



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation Energy Innovation Grant Program Round 6

Grant Application Instructions May 6, 2026

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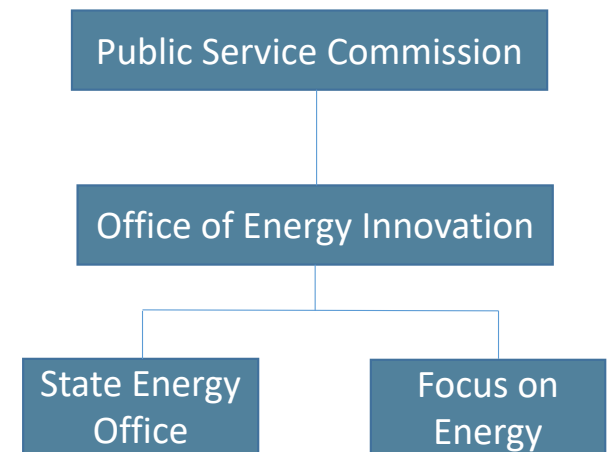
OEI Mission:

Developing Wisconsin's energy landscape to be secure, reliable, environmentally responsible, and growing the state's economy for all.

OEI Programs:

- [State Energy Office](#)
 - **Federally-funded:** Grants, Technical Assistance, Energy Statistics & Data, Energy Security
- [Focus on Energy](#)
 - **Utility ratepayer-funded:** Incentives, Technical Assistance, Training, Trade Ally Support

Contact OEI: OEI@Wisconsin.gov



State Energy Office

- Implements the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program
 - Federal formula and competitive energy grant funding
 - Energy-related planning
 - Technical assistance
- Implements the requirements of [Wis. Stat. § 196.025\(7\)\(a\)3](#)
 - State agency energy planning
 - Administer federal energy grants and programs
 - Maintain contingency plans for response to energy shortages
 - Provide energy efficiency and renewable technical assistance to local government
 - As needed, request public school utility data for technical assistance purposes

Quick Facts

- Docket [9709-FG-2026](#)
- \$10,000,000.00 in grant funds available
- [Application Instructions](#), [Program Metrics workbook](#) on [program website](#)
 - Issued April 1, 2026
- Submit application through online [PSC Grants System](#)
 - Applications **due June 30, 2026, at 1:30 PM CT.**
 - Late applications will not be accepted
- 12-month project performance period

Energy Innovation Grant Program Overview



Program Questions?

- Submit questions to OEI@wisconsin.gov
 - Subject line: Energy Innovation Grant Program Application Question
- FAQ document on [program website](#)
 - Check back for updates
- Significant errors or deficiencies will result in reissuing the Program Application Instructions on ERF
 - Subscribe to Docket [9709-FG-2026](#) for automatic ERF updates

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) Round 6

This FAQ provides answers to common questions regarding the EIGP Round 6. This document is intended to complement the application instructions and application issued on April 1, 2026. (PSC REF#: 584928.)

Questions concerning the Application Instructions must be submitted in writing via email to OEI@wisconsin.gov on or before: **Friday, May 29, 2026, at 4:00 pm CT.**

EIGP Round 6 Applications are Due: June 30, 2026, by 1:30 pm CT.

Note: The responses below to FAQs are intended to provide useful information to individuals applying for the EIGP 2026 grant round. The responses below do not and cannot limit the discretion of the Commission when it meets to decide which EIGP applications should receive funds. To the extent that the responses below suggest policy choices different from the Commission's program design order signed and served April 1, 2026 (PSC REF#: 584864), and the grant award order the Commission ultimately adopts, the Commission's orders are controlling in all circumstances. The Commission has the discretion to prioritize certain applications over others in order to best distribute the available funds among the eligible grant Applicants.

