



Inclusive Energy Economy



Dear {{FirstName or 'Colleague'}},

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 Community Clean Energy Coalition prize summit, apply for the HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize, the EPA Community Change Grant Program, and learn about the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy!

Events

December 6-7: Community Clean Energy Coalition Prize Summit (Atlanta, GA)

The Community Clean Energy Coalition (CCEC) Prize Summit will celebrate opportunities to create a just and inclusive clean energy economy in communities across the U.S. Taking place December 6-7 at the Atlanta University Center—a consortium of three leading HBCUs—the Summit will showcase the 10 winning teams of the CCEC Prize and bring together a broad range of stakeholders to promote dialogue and knowledge-sharing on strategies to advance an inclusive, equitable clean energy future. [Register now for in-person](#) or [livestream access](#).

Community Clean Energy Coalition Prize Summit

December 6–7, 2023

Meet the coalitions creating change
in communities across the U.S.



December 6-7: AABE Energy Policy Summit (Washington, DC)

The 2023 Energy Policy Summit, hosted by the American Association of Blacks in Energy, will focus on "Expedient & Equitable Implementation" providing a platform to discuss successful sustainable solutions, examine the impact of U.S. federal policies, and foster collaboration to ensure a just and prosperous energy future for all. Attendees will gain invaluable insights to drive meaningful change and shape a resilient global energy landscape with a special focus on Black communities, institutions, and stakeholders.

February 22: Community of Change Leaders: Minority Serving Institutions (Virtual)

The Office of Energy Justice and Equity's Minority Educational Institutions Division is holding an open forum for students, faculty, and others to join and discuss ways to collaborate, innovate, ask questions, and explore opportunities. The upcoming event will be for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions.

Funding / Support Opportunities

**HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize**

Deadline: December 19

HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize is currently accepting applications for the Partnerships track. The prize aims to develop advanced clean energy programming opportunities and connections for HBCUs. The Partnerships Track supports building partnerships between HBCUs and other universities, government agencies, and industry leaders to inform new programs and provide professional opportunities that will equip HBCU students with the skills needed to succeed in clean energy careers.

Community Energy Innovation Prize

Deadline: February 2, 2024

The Community Energy Innovation Prize allocates \$7.49M and mentorship opportunities to organizations promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, capacity building, and economic development in communities historically underrepresented in climate and energy technology funding. Read CEBN's [blog](#) to find out more and [sign-up](#) for our next group office hours on December 15. If you're interested in finding partners, fill out [CEBN's teaming form](#) and [check the responses here](#).

MAKE IT Strategies Track

Deadline: February 15, , 2024

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. Read CEBN's [blog](#) to find out more.

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

Deadline: November 24, 2024

EPA's new [Environmental and Climate Justice](#) Community Change Grants program is offering approximately \$2B in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. Grants range from \$1-3 million to \$10-20 million.

ACCEL - Advancing Climatetech and Clean Energy Leaders

Deadline: January 5, 2024

The program is seeking applications from innovative startups at [TRL 1-4](#) with founding and executive teams that are primarily made up of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) leaders who are developing climate solutions for the electricity, transportation, buildings, manufacturing, agriculture, and resiliency and adaptation sectors. This year-long program combines acceleration with a curated curriculum, incubation through a Greentown Labs membership, and extensive mentorship from Greentown and Browning the Green Space (BGS)'s networks of industry experts.

Energy Justice Implementation

RFI: Clean Energy Careers for All Program

Deadline: January 26, 2024

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit public feedback about issues related to educational and professional development programming—created and delivered by diverse science and engineering non-profits—that inspires students, alumni, and professionals to explore, pursue, and succeed in STEM-related careers in clean energy. The goal being that the expansion of the clean energy economy includes those who have been historically underrepresented in the industry.

Featured Resource

Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) promotes responsible and equitable energy choices to ensure clean, safe, and healthy communities across the Southeast by engaging with utilities and decision makers in the region, showcasing the actual cost of high-risk energy sources, and the real values of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. Alongside their technical and policy advocacy work, SACE engages with local communities throughout the region working to mobilize concerned citizens and to enhance the conversation around the dangers of climate change and the importance of clean energy choices.

