

OEMR Monthly Newsletter April 2024



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

Where is the Idaho National Lab located?

(a) Boise (b) Idaho Falls (c) Pocatello (d) Mountain Home

OEMR NEWS



OEMR's Administrator will be speaking at the Boise Metro Chamber Leadership Conference on April 21

Richard Stover is the Administrator of OEMR. He is responsible for the management and growth of the agency.

The Leadership Conference is held from April 21-23. It focuses on current landscape and potential solutions for matters impacting our state. This event is sold out.

OEMR's Program Manager will be speaking at The Andrus Center's Environmental Conference

Emily Her is the Program Manager for OEMR. She works to help the agency's policy, planning, and programs.

On April 16, she will be on the panel for The Andrus Center's Environmental Conference. This event will discuss energy transitions and energy issues across the West.

More information can be found for these events in the UPCOMING EVENTS section of the newsletter.

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](#)



Energy Resilience Grant Program

ERGP fosters strategic investments that demonstrate measurable improvements to grid resiliency, deliver modernized grid infrastructure, and mitigate risks from increased electrification and disruptive events. Funding is available to electric grid operators, electricity storage operators, electricity generators, transmission owners and operators, distribution providers, and fuel suppliers.

[Link](#)

The application period closed on February 12th.

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.

Applications will reopen in soon.

National Electric Vehicle 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](#)

K-12 Energy Efficiency Program

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

State Energy Loan Program

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

Application will reopen in 2024.

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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](#)).

Reaching a New Energy Sciences Workforce

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science (SC) is announcing that \$50 million is available to build foundations for SC research through traineeships at academic institutions that have been historically underrepresented in the SC portfolio. The Reaching a New Energy Sciences Workforce (RENEW) initiative supports traineeships for students and postdoctoral researchers from non-R1 emerging research institutions and non-R1 minority serving institutions in areas relevant to SC programs. SC seeks applications to develop traineeships for participants from these institutions that involve conducting research in partnership with a DOE-affiliated institution, including DOE National Laboratories, SC user facilities, Bioenergy Research Centers, or DOE Isotope Program Production Sites. Submission deadline for Pre-Applications: 4/30/2024. Submission deadline for Full Applications: 7/23/2024. [Link](#)

Hydroelectric Production Incentives

The Hydroelectric Production Incentive Program was authorized by Congress through Section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The program, led by the U.S Department of Energy, provides incentive payments to qualified hydroelectric facilities for electricity generated and sold. The Hydroelectric Production Incentives provide payments for energy generated and sold during a calendar year at qualified facilities that either added generation equipment to dams and other water infrastructure or are constructed in an area with inadequate electric service. This application period is for electricity generated and sold in 2023. Submission deadline for Full Applications: 4/23/2024. [Link](#)

Funding for Accelerated Inclusive Research (FAIR)

The FAIR initiative supports mutually beneficial relationships between MSIs or ERIs and partnering institutions, including DOE national laboratories, Office of Science scientific user facilities, and other MSIs. FAIR will fund basic research in all fields supported by the Office of Science, including applied mathematics, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geoscience, isotope research, materials science, and physics. This funding will expand the talent pool that will further DOE missions, transform our understanding of nature, and catalyze scientific discoveries that can lead to technical breakthroughs. Submission deadline for Pre-Application responses: 5/28/2024. Submission Deadline for full applications: 7/16/2024. [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16, 2024 - Andrus Center Environmental Conference. [Link](#)

April 21-23, 2024 - Boise Metro Chamber 31st Annual Leadership Conference. [Link](#)

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
(b) Idaho Falls



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