



## Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) Transportation Fueling Facility Applicant Deep Dive

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- What's New?
- Overview
- Enrollment Orientation
- Online Application System
- What's Next?
- Questions
- Additional Opportunities



## What's New?



# HBIIP – What's New?

- Quarterly competitions with \$90 million available each quarter.
- Make available approximately \$68.5 million to transportation fueling facility applicants, \$18 million to fuel distribution facilities, and \$4.5 million to home heating oil distribution facilities.
- Add home heating oil distribution facility as applicant type under Fuel Distribution Facility applicant type.
- Increase Federal cost share for eligible activities to 75 percent for transportation fueling facilities owning 10 or fewer stations and home heating oil distribution facilities.
- Updated capped costs for fuel dispensers and fuel storage tanks for transportation fueling facility applicants.

# Overview



# HBIIP Overview

Of the **\$90 million** available to eligible participants/owners each quarter:

- Approximately **\$68.5 million** is available to transportation fueling facilities,

for activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol, **greater than 10 percent ethanol**, including E15 and E85, and biodiesel **greater than 5 percent biodiesel**, including B20 or higher.

**Transportation fueling facilities include:**

Fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities, and similar entities with capital investments.

# HBIIP Overview (continued)

## Eligible Project Costs:

- Incurred after a **complete application is submitted**;
- Purchase, installation, and/or retrofitting of fuel dispensers related equipment and infrastructure to support higher blend fuel sales;
- Construction, replacement, improvements;
- Fees – construction permits, and licenses;
- Professional service fees.

## Ineligible Project Costs:

- Renewable diesel projects;
- Sustainable aviation fuel projects;
- Used equipment and vehicles;
- Construction or equipment costs that would be incurred regardless of the HBIIP project;
- Purchase of real property/land or lease payments;
- Expenses associated with applying for, reporting, reimbursement, and servicing of HBIIP.

## HBIP Overview (continued<sub>2</sub>)

There is a **Matching Funds** (cost sharing) requirement. Matching funds will need to cover the remaining balance that grant funds do not.

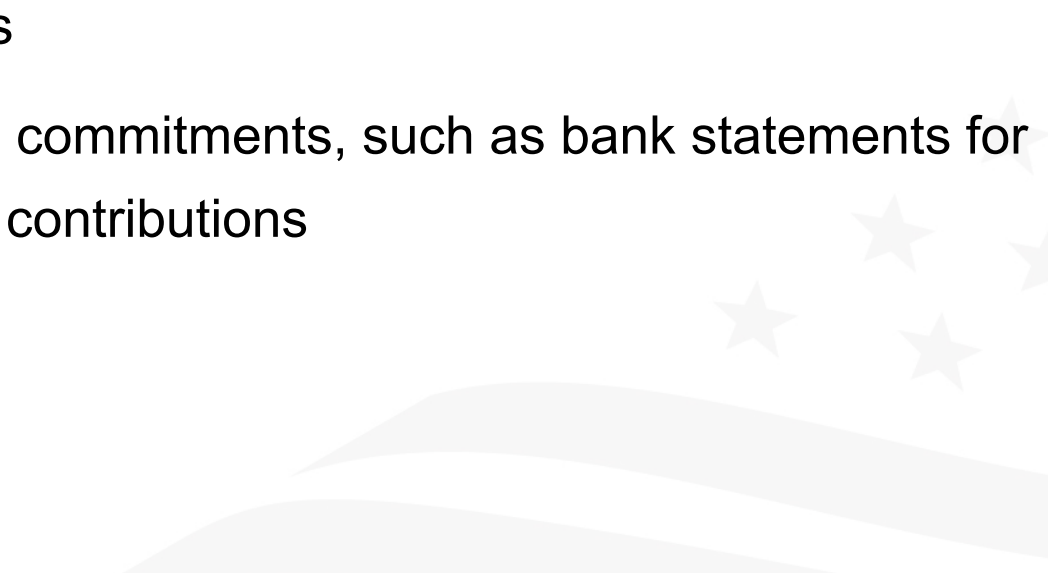
Estimated Funding:	Cash	In-kind value	All
Federal			
Applicant			
State			
Local			
Other			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

- Arrangements with private entities
- Commercial vendors of fuels
- Agricultural commodity/renewable fuel promotional organizations
- State-led programs and private sector efforts



