

Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM)

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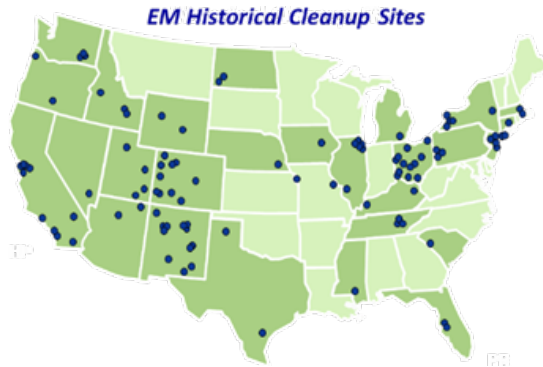
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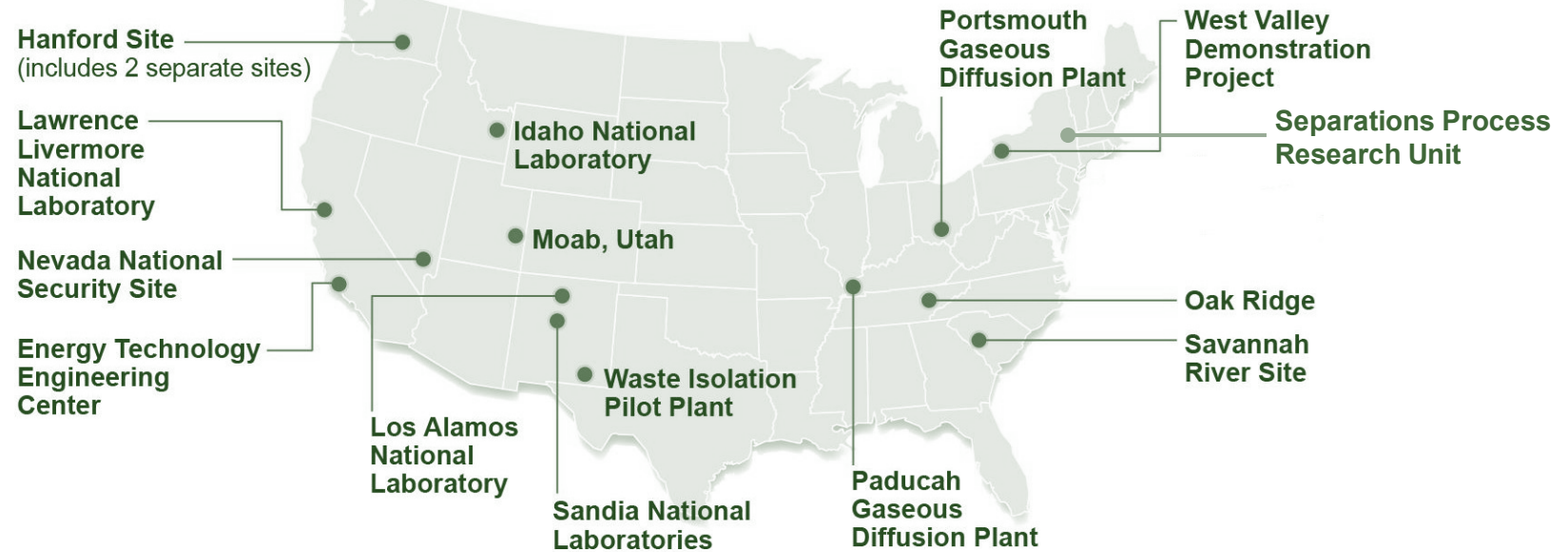
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Cleanup Progress



15 Remaining Cleanup Sites



Since 1989, DOE has completed its cleanup mission at 92 of the 107 major nuclear weapons and nuclear research sites, and reduced its footprint by 90% to less than 300 sq miles.

Mission

DOE-EM Mission:

To complete the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy brought about from decades of nuclear development and government-sponsored nuclear energy research.

Community Capacity Building Grant Program:

- Builds on EM's ongoing efforts to foster long-term community capacity building in disadvantaged communities near EM cleanup sites.
- Supports projects for community and economic development, promotes revitalization efforts and inclusive community engagement practices.
- Enables traditionally underrepresented communities and Tribal Nations to have more of a voice related to EM cleanup activities.
- Provides resources to communities not benefitting from the economic activities generated by the EM cleanup program.