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Energy Innovation Grant Program Overview



Timeline

DATE	EVENT
April 1, 2026	Applications available, Program Application Instructions posted
May 29, 2026	Questions due by 4:00 pm CT on Friday, May 29, 2026
June 30, 2026	Applications due by <u>1:30 pm CT on June 30, 2026</u>
July/August 2026	Review panel evaluation
Fall 2026	Commission determination of Program awards
Winter 2026	Onboarding, contract negotiations and applicable next steps related to Federal review
Calendar Year 2027	Project Performance Period



Background

- Federally Funded through U.S. Department of Energy by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
 - Commission order dated May 2, 2018 (PSC REF #: [342128](#)), established the inaugural round program design.
- Since its establishment, the Commission has conducted four rounds of EIGP funded from ARRA, as well as a fifth round funded by a separate allocation from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Wisconsin Program Objectives

Objective One: Support the advancement of energy innovation in Wisconsin through investing in the adoption of innovative energy technologies and processes.

Objective Two: Invest in innovative program and partnership models that expand access to clean energy, efficiency, and preparedness to Wisconsin communities that are otherwise unable to adopt these and for whom these are innovative approaches.

Overall Requirements

- Compliance with other ARRA and applicable Federal Requirements, including
 - Buy American Requirements for Infrastructure Projects
 - Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts
 - Historic preservation requirements
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Quarterly/Annual Reporting

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicant types are defined as:

- Manufacturers of all sizes as defined by Wis. Stat. § 77.51(h)
- Municipalities, Universities, Schools, Hospitals, and Like Entities (MUSH Market):
 - Cities, Villages, Towns, and Counties
 - K-12 school districts
 - Tribes
 - Municipal water and wastewater utilities
 - Municipal electric and natural gas utilities
 - University of Wisconsin System campuses and facilities
 - Wisconsin Technical College System
 - Public or nonprofit hospitals
 - 501(c)(3) nonprofits
 - Electric cooperatives as defined by Wis. Stat. § 185.995(a)

Energy Innovation Grant Program Eligibility



Eligible Activities

Activity	Maximum Grant Request	Available Funds per Activity ⁵
1. Renewable Energy and Energy Storage	See below	\$4,500,000
Solar PV Systems	\$250,000	
Renewable Energy Systems [other than Solar PV Systems]	\$500,000	
Energy Storage System	\$250,000	
Renewable Energy Systems with Energy Storage	\$500,000 (Solar PV) \$750,000 (all other Renewable Energy)	
Level 3 Microgrid Implementation	\$750,000	
2. Energy Efficiency and Demand Response	\$1 million	\$4,500,000
3. Comprehensive Energy Planning & Feasibility Studies for Microgrids	See below	\$1,000,000
Planning Efforts	\$50,000 for Single Eligible Applicant \$100,000 for Two Eligible Applicants \$150,000 for Three Eligible Applicants \$200,000 for Four or More Eligible Applicants	
Feasibility Studies for Microgrids	\$50,000 for Level 1 & Level 2 Microgrids \$100,000 for Level 3 Microgrid	
	Total:	\$10 million



Eligible Activities

Activity 1: Renewable Energy and Energy Storage

This activity category is for applicant-owned projects seeking to install a solar photovoltaic (PV) system, a renewable energy system other than solar PV, a standalone energy storage system, or a project that will combine an energy storage system with solar PV or another renewable energy system, including a Level 3 microgrid.

- Solar PV Systems – \$250,000 Installation or upgrade of a solar PV system.
- Renewable Energy Systems other than PV Systems - \$500,000 Installation or upgrade of a biogas, biomass, geothermal, solar thermal, wind, or other renewable resource system.
- Energy Storage System - \$250,000 Installation or upgrade of an energy storage system (e.g. battery).
- Renewable Energy Systems combined with an Energy Storage System
 - \$500,000 (Solar PV)
 - \$750,000 (all other Renewable Energy)
- Installation of an energy storage system combined with installation or upgrade of a solar PV or other renewable energy system. Each of the combined components of a project in this category (renewable energy, solar PV, or energy storage) will be limited to the maximum grant request for that standalone activity shown above, the sum of which is not to exceed the respective maximum grant request provided for this category.
- Level 3 Microgrid Implementation - \$750,000 Installation of a Level 3 Microgrid or Community Resilience Center.

