



# 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.

👉 This month, apply for a cleantech pitch competition with mHUB or an environmental justice grantmaking program, register for the WRISE Leadership Forum, and learn about an organization supporting women in the green economy.

## Events

### **June 8: Six Community Engagement Models from Energy Trust of Oregon**

A new case study by the Clean Energy States Alliance analyzes six programs conducted by the Energy Trust of Oregon that have shown success in building meaningful and impactful relationships with community representatives. This webinar and accompanying case study are the first in a series of case studies highlighting innovative models of collaboration between state energy agencies and community-based organizations.

### **June 13-15: White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Public Meetings**

Meeting discussions will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, workgroup activity, proposed recommendations for the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) consideration, CEQ briefings, new charges, and interaction between the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council and the WHEJAC. The WHEJAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to the following: the Justice 40 Initiative, the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, the Environmental Justice Scorecard.



WRISE  
LEADERSHIP  
FORUM

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

October 10-12, 2023 • Hybrid • The Graduate Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota

## **October 10-12: WRISE Leadership Forum (Minneapolis, MN)**

The WRISE Leadership Forum is a unique experience, combining professional development with tools to advance renewable energy. Join professionals from across the country as we discuss current renewable energy trends and policy issues; all while gaining valuable tools to enhance your career and build your companies and organizations.

## **Funding / Support Opportunities**

### **2023 Climate and Energy Tech Pitch Competition**

#### **Deadline: June 18**

The mHUB EnergyTech Startup Pitch Competition will showcase cutting-edge hardtech startups specializing in climate and energy technologies. This pitch competition, taking place virtually on June 27, is designed to support under-represented women founders and entrepreneurs of color. Startups can apply to pitch virtually to a group of esteemed judges for cash awards totaling \$8,500 and connections to industry decision-makers and investors interested in hardtech.

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### **Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program**

#### **Deadline: June 30**

The EJ TCGM Program is a competition to select multiple Grantmakers to reduce barriers to the federal grants application process communities face and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, provide support to communities, all in collaboration with EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.

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### **HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize**

**Deadline: July 27**

This prize aims to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) achieve clean energy goals through two prize tracks: the Inspire Track (currently open), which supports the development or expansion of HBCU-hosted clean energy summer or academic break programs for K-12 and community college students; and the Partnerships Track (not yet open), which supports building partnerships between HBCUs and other universities, government agencies, and industry leaders. The Inspire Track offers \$40,000 cash prizes to up to 20 winners in Phase 1.

## **Featured Resource**

### **Women in Cleantech and Sustainability (WCS)**

- WCS fosters an influential network of professionals to further the roles of women in growing the green economy and making a positive impact on the environment. The [WCS Entrepreneurship Circle](#) is a 3-month cohort program designed for entrepreneurs who identify as women to communicate, reflect, and connect with each other. More than a mentorship program, the E-Circle offers you opportunities to commune with up to 11 fellow entrepreneurs, build relationships with leaders in this space, and collect new resources. Applications are open until June 12.