

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

Bioenergy is renewable and derived from biological sources such as...

A) Agricultural Crops B) Algae C) Animal and Plant Waste D) All of the above

PROGRAMS

State Energy Loan Program

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

Government Leading by Example Program

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

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

NEVI was enabled through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide states with federal funding to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network of EV charging stations across the US. [Link](#)

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Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Board of Directors Meeting



The Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) was established to enable the development of a sound energy portfolio that emphasizes the importance of an affordable, reliable, and secure energy supply. The next ISEA Board of Directors meeting will occur virtually on March 15th from 9:00AM-10:00AM.

Topics of discussion include:

- ISEA Board of Directors Membership
- 2021 Task Force Reports (Alternative Fuels, Resiliency and Reliability, and Utility-Scale Storage)
- Options for establishing new task forces

ISEA is committed to increasing awareness and understanding of Idaho's diverse energy resources, cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation opportunities within Idaho. Along with this they are dedicated to improving cooperation, collaboration and communication among Idaho's public and private-sector entities in the areas of energy efficiency, conservation, and affordable and sustainable energy development.

Agenda for Board Meeting: [Link](#)

ISEA Webpage for Info: [Link](#)

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 resilience. 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 annual Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors facilities for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year. [Link](#)

Surveys

OEMR is seeking feedback from K-12 public education, the agricultural sector, and rural communities. Feedback will help OEMR better understand energy needs across the state to develop and refine programs that support Idaho's communities.

[Rural Community Survey](#)

[Agricultural Community Survey](#)

[Educational K-12 Community Survey](#)

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FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OEMR tracks federal funding opportunities and posts notifications to our website. For more information, visit our Federal Funding Opportunities page ([Link](#)) and subscribe to our Weekly Grants Newsletter ([Link](#)).

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](#)).

Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas

This future Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will provide financial assistance to improve, in rural or remote areas of the United States, the resilience, safety, reliability, and availability of energy, and environmental protection from adverse impacts of energy generation. ([Link](#))

Energizing Rural Communities Prize

The goal of this prize is to develop partnership plans or innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects. ([Link](#))

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

March 10: Deployment Challenges for Offshore, Land-Based, and Distributed Wind [Link](#)

March 13: Regional Direct Air Capture Hubs [Link](#)

March 27: Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation [Link](#)

April 7: Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs [Link](#)

April 21: Renew America's Schools [Link](#)

Additional Funding Opportunities

- Enhanced geothermal systems pilot demonstrations [Link](#)
- Wood innovations and community wood grant programs [Link](#)
- Carbon capture demonstration projects program [Link](#)
- Carbon capture large scale pilot projects [Link](#)

CALENDAR

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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March 6: Public Input on Renewable Energy Strategy in Southern Idaho [Link](#)

March 15: Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Board of Directors Meeting [Link](#)

March 21: Energizing Rural Communities Prize Informational Webinar [Link](#)

March 29: Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas Informational Webinar [Link](#)

RECENT ARTICLES

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Study favors SMRs for use at future electric truck charging stations | Nuclear Newswire

Idaho's largest solar project is now connected to grid | Solar Power World

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds geologic mapping in Idaho | U.S. Geological Survey



BLM Extends Comment Period for Lava Ridge Wind Project in Response to Stakeholder Feedback | Local News 8

Little, Bedke, Crapo, Risch, Simpson raise concerns about Lava Ridge wind farm proposal on federal land | Office of the Governor

Answer to the Brainteaser:
D) All of the above



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