# HBIIP Overview (continued<sub>3</sub>)

## Matching Funds:

- Required to receive HBIIP grant
  - Remainder – All eligible project costs not covered by Grant funds
  - Consist of **CASH** and In-kind contributions
  - Secured by applicant – **must** have written commitments, such as bank statements for cash or Letters of Commitment for in-kind contributions
  - In-kind from applicants is not eligible
  - Other Federal grants are not eligible
  - Passive tax equity contributions allowed
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### **Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)**

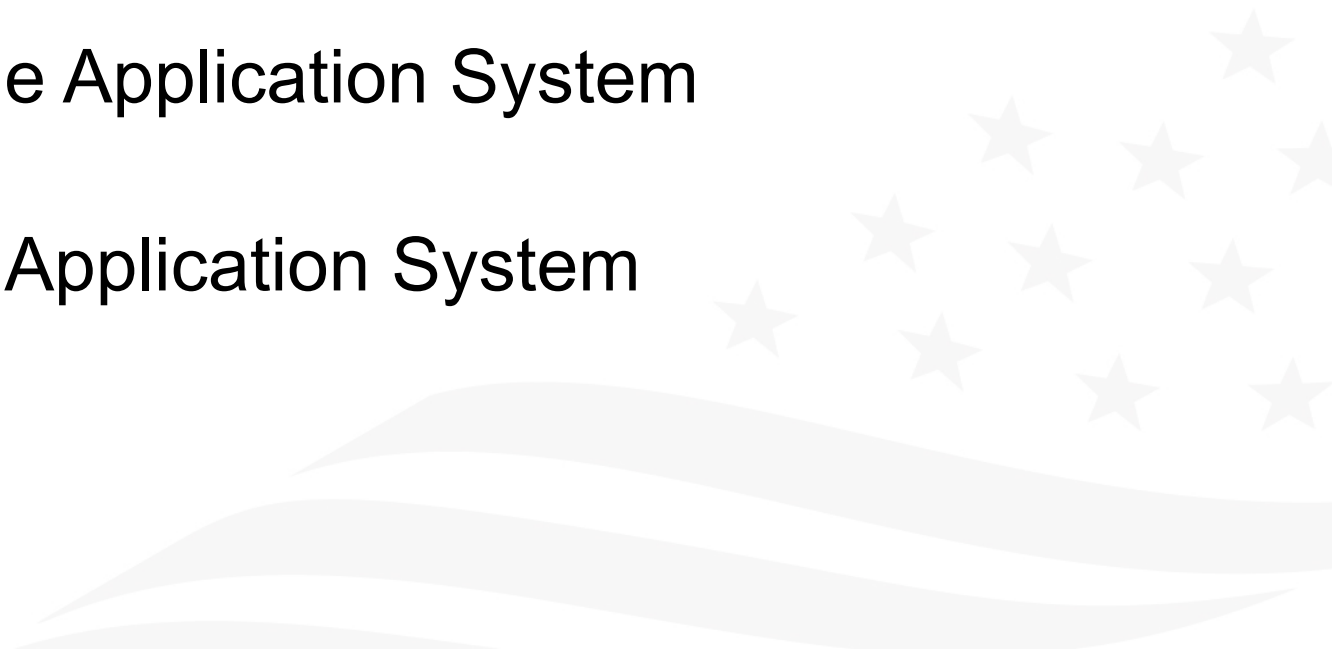
- If applying as:
  - State or Local Government
  - Indian Tribe
  - Institution of Higher Education
  - Nonprofit



