

OEMR Newsletter

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The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) is responsible for coordinating energy and mineral resource planning and policy development for the State of Idaho.

Brain teaser

How many miles of whitewater rafting are there in Idaho?
A) 1,300 B) 700 C) 850 D) 975 E) 1,050

PROGRAMS

Government Leading by Example

OEMR is accepting applications from rural cities and counties that want to save money by reducing their energy costs in existing public buildings. Approved applicants receive an energy audit and may qualify for cost-share funding on energy efficient retrofits. [Link](#)

Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The annual Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors businesses and government entities for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year. [Link](#)

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI provides states

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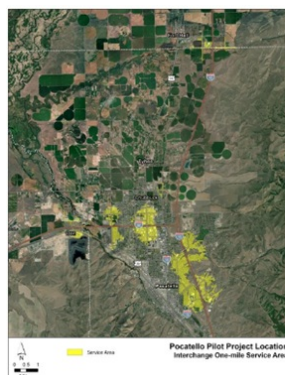


Idaho's Interagency Working Group Selects Three Areas for National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program Pilot Site Consideration

The Idaho NEVI Interagency Working Group (IAWG) consisting of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR), and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced that applications for two charging station pilot locations will be solicited from the Lewiston, Pocatello, and Bliss areas.

In 2022, the public provided feedback to the IAWG that they would like to see charging stations built in the areas around Bliss, Pocatello, and Lewiston. Of the three geographic areas of focus, only two sites in separate geographic areas will be selected to host a pilot site.

[For more information click here!](#)



with federal funding to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [Link](#)

State Energy Loan Program

The State Energy Loan Program offers low-interest loans to develop energy projects for homes located in Idaho. [Link](#)

K-12 Energy Efficiency Program

This year, OEMR will launch a new program to provide retrofits for K-12 school facilities. More information coming soon.

Energy Resilience Grant Program

The ERG Program provides discretionary cost match funding awards to Idaho utilities for investments in measurable grid resiliency upgrades across Idaho. OEMR is looking to support projects that demonstrate an immediate need and offer a high level of impact towards the goal of grid resiliency. The grant program will be administered in multiple funding cycles over the next 5 years. More information coming soon.

Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors businesses and government entities located in Idaho for their achievements in reducing their energy consumption over the past year.

One applicant whose outstanding energy efficiency efforts over the past year have significantly benefited its community will be chosen to receive the Governor's Award for Leadership in Energy Efficiency.

Applications are now open.

[Check it out here!](#)

State Energy Loan Program now Open

The State Energy Loan Program is now open! The State Energy Loan Program offers low-interest loans to fund energy efficiency projects for single-family homes in Idaho.

Applications close October 10.

[Check it out here!](#)

What's up in Idaho

This month, OEMR visited the DeLamar mine and watched the Idaho National Lab demonstrate the new Relocatable Resiliency Alternative Power Improvement Distribution Microgrid in a Box (RAPID MIB).





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For further Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities please visit the DOE Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Program & Funding Opportunity Announcements ([Link](#)). For further funding opportunities from the DOE please visit: Grants.gov ([Link](#)), EERE Funding Exchange ([Link](#)), and OCED Funding Exchange ([Link](#)).

Solar For All

The goal of this FOA is to spur the deployment of residential solar energy while serving low-income and disadvantaged communities. [Link](#)

Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection

The goal of this FOA is to improve battery collection and reduce battery waste by identifying battery collection locations and increasing accessibility to those locations. [Link](#)

EPA Clean School Bus Program

The goal of this FOA is to fund the replacement of existing school buses with clean and zero-emission school buses. [Link](#)

Empowering Rural America

The goal of this FOA is to help rural Americans transition to clean, affordable, and reliable energy. [Link](#)

Materials, Operation, and Recycling of Photovoltaics (MORE PV)

The goal of this FOA is to reduce the cost and lifecycle impacts of PV systems and its components. As well as, improve material recovery and safe end-of-life practices for PV components. [Link](#)

Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) Studies for Production of Critical Minerals and Materials (CMM) from Coal-Based Resources

The goal of this FOA is to fund Rare Earth Element Facilities that demonstrate the extraction, separation, and refining from coal and coal by-products to high purity individual or binary rare earth metals and/or critical minerals and materials. [Link](#)

Underserved and Indigenous Community Microgrids (UICM)

The goal of this FOA is to conduct research, development and demonstrations to develop and implement replicable microgrid solutions for underserved and Indigenous communities in remote and islanded regions. [Link](#)

Silicon Solar Manufacturing and Dual-use Photovoltaics Incubator

The goal of this FOA is to fund demonstration activities that support the domestic silicon PV module supply chain as well as RD&D and product development for dual-use PV. [Link](#)

Powering Affordable Clean Energy

The goal of this FOA is to help make clean, affordable, and reliable energy accessible to the people of rural America. [Link](#)

Energy Future Grant

The goal of this FOA is to provide financial assistance and technical assistance to support local, state, and tribal government-led partnership efforts that will advance clean energy program innovation. [Link](#)

Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants

The goal of this FOA is to provide Guaranteed Loans & Grants to rural small businesses and agricultural producers for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. [Link](#)

Community Power Accelerator Prize – Round 2

The goal of this FOA is to grow a robust ecosystem of community solar project developers that incorporate meaningful benefits into projects across the United States. [Link](#)

National Clean Investment Fund

The goal of this FOA is to provide grants to 2–3 national nonprofit financing entities to create national clean financing institutions capable of partnering with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects nationwide. [Link](#)

Clean Communities Investment Accelerator

The goal of this FOA is to provide grants to 2–7 hub nonprofits that will provide funding and technical assistance to clean technology deployment in low-income and disadvantaged communities. [Link](#)

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

August 1: Heat Pump Defense Production Act [Link](#)

August 3: Renew America's Nonprofits [Link](#)

August 4: Industrial Decarbonization and Emissions Reduction Demonstration [Link](#)

August 7: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Competitive Program [Link](#)

August 31: Clean Energy Demonstration on Current and Former Mine Lands [Link](#)

October 6: Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity Incentives [Link](#)

October 12: Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas [Link](#)

August 8: Comments on the proposed EPA Section 111 rule are due to the EPA. [Link](#)

August 15: Comments on the proposed Right of Way rule are due to the BLM. [Link](#)

October 10: State Energy Loan Program application deadline. [Link](#)

October 26: LINE Commission meeting in Twin Falls. [Link](#)

September 1: Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency application deadline. [Link](#)

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Answer to the Brainteaser:

A) 1,300



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