



# Inclusive Energy Economy



**CEBN's Inclusive Energy Economy Update** highlights news, business resources, and events at the nexus of economic opportunity, clean energy, and diversity, equity, & inclusion.

👉 Help spread the word; CEBN is [hiring](#) for a new Associate focused on outreach and stakeholder engagement.

This month, San Francisco brings diverse stakeholders together for SF Climate Week, the Dept. of Energy holds an "Ask Us Anything" event focused on the Dept. of Labor and clean energy jobs, and the Rural Energy for America Program announces the first of six quarterly competitions for funding.

## CEBN Updates

### *Job Opportunity:*

#### **Associate, Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement (Washington, DC)**

The Clean Energy Business Network seeks an Associate for Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement. This is an entry-level position offering meaningful work at a mission-driven organization. The Associate will collaborate closely with federal officials, state- and community-based organizations, and small businesses across the U.S. to:

- Foster equitable and inclusive opportunities in the growing clean energy economy.
- Advance climate and environmental justice solutions.
- Support American small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Make federal government grant programs and policies more accessible to underresourced stakeholders.

The position involves a broad range of functions, including public outreach, events management, communications, policy tracking and development, technical assistance to small businesses and organizations, and administrative tasks. You will join a small, tight-knit team with a supportive and friendly workplace culture.

## Events



**April 17 - 23: SF Climate Week (San Francisco, CA)**

SF Climate Week is a series of events gathering diverse climate organization leaders, and the broader community working at the intersection of climate action and innovation. Just a few of the exciting SF Climate Week events include:

- April 17: [Optimize Your Climate Business Capital Stack \(panel & networking\)](#)
- April 19: [Deeptech Climate Warriors @ Fifty Years HQ](#)
- April 20: [Grants, RFPs, Venture, Debt - What's Right for My Climate Company?](#)
- April 21: [ClimateRaise Community Meetup](#)

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**April 19: Ask Us Anything Series - Dept. of Labor / Clean Energy Jobs (Virtual)**

Meet the Minority Business and Workforce Division team every third Wednesday of the month. Join for short updates on funding opportunities within DOE and connect with program offices. This month, they'll cover several new federal initiatives expanding access to clean energy jobs being led by the Departments of Energy and Labor.

## **Funding / Support Opportunities**

**One Million Black Women: Black in Business**

This free, 10-week business education program through Goldman-Sachs focuses on Black women sole proprietors. Participants receive a \$2,000 program stipend, all-expense trips paid to Goldman-Sachs in NYC, and access to a powerful network of Black women entrepreneurs and strategic advisors. Participants can expect to learn how to scale a profitable business, effectively price products and services, develop a business action plan, meet with advisors, mentors, and other business leaders, and more! **Apply by April 21.**

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**Clean Energy to Communities Program: In-Depth Partnerships**

Through the DOE Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) program, NREL offers in-depth technical partnerships that support communities in developing secure, reliable, resilient, and affordable clean energy systems. These partnerships offer teams—composed of local government, community-based organizations, utilities, and other key organizations—the chance to work alongside national laboratory staff as they apply robust modeling and analysis tools and conduct hardware-in-the-loop testing of solutions adapted to the community's unique

conditions and contexts. Winning teams will receive \$500k to \$3 million in subcontract funding and \$1.5 - \$3 million in technical assistance. **Apply by May 17.**

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### **Rural Energy For America Program (REAP)**

The REAP program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. With the passage of the IRA, REAP has been provided over \$2B for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement grants through 2031. Rural Development is now accepting applications for the first of six quarterly competitions, with application deadlines on:

- June 30, 2023
- September 30, 2023
- December 31, 2023
- March 31, 2024
- June 30, 2024
- September 30, 2024

## **Featured Resource**

### **National Center for Entrepreneurship**

- The National Center for Entrepreneurship is an innovative resource network focused on enhancing entrepreneurship education at Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) and empowering Black entrepreneurs around the country. The National Center enhances the success and growth of Black-owned businesses through providing programming, capital, curriculum, research, and other resources in collaboration with HBCUs and their surrounding communities.