

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

Which of the following is responsible for enforcing state environmental regulations and administering a number of federal environmental protection laws?

A) DEQ B) ISDA C) IDWR D) IOEM E) PUC

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.

Applications will be accepted soon. [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

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Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

This Friday, May 5th, the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Board of Directors will convene to establish new 2023 task forces.



ISEA is established through Executive Order 2020-18 and is tasked with advising and providing information to elected officials, stakeholders, and the public on the economically efficient development of the state's energy resources that maintains the integrity of Idaho's natural resources.

At the previous ISEA Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved three task force reports. View the reports by following the links below.

Alternative Fuels Task Force Report: [Link](#)

Reliability and Resiliency Task Force Report: [Link](#)

Utility-Scale Storage Task Force Report: [Link](#)

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](#)

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 annual Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency honors facilities for achievements in reducing energy consumption over the past year.

NOW OPEN

[Link](#)

LINE Commission met on May 3rd

The LINE Commission makes recommendations to the Governor on policies and actions of the State of Idaho to support and enhance the long-term viability and mission of the Idaho National Laboratory and other nuclear industries in Idaho. Meeting materials will be posted to the LINE Commission website soon. [Link](#)



Idaho Award for Leadership in Energy Efficiency

The application period for the 2023 Idaho Awards for Leadership in Energy Efficiency Awards Program is now open. OEMR has revised the program to include new classifications for applicants. For more information on the program and to apply please click on the link. [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

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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](#)).

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](#)

Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Lands

The goal of this program is to demonstrate the technical and economic viability of deploying clean energy on current and former mine land. [Link](#)

Rural Energy for America Program

The goal of this program is to provide guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. [Link](#)

Hydroelectric Production Incentives

The goal of this incentive is to make a benefit available for electric energy generation and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. [Link](#)

Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives

The goal of this incentive is to encourage owners or operators of existing hydroelectric facilities, including pumped storage hydropower, to apply for funding to make capital improvements that can improve their efficiency by at least 3%. [Link](#)

Charging Fueling Infrastructure

The goal of this FOA is to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). This program provides two funding categories of grants offering up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. [Link](#)

Heat Pump Defense Production Act

The goal of this FOA is to ensure national security by accelerating the growth of domestic production capability of electric heat pumps to meet the anticipated increased demand for clean energy technologies as the economy transitions to net-zero emissions. [Link](#)

IACs at Trade Schools, Community Colleges, and Union Training Programs; BTACs

The goal of this FOA is to establish new Industrial Assessment Centers (IACs) at community colleges, trade schools, and union training programs, as well as to create new Building Training and Assessment Centers (BTACs) at institutions of higher education, including Tribal colleges and universities. [Link](#)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Competitive Program

The goal of this FOA is to fund projects that will create meaningful impacts on local economies, engage a variety of community partners and have a strategy to deliver on the goals of the Justice 40 initiative. Proposals may be for planning, strategy development and analysis or for implementation and scaling. [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](#)

Partially Closed Funding Opportunities

May 28: Carbon Capture Demonstration Projects Program [Link](#)

June 21: Carbon Capture Large-Scale Pilot Projects [Link](#)

June 28: Energy Improvement in Rural and Remote Areas [Link](#)
July 7: Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Pilot Demonstrations [Link](#)
July 19: Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis Manufacturing and Recycling [Link](#)
August 8: Industrial Decarbonization and Emissions Reduction Demonstration [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3: LINE Commission meeting in Idaho Falls. [Link](#)

May 5: ISEA Board of Directors virtual meeting. [Link](#)

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Answer to the Brainteaser:
A) DEQ



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