign Partner Training: Setting the Stage for Success: Best Practices for ESPC Planning and Procurement
August 15th 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	ESPC Camping Partner Training: eProject eXpress Training for Campaign Participants
August 16th 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET	SEP Office Hours – <i>National Lab Tools: Overview, Updates, and Use Cases</i>
September 12th 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	Quarterly Round Up – <i>SEP Programmatic and Financial Monitoring Overview</i>
September 20th 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET	SEP Office Hours

Revolving Loan Fund Updates

The first 12 RLF awards have been made with the most recent states being [Alaska, Ohio, Northern Mariana Islands, Colorado, Nevada, and the U.S. Virgin Islands](#). For the remaining RLF awards, SEP anticipates all RLF awards will be made this fiscal year for states who submitted final RLF applications.

New Tutorials and Resources

RLF Awards Webpage

The RLF program has a new [awards webpage](#) with information about RLF awards made to date. This page will continue to be updated as awards are made.

RLF Case Studies

The RLF case studies are now available on the [RLF Resource Library](#) under “Part 4 — Case Studies and Sample Documentation.” Resources include the [Executive Summary and 6 Case Studies](#) which feature active and successful RLFs administered by state energy offices or third-party program administrators under contract to state energy offices and insights across all six programs. Individual case studies and webinars from the Spring 2023 Model RLF Webinar Series can be found [here](#). Special thanks to the state energy offices of Michigan, Texas, California, Nebraska, New York, and Minnesota for sharing information about their programs featured in these case studies.

RLF Structure Comparison

The [RLF Structure Comparison chart](#) is now available in the RLF Resource Library under “Part 2— Designing an RLF Program” > “3. Select Financing Structure.” This resource provides a high-level overview and comparison of four common revolving loan fund financing structures used by state energy offices, including: direct lending, co-lending, interest rate buydowns, and loan loss reserves. It includes illustrative examples and an overview table for comparison across all four financing structures.

Building Successful Partnerships—Webinar Recordings

The RLF program recently offered two webinars focused on informing and preparing states for partnership building with key program partners: 1) financial institutions and third-party program administrators, and 2) contractors and auditors. Find webinar recordings and slides below:

[Building Successful Partnerships with Third-Party Administrators and Financial Institutions](#)
[Building Successful Partnerships with Energy Auditors and Project Contractors](#)

Example Questions for Potential Lending Partners

This [resource](#) offers questions to consider asking potential lending partners for revolving loan fund programs with co-lending, interest rate buydowns, and/or loan loss reserve structures. Feedback from potential lending partners can help inform program design and procurement strategy.

Reporting, Tools, and Resources

Davis-Bacon Act and LCPtracker Resources

DOE has released updated [resources](#) related to Davis Bacon Act (DBA) requirements for recipients of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. Resources include answers to frequently asked questions on DBA, [LCPtracker](#) information (DOE's payroll validation system to support DBA compliance), and a [webinar](#) on Davis-Bacon and BIL. Below are additional resources recently released by SEP:

- [LCPtracker Registration Steps for State Energy Offices](#)
- 5/17/24 Office Hours – LCPtracker Training:
 - o [Presentation Recording](#)
 - o [Slide Deck](#)
 - o [Q&A](#)

State Energy Program Website Updates

The State Energy Program regularly updates our website to keep the most up-to-date resources accessible. Check out our [new SEP Home page here](#)! You can now find key resources like the Operations Manual, Fact Sheet, and Orientation for New Staff in one, central place. Stay tuned for further updates and please share any suggestions or feedback to StateEnergyProgram@hq.doe.gov.

Check the [State and Local Solution Center](#) and the [SEP TA webpage](#) for other upcoming events, updates, and resources.