Eligible Activities

Activity Category 2: Energy Efficiency and Demand Response - \$1,000,000

This activity category is for projects seeking to increase energy efficiency, process efficiency, demand response improvements, and beneficial electrification.

- **Energy Efficiency.** Reduction of electric and thermal (gas, fuel oil, propane, etc.) energy use in buildings and other assets which may include the installation of efficient technologies and the application of building science and improved management techniques, such as more efficient lighting, improved heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and water conservation systems.
- **Process Efficiency.** Addressing unique needs of large energy users or others in improving the energy intensity of their processes (for example, processes related to manufacturing, waste or wastewater treatment) by automation or other means.
- **Demand Response.** Installation of commercial demand response technology that reduces or shifts electricity usage during peak periods in response to time-based rates, or other demand response projects.
- **Beneficial Electrification.** Use of electricity for energy services that would otherwise consume fossil fuels (e.g., propane, heating oil, gasoline, diesel) in a way that reduces overall emissions and energy costs.

Energy Innovation Grant Program Eligibility



Eligible Activities

Activity 3: Comprehensive Energy Planning & Feasibility Studies for Microgrids – Planning Efforts up to \$200,000 | Microgrid Feasibility Studies up to \$100,000

This activity category is for projects undertaking a number of energy planning efforts and feasibility studies for microgrids.

Comprehensive Energy Planning Efforts: **\$50,000 for Single Eligible Applicant** | Multiple Eligible Applicants Applying as a Consortium: **\$100,000 for Two Eligible Applicants** | **\$150,000 for Three Eligible Applicants** | **\$200,000 for Four or More Eligible Applicants**.

- **Comprehensive Energy Plans.** Planning that includes the evaluation of current energy use and sources, determination of the entity's potential for generating energy locally, and creation of goals for energy savings and generation. These efforts should include community-wide and stakeholder engagement, and public availability of the plan.
- **Investment Grade Audits.** A comprehensive energy audit that seeks to identify all cost-effective investment opportunities through a combination of engineering analysis of energy-using systems and economic analysis of possible energy-saving measures.
- **Technology Transfer and Market Transformation Planning.** Planning that relates to an applicant's efforts as it transitions a key component of its existing technology use, and which may serve as a model for other entities in the applicant's sector. Examples may include electric vehicle planning, beneficial electrification studies, geothermal market transformation planning, and more.



Eligible Activities

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- **Data Efforts that contribute to comprehensive energy projects or plans.** Projects that improve the awareness of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and that provide baseline information for future planning for other complex energy projects.
- **Workforce Training, Education, and Technical Assistance.** Projects to provide workforce training, workforce development planning, or to provide direct training and technical assistance, related to renewable, storage, efficiency, beneficial electrification, and microgrid work.
- **Geothermal Planning.** Planning that includes the evaluation of a site's current energy use and sources, determination of the entity's potential for geothermal, evaluation of suitable sites and sizing of potential geothermal systems, stakeholder engagement, and, if geothermal is suitable, the creation of a plan for implementation.
- **Feasibility Studies for Microgrids:** \$50,000 for Level 1 & Level 2 Microgrids | \$100,000 for Level 3 Microgrid

Accounts – Set up now

PSC Grants System and Electronic Records Filing (ERF) System Accounts

- Applicants must create an account with the **PSC Grants System**, where the electronic application is completed. (PSC Grants System Login page: [Online Grant System Login PSC Grants \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/psc/grants/login))
- The PSC Grants System is connected to the **ERF system**; an account is required for both.
 - If you have an ERF account, from the PSC Grants System Login page, follow the link to validate your ERF Account.
 - If you do not have an ERF account, from the PSC Grants Login page, follow the link to create an ERF Account, then return to the login page and follow the link to validate your ERF Account.

