

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Announces Webinars on Inflation Reduction Act Programs to Advance Clean Energy Initiatives in Rural America

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2023 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Rural Utilities Service Administrator Andy Berke today announced that USDA will host a series of webinars to help organizations learn how to apply for financial assistance to advance clean, affordable and reliable electric energy in rural America.

USDA recently announced \$10.7 billion in funding available under the USDA [Powering Affordable Clean Energy](#) (USDA PACE) and [Empowering Rural America](#) (New ERA) programs. Eligible organizations may apply for loans, grants, loan modifications and partially forgivable loans.

The Biden-Harris Administration made this historic funding possible through the Inflation Reduction Act. It will expand clean, affordable and reliable energy in rural communities, including U.S. territories and Compact of Freely Associated States.

USDA staff will host webinars via Zoom at the following dates and times:

USDA PACE Program and Eligibility Mapping Overview

June 6 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_8f7GP7fuQ-ufxJJSIPBhKA

New ERA Program and Greenhouse Gas Calculator Overview

June 8 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xqv_rNSsTg2iELbHPd6ruw

Office Hours for USDA PACE and New ERA Programs

June 22 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_2rE4bYTIRIWG0y8GBPcuvq

Demo: How to Submit USDA PACE Letters of Interest

June 29 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_uKfpLPp6QJuPFcP04YOwEA

Office Hours for USDA PACE and New ERA Programs

July 6 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_E8zjfYMOTbG3JaH7s8dHsg

Demo: How to Submit New ERA Letters of Interest

July 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_4TI_26NIS1mX1t2p3k-DNA

USDA PACE Application Webinars

July 20 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tMxiwHW6QYqzFapsFVAc9g

August 1 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_bb9s68ssT7OXs-OXad5Vfw

New ERA Application Webinars

August 15 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_yTUw6QaXQ8qLJiiSpdhH7A

August 29 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Register: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_OWeQS-HUTC69S36SV7rJSw

Webinars will be recorded for interested parties who are not able to attend. The recordings will be available on the USDA Rural Development website.

The Biden-Harris Administration championed the Inflation Reduction Act to help provide new funding and unprecedented incentives to expand clean energy, transform rural power production, create jobs and spur new opportunities for the people of rural America. It is the largest single investment in rural electrification since the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

For more information about the Inflation Reduction Act, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/inflation-reduction-act>.

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