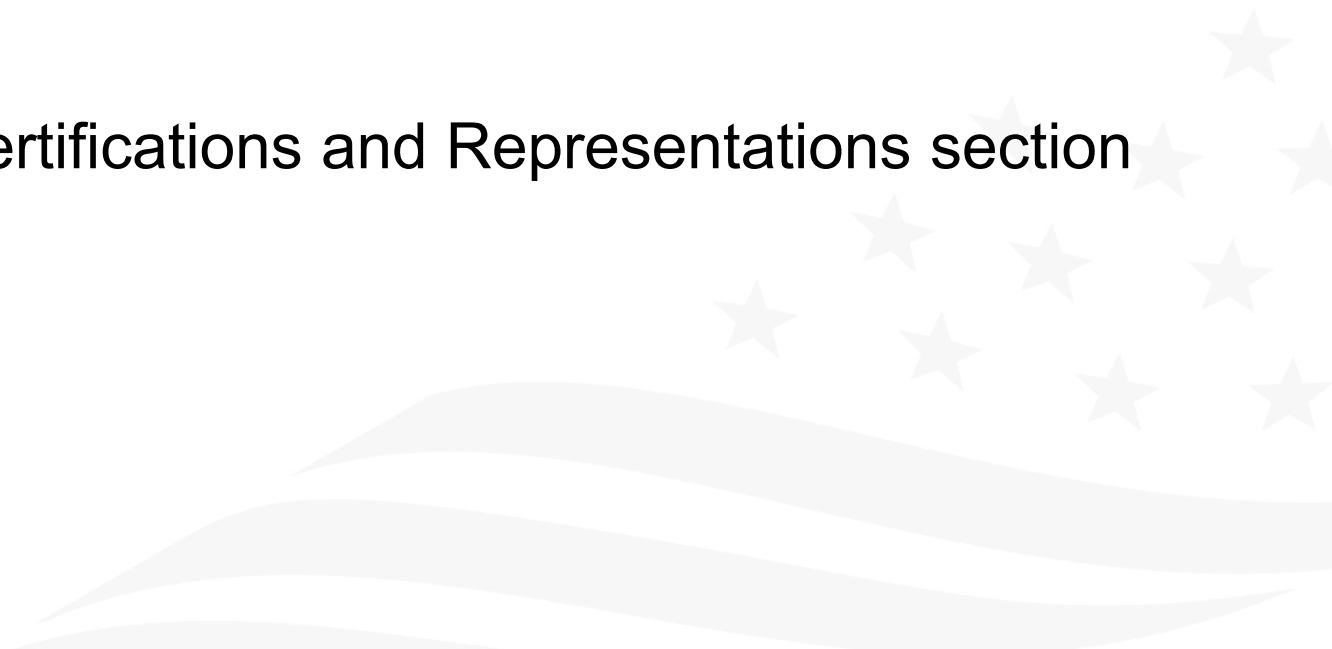
# Enrollment Orientation



# HBIIP Enrollment

- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
  - USDA Level 2 eAuthentication/Login.gov (Coming Soon!)
  - Requesting access to the Online Application System
  - Obtaining access to the Online Application System
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## HBIIP Enrollment (continued)

- “Register Your Entity” with the System for Award Management (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and expiration date.
    - Make sure you complete the Certifications and Representations section when registering your entity.
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# To Apply System for Award Management (SAM) Registration


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Entity Validation Processing [Show Details](#)  
Jun 15, 2023

Planned Maintenance Schedule [Show Details](#)  
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- Contract Opportunities**
- Contract Data**  
(Reports ONLY from fpds.gov)
- Wage Determinations**
- Federal Hierarchy**  
Departments and Subtiers
- Assistance Listings**
- Entity Information**  
Entities, Disaster Response Registry, Exclusions, and Responsibility/Qualification (was fapiis.gov) **NEW**
- Entity Reporting**  
SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting

**Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID**

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.

- Get Started**
- Renew Entity
- [Check Entity Status](#)

Already know what you want to find?