Accounts – Set up now

System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Registration

- Applicants must register with SAM.gov and obtain a Universal Entity Identifier (UEID) prior to receiving a grant award and are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, to provide the UEID number with the application.
- A UEID number is a unique twelve-character alphanumeric ID used to identify your organization.
- SAM is a web-based, government-wide application that collects, validates, stores, and disseminates business information about intended federal grant recipients and other partners. Instructions for registering with SAM and obtaining a UEID are available here:

[SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)

Application Process Overview

- Reference documents: [Application Instructions](#) and [PSC Grants System User's Guide](#)
- All key information and narrative questions go into [PSC Grants System](#)
- Upload documents into PSC Grants System

Application Content - Details

Application Details

- Project Name *
- Project Description*: Provide a brief (500 characters) description of the proposed project activities and outcomes
- Activity Type*: Choose from the eligible activities in the dropdown.
- Grant Amount Requested
- Recipient & Partner Contributions (Match)

Applicant Details

Fields with * are required. If you are not able to obtain a UEID in time, use zeros

- Applicant Type *
- Applicant Entity Legal Name *
- Applicant DBA Name
- Applicant Address *
- Applicant City *
- Applicant State *
- Applicant Zip Code *
- Applicant Phone # *
- Applicant Phone # Ext.
- Applicant Email Address *
- Applicant FEIN # *
- UEID Code *
- NAICS code *

Application Content - Contacts

- Authorized Representative (**required**): the person legally authorized to represent the organization when signing the grant agreement/contract with the PSC.
- Primary (**required**): The Grant Recipient's employee responsible for the administration of the Grant Agreement. This person should represent the Grant Recipient's interest regarding Agreement performance, financial records, and related considerations.
- Optional Contacts:
 - Secondary
 - Financial Manager
 - Grants Manager
 - Contractor/Consultant (If you are assisting an eligible applicant with applying – DO NOT put your email and information under the Applicant Content Details)
 - See [Question 2.6 in the FAQ](#) for more information on the role of a consultant in the application process.

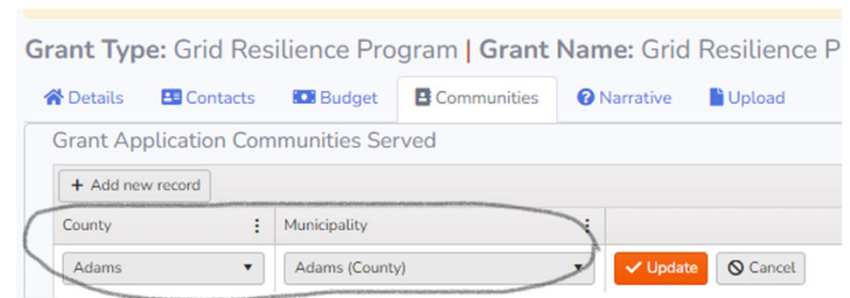
Application Content - Budget

- **Equipment:** tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$10,000
- **Labor (Salary):** Actual labor expenses of the grant recipient. This category is limited to direct personnel expenses only. Do not include costs of contractors, etc.
- **Labor (Fringe):** Actual fringe benefit expenses of the grant recipient. This category is limited to direct personnel expenses only. Do not include costs of contractors, etc.
- **Supplies:** Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described by the Equipment category. All items with per-unit acquisition costs of less than \$10,000, regardless of the length of useful life, are considered supplies.
- **Travel:** Grantee's travel expenses related to the project.
- **Indirect:** costs that cannot be charged directly to the award (e.g., overhead costs).
- **Contractual:** All project expenses for work performed by a third-party contractor. A third-party contractor is any entity that is not a signatory to the Grant Agreement. Examples: consultant, legal services, solar installers, etc. Any materials supplied by a third-party contractor should be included here.
- **Other:** Other expenses not specified above. Please provide details in the notes.

