

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

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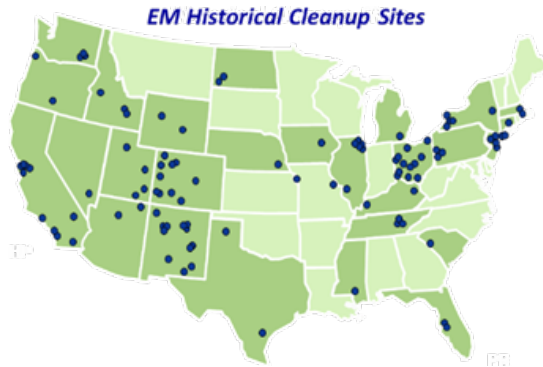
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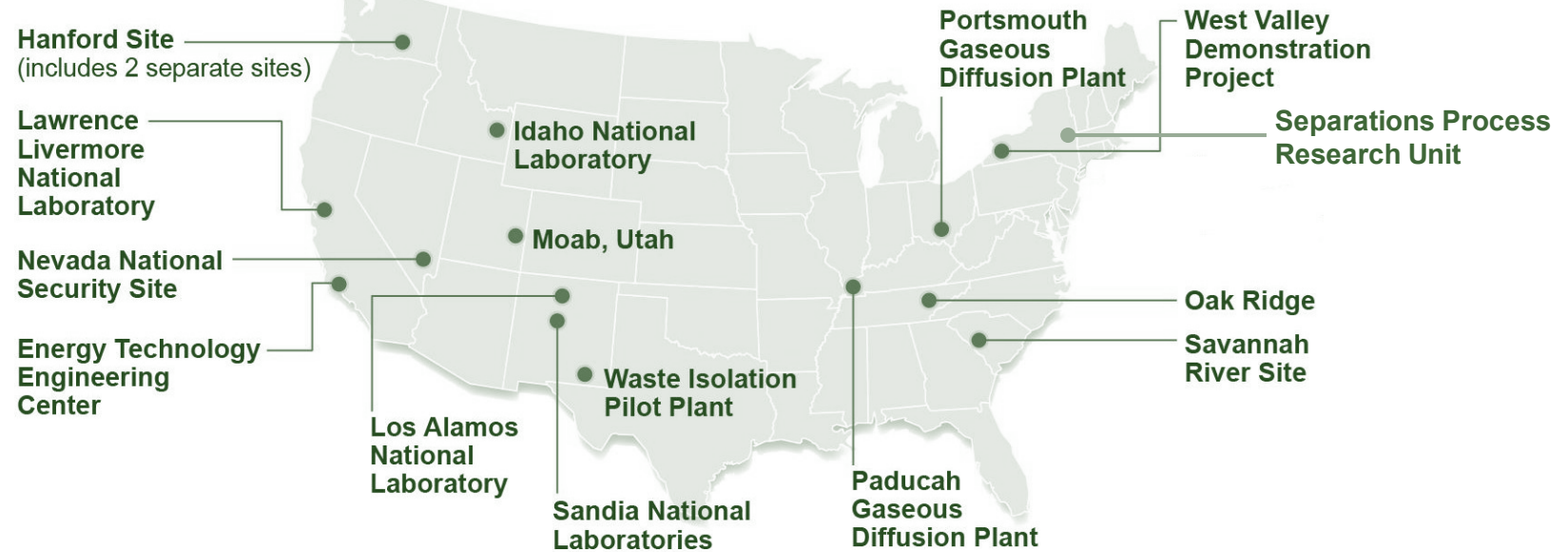
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Cleanup Progress



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
 - First step: Concept paper maximum length is six pages including cover page (see pages 16-17 of FOA for content requirements)
 - Second step: Full application
- \$19,044,000 total value
 - Multiple awards expected from \$500K-\$2M
 - 12 to 36-month project periods

Submission Guidelines Continued

- Submit concept papers to: CCBGP-FOA@emcbc.doe.gov.
- **Must submit a concept paper** to be eligible to submit a full application.

Informational Webinar: January 8, 2024	12:00 pm ET
Submission Deadline for Expression of Interest E-Mail: January 11, 2024	5:00 pm ET
Submission Deadline for Concept Papers: January 25, 2024	5:00 pm ET
Submission Deadline for Full Applications: April 30, 2024	5:00 pm ET

Submission Guidelines Continued

Section	Page Limit	Description
Cover Page	1 page maximum	The cover page shall include: the project title, lead organization/entity, organization type and size, the specific announcement topic area(s) being addressed, both the technical and business points of contact, names of all collaborating institutions, and any statements regarding confidentiality.
Project Description	4 pages maximum	Applicants are required to describe succinctly: • The proposed program; • The proposed program's target level of performance; • The relevance and application to DOE-EM field sites; • How the proposed program will overcome the shortcomings, limitations, and challenges during execution; • The key risks/issues associated with the proposed program; • The impact that EM funding would have on the proposed program; • The impact the proposed program would have on the community; • Cost Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) for the program and length of award

Submission Guidelines Continued

Addendum	1 page maximum	Applicants are required to describe succinctly the qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the proposed project team, including: • Whether the principal investigator and project team have the skill and expertise needed to successfully execute the program plan; • Whether the applicant has prior experience which demonstrates an ability to perform tasks of similar risk and complexity; • Whether the applicant has worked together with its teaming partners on prior projects or programs; • Whether the applicant has adequate access to equipment and facilities necessary to accomplish the effort and/or clearly explain how it intends to obtain access to the necessary equipment and facilities; • Applicants may provide graphs, charts, or other data to supplement their program description.
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Concept Paper Review Criteria

Criterion: Overall FOA Responsiveness and Viability of the Project (Weight: 100%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The applicant clearly describes the proposed program objectives;
- The applicant has identified risks and challenges including possible mitigation strategies, and has shown the impact that EM funding and the proposed project would have on the relevant community;
- The applicant has the qualifications, experience, capabilities, and other resources necessary to complete the proposed program;
- The applicant references whether partnering with other entities is an approach used in application; and
- The proposed work, if successfully accomplished, would clearly meet the objectives as stated in the FOA.

Next Steps

- Concept papers will be evaluated in accordance with criteria listed in FOA (prior slide and FOA page 32).
- Based on the concept paper evaluations, selected applicants will be notified to submit a full application (tentatively March 2024).
- Additional information/instructions for full application would be provided at that time.

Questions?

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