CCBGP Funding Opportunity Announcement

- DOE-EM released FOA number DE-FOA-0003131 titled “DOE-EM Community Capacity Building Grant Program.”
- The FOA is a set-aside for disadvantaged communities or any federally recognized Tribe that is within the following jurisdictions: Georgia, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California.
- The total estimated value of the FOA is \$19,044,000.
- Resulting financial assistance awards will have periods of performance ranging from 12-36 months.

FOA Topic Areas

- **Infrastructure:** Improve infrastructure to assist communities - special priority for communities with existing EM programs.
- **Reindustrialization:** Economic development or future use of DOE assets including economic studies.
- **Restoration:** Enable restoration of important aspects of communities.
- **Education/Outreach/Workforce Development:** Support EM's ability to engage with the local communities and projects to support future EM job needs.

CCBGP FOA Criteria

- Project must demonstrate a clear link to EM activities.
- Having an existing working relationship with DOE field sites is preferred.
- Project must not be completely funded under another financial assistance agreement. However, federal funds may be combined to reach total project funding needs.

Submission Guidelines

- Two-step FOA
 - Second Step: Full Application (see pages 17-23) of FOA for content requirements
- \$19,044,000 total value
 - Multiple awards expected from \$500K-\$2M
 - 12 to 36-month project periods

Submission Guidelines Continued

- Submit full applications to: <https://www.grants.gov>
 - E-mailed applications will not be accepted
- **Submission deadline is April 30, 2024 by 5:00 PM ET**
- Applicants are encouraged to submit early to avoid technical or system errors

Submission Guidelines Continued

The Full Application must conform to the following requirements:

- Must be submitted in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) format unless stated otherwise;
- Must be written in English;
- All pages must be formatted to fit on 8.5 x 11-inch paper with margins not less than one inch on every side. Use Times New Roman typeface, a black font color, and a font size of 12 point or larger (except in figures or tables, which may be 10-point font). A symbol font may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters, but the font size requirement still applies. References must be included as footnotes or endnotes in a font size of 10 or larger. Footnotes and endnotes are counted toward the maximum page requirement; and
- Each submission must not exceed the specified maximum page limit, including cover page, charts, graphs, maps, and photographs when printed using the formatting requirements set forth above and single spaced. If applicants exceed the maximum page lengths indicated below, EM will review only the authorized number of pages and disregard any additional pages.

Submission Guidelines Continued

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS (See FOA pages 17-23 for contents)

- 1) **Technical Volume and Statement of Project Objectives**: This shall outline all goals, objectives, and associated resources necessary for the project period.
- 2) **Resumes**
- 3) **Completed Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**
- 4) **Completed SF-424A, Budget Information Form for Non-Construction Programs or SF-424C for Construction Programs**
- 5) **Budget Narrative/Justification**: This shall include all cost support information including salary support, quotations and/or basis of estimates for supplies/equipment, subaward quotations, and Indirect Cost Rate Agreements etc.
- 6) **Budget Justification Workbook in Excel Format**
- 7) **Completed/Signed Financial Assistance Certifications and Assurances**
<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/CERTSASSURANCESSF424.pdf>

Submission Guidelines Continued

Component	File Format	Page Limit	File Name
Technical Volume and Statement of Project Objectives	PDF	25	TechnicalVolume
Resumes	PDF	2 pages each	Resumes
SF-424	PDF	n/a	App424
SF-424 A or C	PDF	n/a	App424A or C
Budget Narrative	PDF	n/a	Budget_Narrative
Budget Justification Workbook	MS Excel	n/a	Budget_Justification
Subrecipient Budget Justification	MS Excel	n/a	Subrecipient_Budget_Justification
Financial Assistance Certifications and Assurances	PDF	n/a	Certifications and Assurances

Application Review Criteria

Criterion 1: Technical merit and the benefits of the proposed work to the local community (75%)

Criterion 2: Competency of Applicants Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources (25%)

Cost/Price Criteria: Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget

****See FOA pages 33-35 for additional information****

Next Steps

- Full applications will be evaluated in accordance with criteria listed in the FOA (see prior slide and FOA page 33)
- Based on the full application evaluation results, applicants will be provided a select or non-select notification (tentatively Aug 2024 timeframe)
- Grant awards are expected to be made at the end of Government FY 2024 or early FY 2025
- Submit questions to CCBGP-FOA@emcbc.doe.gov

Questions?

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