Application Content - Communities

- Provide the site location in which project will be placed. (See [User's Guide page 10](#))
 - If county-wide, select the county option in both the "County" and "Municipality" dropdown menus
- This tab will not be reviewed for merit
- Applicants are also required to provide a complete list of all **zip codes and census tracts** benefitting from the project in the Excel document [9709-FG-2026 Applicant Metrics.xlsx](#)

County-Wide Project Example:



Grant Type: Grid Resilience Program | Grant Name: Grid Resilience P

Details Contacts Budget **Communities** Narrative Upload

Grant Application Communities Served

+ Add new record

County	Municipality
Adams	Adams (County)

Update Cancel

Application Content - Narrative

- Grants System Note:
 - Responses are limited to 3000 characters (about 1 page)
 - All questions require a response before moving forward in system
 - Save your work before advancing to the next page of the Narrative
- Executive Summary
 - Grant Questions 1-6 of the Narrative Tab in the PSC Grants System.
 - Key Partners and Stakeholders
 - Project Objectives and Metrics
 - Reference Materials List
 - Previous Grant Recipients
 - NEPA Awareness
- Merit Review Criteria
 - Grant Questions 7-17 of the Narrative Tab in the PSC Grants System.

Application Content - Upload

- Upload 1: (REQUIRED) Applicants must add a PDF map from the [OEI Map website](#) showing census tract/Disadvantage Community (DAC) area.
- Upload 2: (REQUIRED) Applicants must upload a completed [9709-FG-2026 Applicant Metrics.xlsx](#) document.
- Upload 3: If applicable, applicants may add any documentation of partnerships.
- Upload 4: Applicants may compile and add any additional letters of support, survey data or additional materials that best support the application.

Application Screening

- Commission staff will conduct an initial screening for application completeness.
- No changes can be made to an application once it is submitted, unless requested by Commission staff.
 - Commission staff may request “a cure” through the system. Curing in this context means either revising or providing additional information either before or after the funding awards are taken up by the Commission at an Open Meeting.
- Applications are public unless otherwise specified.
- All applications will be posted on ERF, displaying the content provided in the PSC Grants System, under the docket number 9709-FG-2026 and will be available for public inspection shortly after filing.

Application Merit Review

- Commission staff and the review panel will evaluate applications consistent with the criteria in the rubric from Application Instructions Section 6.1 Merit. Points will be awarded based on a sliding scale, with full points given to projects that fully realize the goals of the given criteria.
- Commissioners are not bound by the scoring criteria or resulting merit list. See Application Instructions Section 6 Evaluation of Applications.

Energy Innovation Grant Program Application



<u>Merit Criteria</u>	<u>Available Points Implementation Applicants (Activities 1 & 2)</u>	<u>Available Points Planning Applicants (Activity 3)</u>
Ability and preparedness to achieve objectives. Refer to Section 5.5.2.1 for question detail.	10	10
Budget Justification and Contributions. Refer to Section 5.5.2.2 for question detail.	10	10
Cost Savings and Payback. Refer to Section 5.5.2.3 for question detail.	10	10
Energy savings and Environmental Impact (kilowatt, kilowatt hour, therms, gallons of gasoline, emissions). For Implementation Projects Only (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.4 for question detail.	10	n/a
Equity and Energy Justice. Refer to Section 5.5.2.5 for question detail.	10	10
Energy planning efforts underway or completed for Implementation Projects (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.6 for question detail. Energy planning efforts underway or completed for Planning Projects (Activity 3). Refer to Section 5.5.2.6 for question detail.	10	10
Energy Resiliency for Implementation Projects (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.7 for question detail. Energy Resiliency for Planning Projects (Activity 3). Refer to Section 5.5.2.7 for question detail.	10	10
Innovation. Refer to Section 5.5.2.8 for question detail.	10	10
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	80	70

Ability and Preparedness to Achieve Objectives – 10 points

- Provide the information required to demonstrate the eligibility of the Applicant and the acknowledgement of ARRA applicability to the project.
- Demonstrate how the Applicant's past planning efforts, organizational and staff experience will assist them to achieve the objectives.
- Applicants may sub-contract activities. Any sub-contractors should be identified if known.

