



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.

In honor of Women's History Month, CEBN is celebrating all the amazing women making an impact in the clean energy ecosystem and paving the way for the next generation of women entering the industry.

👉 This month, register for a women-owned small business workshop, apply for the Telkes fellowship and MSP Equity Accelerator, and learn about WiCT+.

Events

The U.S. Department of Energy's [Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory](#)

Women-Owned Small Business Workshop

Wednesday, March 27
9 a.m.–2 p.m. ET

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
100 Stellarator Road, Princeton, NJ 08542
Melvin B. Gottlieb Auditorium



Mar 27: Women-Owned Small Business Workshop (Princeton, NJ)

The Dept. of Energy's (DOE) [Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#) (OSDBU) and the [Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory](#) (PPPL) are hosting a free workshop for women-owned small businesses. The event will focus on how women-owned small businesses can partner with the OSDBU, the DOE's [Office of Science](#), [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#) and

PPPL. The event will also include a talk on resources and a vendor exhibit enabling business owners to network with representatives of the OSDBU, PPPL, Brookhaven and each other.

Apr.24: Female Founders & Funders (San Francisco, CA)

Hosted by Planeteer and Earthshot, and in partnership with Cooley, this happy hour event is open to female founders and investors who are building and investing in climate tech.

Apr 30: HUBZone and Service-Disabled Veteran Small Business Opportunity Day (Stanford, CA)

During this event, small businesses will hear from Stanford Linear Accelerator Center's (SLAC) Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer about SLAC's strategy, as well as project and procurement opportunities. Additionally, SLAC, along with other DOE laboratories, will share information on small business spend and goals, how to do business with laboratories, and upcoming opportunities with a focus on IT and cybersecurity.

Funding / Support Opportunities

Apply for the Mária Telkes Fellowship

Executive leadership program for mid-career professionals from underrepresented backgrounds

- ✓ Connection to a dedicated executive mentor
- ✓ Free membership in CEBN and CTLR
- ✓ Professional networking opportunities

Apply by March 31



Telkes Fellowship

Deadline: March 31

Apply now for the 3rd cohort of the Telkes Fellowship program. The two-year program helps promising cleantech professionals from underrepresented demographics and backgrounds tap into networking connections, positive exposure, and champion-building opportunities to realize their full potential for executive leadership. The program matches each fellow with a senior mentor in the cleantech industry, offers two years of membership in CTLR and CEBN, and provides ample professional networking opportunities.

MSP Equity Accelerator 2024

Deadline: March 29

The MSP Equity Accelerator sponsored by Allianz and powered by gener8tor invests in high-growth startups founded by black, brown and women entrepreneurs. For each cohort, \$100,000 is invested in five startups who receive a concierge experience during the 12-week accelerator program. gener8tor supports the growth of these startups through its network of experienced mentors, technologists, corporate partners, angel investors and venture capitalists.

Women of Color Entrepreneurs (WOCE) (Boston, MA)

Deadline: Ongoing

WOCE selects between 7-12 women entrepreneurs to participate in a new cohort each year. Representative sectors include tech, food, beauty, and retail. WOCE provides long-term mentorship, combined with tailored programming, peer support, and curated access to potential customers, lenders and investors.

Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program (WOSB Program)

Deadline: Ongoing

The WOSB Program is to help provide a level playing field for women business owners. The federal government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the WOSB Program. These contracts are specific industries where WOSBs are underrepresented. Some contracts are restricted further to economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses.

Energy Justice Implementation

Butler Accelerator for Education & Workforce Innovation

Deadline: July 15

The Butler Accelerator for Education & Workforce Innovation powered by gener8tor works with five high-growth startups from across the country that are best poised to transform the way individuals and companies work and learn, and provides them with the coaching, capital, and connections they need to build and grow their business. The program is open to any startup that is focused on making systemic change in the way individuals and companies work and learn, with a specific emphasis on solutions for post-secondary education and the future of work.

Featured Resource

Women+ in Climate Tech (WiCT+)

WiCT+ is a global group with the goal of promoting diversity in climate innovation for a successful and just transition. With thousands of members ranging from sustainability officers from the world's largest brands to women-led climate tech startups, WiCT+ serves a diverse and growing array of professionals from 15+ countries with a shared ambition to make an impact in climate tech.

