

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

Idaho is one of how many states with utility-scale electricity generation from geothermal energy?

A) 10 B) 7 C) 4 D) 13 E) 6

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

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National Drive Electric Week Car Show

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

CAR SHOW
Saturday, Sept. 30

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
1500 Shoreline Dr.
(next to the Boise Farmer's Market)
RSVP at driveelectricweek.org

238 MILE RANGE

IDAHO POWER
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
SIERRA CLUB IDAHO CHAPTER
Plug-In Idaho
Conservation Voters
Clean Cities
IDAHO CONSERVATION LEAGUE

National Drive Electric Week is presented by Plug In America, the Electric Vehicle Association, the Sierra Club and EVHybridNoire.

OEMR will share information with the public on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program on September 30th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. NEVI is a federal program that provides funding for the deployment of electric vehicle charging stations nationwide.

In addition to the show in Boise OEMR will also be present at the Portneuf EV Expo. The Portneuf Resource Council will be hosting the Portneuf EV Expo to showcase alternative transportation in Southeastern Idaho. The event will take place Saturday, Sept 30, from 9am to 2pm at 426 W Lewis St, Pocatello, ID 83204.

Home Energy Rebates Frequently Asked Questions

Infrastructure Program

NEVI provides states 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. Application expected to open October 2023. More information coming soon.

Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program is a forthcoming program that will provide funding to rural cities and counties for energy efficiency and other energy projects. More information coming soon.

The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law in August of 2022 includes money allocated towards home energy efficiency and electrification projects. This comprehensive FAQ resource offers valuable information to homeowners seeking to enhance their home's energy efficiency and sustainability. The FAQ covers a wide range of topics, including eligibility criteria, application procedures, and rebate amounts. You can explore the details further by visiting the link below.

[Check it out here!](#)

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!](#)

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FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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](#)).

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](#)

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

September 26 : Solar for All [Link](#)

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

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

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

November 29: Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection. [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4: Energy Efficiency Day

October 7: National Propane Day

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

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
B) 7





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