Select Domain... ▾ e.g. 1606N020Q02

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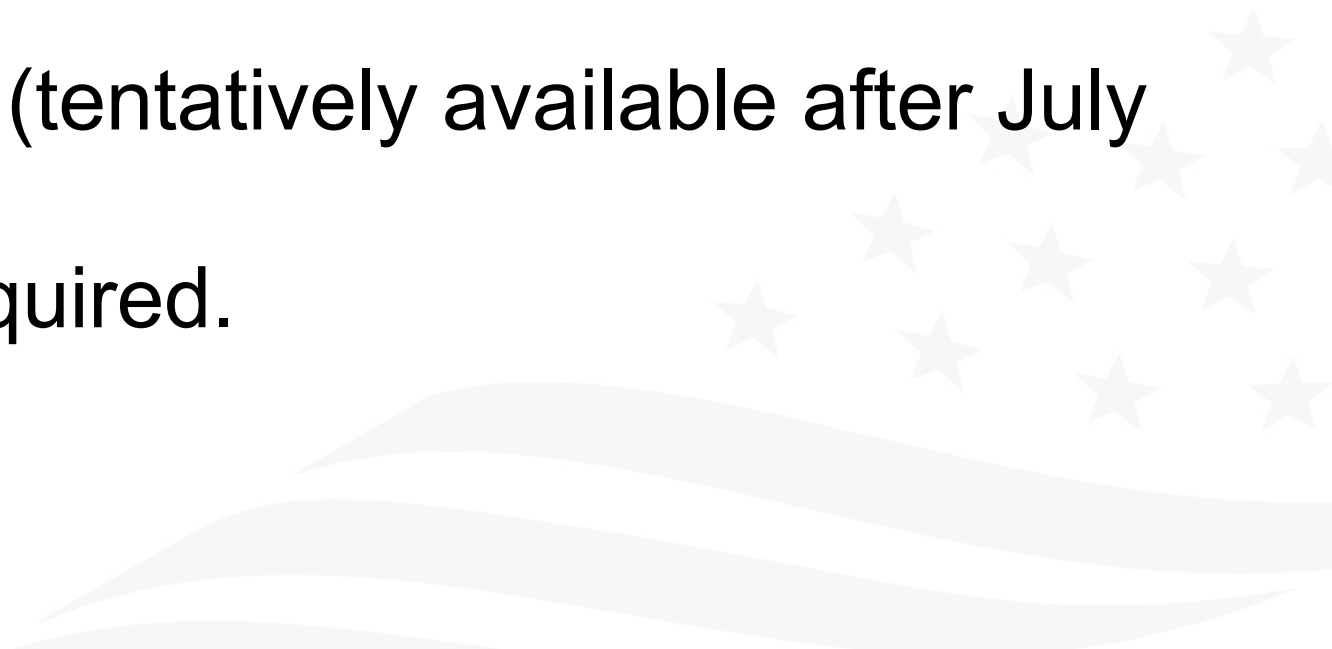
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## HBIP Enrollment (continued<sub>2</sub>)


- Create a USDA eAuthentication Customer Account, <https://www.eauth.usda.gov>.
    - Level 2 (verified identity) access is required.
  - Create a Login.gov Account (tentatively available after July 24, 2023), <https://login.gov/>.
    - Verified Identity will be required.
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## USDA eAuthentication

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### eAuth Home

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### Account Information ? Logout

**Login Information**

**i** Your User ID is [REDACTED]

**Email address:** [REDACTED]

**Password:** \*\*\*\* 

**Verified Identity**

**Personal Information**

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Date of birth:** [REDACTED]

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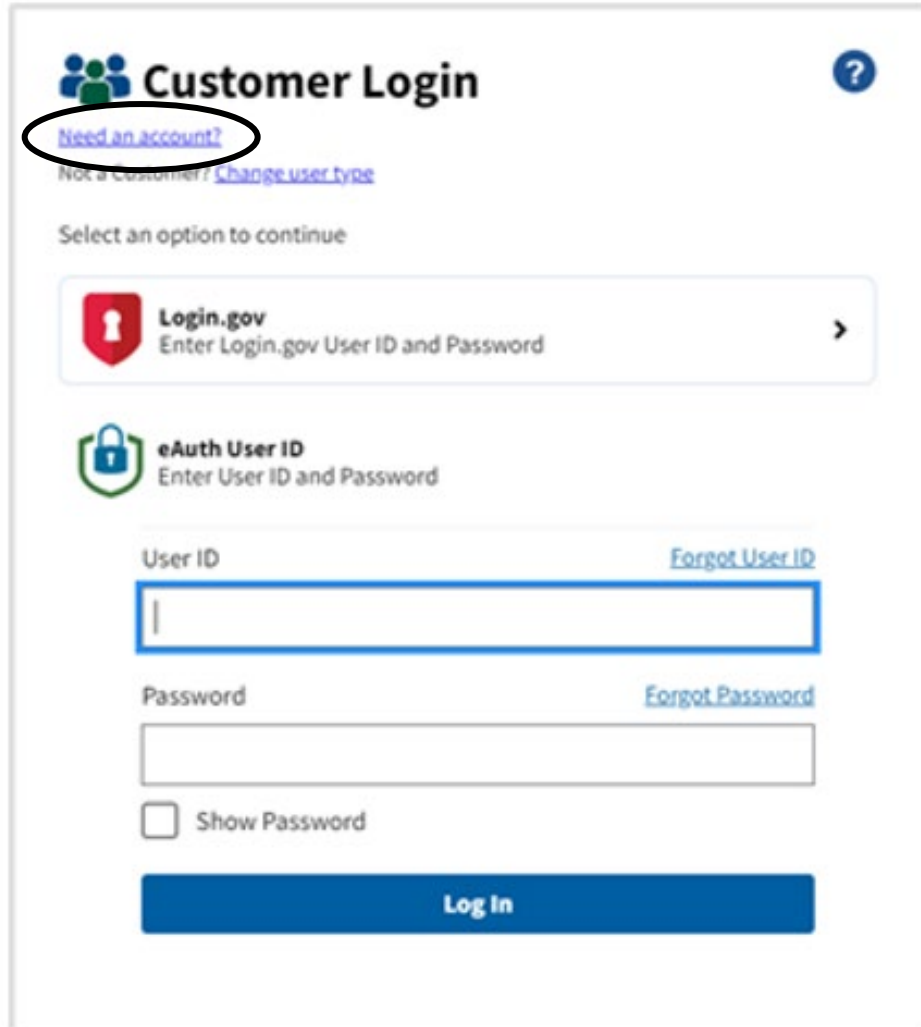
Select your user type to continue

