



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, attend the 9th annual HBCU climate change conference, apply for a pitch competition and cleantech training program, and learn about an Atlanta-based coalition supporting renewable energy initiatives!

Events

September 21: **Empowered Women in Energy** (Minneapolis, MN)

Empowered Women in Energy brings people together to learn, network, and strengthen the presence of women in the energy sector. Led by a keynote address from Minnesota State Rep. Patty Acomb, Chair of the House Climate and Energy Committee, this event will feature two panel discussions spotlighting women working in policy and as practitioners in the field of energy and the environment.

September 27-28: **C3E 2023 Symposium** (Virtual)

The Clean Energy Education and Empowerment (C3E) Initiative Symposium will address how to preserve and strengthen policies to enable clean energy, discuss energy system inequities, accelerate the technology journey from lab to market, and overcome present and future supply chain vulnerabilities to achieve net zero by 2050.

October 11: **Ninth Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference** (New Orleans, LA)

The conference brings together HBCU faculty and students, researchers, climate professionals, and environmental justice and coastal community residents affected by toxic facilities and harsh weather events related to climate change to bridge the gap between theory and the realities of



climate change. The conference will address climate justice, adaptation, community resilience, global climate issues, and other major climate changes.

Funding / Support Opportunities

MAKE IT Strategies Track

Deadline Options: October 18 or February 15

The Strategies Track aims to help build interest and engagement around manufacturing clean energy technologies and expand the potential for more clean energy jobs and economic opportunity. In this track, competitors can win up to \$400k to create a roadmap to attract clean energy manufacturing activity in their region. Book [1:1 office hours](#) with CEBN to learn more, and/or join us for a [group session](#) with our fellow Power Connector, *yet2*.



Philly Gets Back in the Black Tech Pitch Contest (Philadelphia, PA)

Deadline: September 5

The contest will identify and select Black-owned businesses to participate in an opportunity to showcase their innovative use of technology, with a focus on tech-enablement and innovation that ameliorates productivity and propels revenue growth. Twenty-five new and aspiring tech entrepreneurs will be selected for the Back in the Black Bootcamp. This intensive four-week program will provide focused training and mentorship in key business development areas, including branding, marketing, and operations.

NRC University Nuclear Leadership Program

Deadline: September 8

The program provides funding for minority students and early career faculty to support nuclear science, engineering, technology, and related disciplines. The goal is to create a workforce capable of supporting the design, construction, operation, and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials. Proposals will be considered for projects that would further the development of innovative community engagement strategies, including incorporation of principles of equity and environmental justice.

Energy Future Grants (EFG) Creating a Community-Led Energy Future

Deadline: September 30

EFG provides \$27 million in financial and technical assistance to support local, state, and tribal government-led partnership efforts that will advance clean energy program innovation in the transportation, buildings, and power sector. EFG will provide support for at least 50 multijurisdictional teams. The teams will partner with community benefit organizations to turn innovative ideas into solutions that address barriers to clean energy deployment. EFG solutions will provide measurable benefits to communities and support Justice 40 initiatives.

Featured Resource

ReBuildATL

ReBuildATL Coalition includes more than 40 nonprofits, academic institutions, industry partners and local government agencies committed to empowering disadvantaged communities in the Westside of Atlanta. The Coalition provides a vast array of expertise and resources to address Atlanta's energy problems and develop clean energy solutions. The Coalition is committed to empowering underserved individuals through access to sustainable, living-wage jobs and increased energy independence.