Budget Justification and Contributions – 10 points

- Provide a cost basis for each line item on which costs were entered on the Budget Tab.
- Identify what costs or portions thereof are anticipated to be grant-funded or funded by the applicant, or its partners (“cost share” or “match”).
- If you answer that match contributions are provided, **please identify funding sources**, e.g. Focus on Energy funding, state, local, or private funds, tax incentives, etc.

Cost Savings and Payback – 10 points

- Describe any expected savings associated with operations and maintenance and their impact on financial outcomes, labor, or other resources.
- As applicable, describe the expected payback from the grant activities and the methodology used to calculate it.
- Describe why EIGP funding is needed to move forward with the project, including the likelihood of the project to move forward with and without it.
- Describe the economic impact of the project in terms of cost savings, job creation (direct or potential for future), overall stimulus to the local or state economy, etc.
- **For Implementation Project Applicants (Activity 1 and 2),** provide your system size or storage capacity in kW and your total project savings in kWh.

Energy Savings and Environmental Impact– 10 points

- For Implementation Projects Only (Activity 1 or 2)
- Describe the effectiveness of the project in saving or producing clean energy in terms of kilowatts, kilowatt hours, therms, gallons of gasoline, etc.
- Applicants may access the EPA Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Equivalencies Calculator here to quantify emissions reductions (carbon, other GHGs, etc.) associated with estimated project energy savings:
 - <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

Equity and Energy Justice – 10 points

- Identify the extent to which the benefits of the proposed project fall within a Disadvantaged Community DAC(s).
 - Applicants must use the OEI Map in their analysis.
 - Disadvantaged Community (DAC) means those areas that have one or more of the following burden indicators: climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, and workforce development. For the purposes of this program, Tribal communities, as shown on the OEI Map, are considered DACs.
- Describe equitable engagement of and benefit flow down to DACs.
- Describe how the proposed project supports the program objectives of expanding access to clean energy, efficiency, and preparedness to Wisconsin communities

Energy Planning Efforts Underway or Completed – 10 points

- Implementation Project Applicants (Activity 1 and 2):
 - Provide evidence of underway or existing energy planning and its impact on the likelihood of achieving success in the project.
 - Applicants may list previous endeavors (e.g. ISO 50001, Energy Independent Communities planning) to illustrate their current or past efforts. (Links, references, and excerpts are preferred to large attachments).
- Planning Project Applicants (Activity 3):
 - Does your organization have any level of energy planning/feasibility study or energy audit? Is this a new plan?
 - If the answer is no, describe how it is different from original plan, including previous endeavors (e.g. ISO 50001 Audit, Energy Independent Communities planning), to illustrate current or past efforts.

Energy Resiliency – 10 points

- Implementation Project Applicants (Activity 1 and 2):
 - Describe whether the project impacts energy resiliency, the capacity to prevent outages or recover more quickly in the event of an energy outage.
 - For example, explain the context within which your project adds to the resiliency of the applicant's facility, community, etc.
- Planning Project Applicants (Activity 3):
 - Describe whether the proposed plan impacts energy resiliency, the capacity to prevent outages or recover more quickly in the event of an energy outage.
 - Explain the context within which your project adds to the resiliency of the applicant's facility, community, etc.

Innovation – 10 points

- Describe how the project is innovative in its use of technology, methodology, engagement of partners, impact to stakeholders, or some other element and whether it could be replicated by other organizations.
- Include how the project can demonstrate value to or engagement with the community.

