

Appendix E. Additional POWER Agency Assistance

A number of other federal agencies and offices will also participate in, and allocate resources to, the POWER Initiative by providing technical assistance and education and outreach to winning POWER applicants, preference points for agency funding for applications from additional POWER partnerships, and additional direct funding where applicable. Agencies providing funds in this FFO will also seek to provide additional assistance to winning applicants. This will include:

- 1) **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS):** The RBS will use its portfolio of economic development programs to support winning applicants. USDA Rural Development State Directors and the RBS Administrator will assign priority through discretionary points for applications from winning applicants and other impacted coal communities for RBS loans or grants and will focus outreach to such communities.
- 2) **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC):** Governors from the 13-state region that ARC serves will consider allocating a portion of their respective state shares of ARC funds to support winning applicants based in their states.
- 3) **Department of Labor-Employment and Training Administration (ETA):** Winning applications would be eligible for additional National Dislocated Worker Grant funding through State Workforce Agencies from the Secretary of Labor, and could also leverage state and local formula Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to provide additional employment and training services.
- 4) **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response:** Winning applications involving power plant sites could receive special consideration when applying for Brownfield Program grants
- 5) **Department of Energy (DOE):** DOE, through its Jobs Strategy Council, will provide energy-related technical assistance resources to winning applicants from DOE offices and National Labs, and access to investment in a range of energy and manufacturing technology projects through its Loan Program Office.
- 6) **Department of Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund:** The CDFI Fund will (1) conduct outreach to CDFIs and Community Development Entities (CDEs) that serve winning applicant communities with low or no CDFI/CDE investment; (2) provide training on CDFI Fund programs to state/regional staff of participating federal agencies; and (3) include investment in winning applicant communities as a targeted investment option in the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) Program application.

- 7) **Department of Commerce, SelectUSA:** SelectUSA will (1) provide counseling to winning applicants, as needed, on best practices related to foreign direct investment (FDI) attraction; (2) support winning applicant communities, as needed, through overseas investment missions; and (3) at the request of a winning applicant, advocate on behalf of the USG to help retain or attract firms engaged in global location competitions (in a geographically neutral manner with respect to locations within the U.S.).
- 8) **Department of Commerce, NIST-Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEP):** The MEP Center network will provide technical assistance services to manufacturers in the coal power plant and coal mining supply chains that are located in winning applicant communities. Based on specific engagements between manufacturers and MEP Centers, services will be tailored to address the needs of the impacted manufacturers and may include strategies related to diversification, risk mitigation, market research, and entry into new and export markets.
- 9) **Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS):** CNCS will encourage its AmeriCorps grantees to support winning applicants. Additionally, CNCS will connect impacted communities with CNCS State Offices to assess capacity needs and potential collaboration with AmeriCorps VISTA.
- 10) **Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE):** OSMRE will work with its Abandoned Mine Land state and tribal programs and winning applicants to identify and leverage linkages between AML reclamation projects and the planning and implementation of partnership economic development strategies.