ARRA Buy American Provisions

- Applicable only to public buildings and public works.
- The Buy American provisions of the Recovery Act require that all iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in projects funded by the Recovery Act for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public building or public work be produced in the United States, with some exceptions.
- [A Desk Guide to the Buy American Provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)
- **Note:** These are **not** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) or Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions. Buy American provisions are specific to ARRA and must be followed for this program.



1. Review the Desk Guide to the Buy American Provisions of ARRA 2009.
2. Applicants should plan to incorporate the Buy American provisions of ARRA in their application as these may have cost and feasibility implications for the project.
3. Be sure to include costs related to procuring Buy American compliant goods in your proposed budget.
4. DO NOT contact DOE directly. All communication to go through OEI.

Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts

- The ARRA is a DBRA statute.
 - It requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the Recovery Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor.
- The Federal government determines and sets the prevailing wage rates on SAM.gov.
 - Wages for specific locations by county and construction type can be found on <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>.
- [Desk Guide to The Davis-Bacon Act \(including DBRA\)](#)



Do Now

1. Obtain a SAM.gov log in
2. Review wage determination for the site of work you are proposing for funding.
3. Be sure to provide a project budget that is going to reflect Davis Bacon wages for labor, should it apply.

Historic Preservation Requirements

- For project activities that involve historical, archeological or cultural resources (includes listed and eligible resources over 50 years old or of cultural significance), a review of the undertaking may be required.
- However, a number of energy related activities have been previously identified that do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, even when historic properties may be present.
- They are covered by an existing programmatic agreement between the U.S. DOE, the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office and certain State agencies.



Do Now

1. Review the [Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement](#) and identify whether or not your project may fall under the purvue of this review.
2. Anticipate what additional federal review may be required of the project if it is selected for funding. For those projects requiring SHPO review, Commission staff will provide additional guidance after the Commission award process.
3. DO NOT contact US. DOE directly.

EIGP Federal Requirements



NEPA

- As part of the onboarding process, all Grantees shall complete an OEI Environmental Screening Tool (EST)
 - [https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/OEI/EIGP/OEI Environmental Screening Tool.docx](https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/OEI/EIGP/OEI_Environmental_Screening_Tool.docx).
- Per Appendix B – NEPA Determination, if a project involves ground disturbance, tree removal, or tree trimming, an Environmental Questionnaire-1 (EQ-1), Scope of Work, and Layout of Project, are expected for NEPA review and approval by the U.S. DOE.
 - [Department of Energy \(DOE\) Sample EQ1](#)
 - [Department of Energy \(DOE\) Sample Scope of Work](#)
 - [Department of Energy \(DOE\) Sample Layout of Project](#)



Do Now

1. Study the activities discussed in Appendix B related to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the agreement linked in the Application Instructions Section 8.1 to anticipate what additional federal processing may be required of the project if it is selected for funding.
2. For those projects that do not meet the parameters of the existing NEPA determination (Appendix), and may require federal NEPA review, Commission staff will provide additional guidance for grantees.
3. Applicants should await further direction from Commission staff before proceeding with a project or taking any steps to obtain official NEPA review and approval. DO NOT contact DOE directly.

Quarterly/Annual Reporting

- State and Federal reporting requirements:
 - Applicants will be expected to submit quarterly, final and on-request, reports to the PSC on the activities, progress of the project, and grant costs to satisfy state and federal reporting requirements. Certain reporting requirements shall continue to be required post-disbursement.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA):
 - Applicants will be expected to comply with the reporting requirements of ARRA that impact wage rates, equipment sourcing, environmental impact reporting, historic preservation, etc.

Resources and Demo

- [Grants System Login Page](#)
 - [Grants System User Guide](#)
- [Instructions For Completing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Weekly Certified Payroll Form, WH-347 | U.S. Department of Labor](#)
 - [Davis Bacon Wage Report](#)
- [A Desk Guide to Buy American Provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)
- [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\) Registration](#)

DEMO: [OEI Map](#)

- [Navigate the OEI Map.pdf](#)

DEMO: [Applicant Metrics Excel workbook](#)

Q&A