Remember my user type

-  **Customer**  
Public citizens conducting business with USDA Agencies >
-  **USDA Employee/Contractor**  
Federal employees and contractors working for USDA >
-  **Other Federal Employee/Contractor**  
Non-USDA federal agency employees and contractors >

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*Login.gov (continued)*



**Customer Login** ?

[Need an account?](#)  
Not a Customer? [Change user type](#)

Select an option to continue

**Login.gov**  
Enter Login.gov User ID and Password

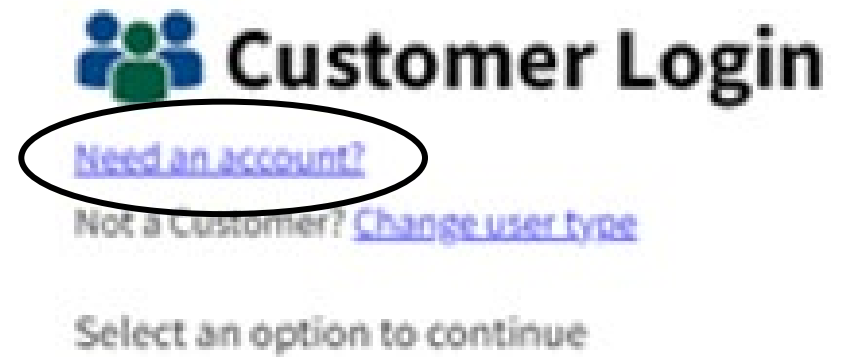
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Enter User ID and Password

User ID [Forgot User ID](#)

Password [Forgot Password](#)

Show Password

**Log In**



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Select an option to continue

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Use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government agencies.



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*Login.gov (continued<sub>3</sub>)*

## Link with Login.gov ?

Login.gov must be linked to an eAuth account to use it with USDA applications.

Use an existing eAuth account to link to my Login.gov account.

Continue without linking to an existing eAuth account.

Continue

## Continue Link with Login.gov?

After linking, your Login.gov account must be used for all future access to USDA websites and applications.

No

Yes

# To Apply

## *HBIIP Online Access Request*

Overview

To Apply

Other Requirements

Contact

Events

To apply for the Higher Blends Grant program, please review the online application checklist below to determine the important documents you will need. You must also submit your completed [HBIIP Online Access Request](#) to [HBIIP@usda.gov](mailto:HBIIP@usda.gov) to gain access to the online application system.

### Important Documents

#### **i** Accessing Forms

If you are using Google Chrome, your browser settings may require you to first download the form and then open the form.

If an error message populates when opening these forms, please follow these steps to resolve the error:

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2. Go to the menu and click "Edit".
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# Request to Participate

## HBIIIP Online Access Request

### Company/Account and User Creation Request

Submit this completed document to HBIIP@usda.gov, ensuring that all Authorized Users have Level 2 USDA eAuthentication (verified identity) access prior to submission.

Request Type

1 Create Company Account only

2 Create User Account only

3 Create both Company Account and User Account (\*New applicants)

4 Generate New Application and Add User Account (\*Repeat applicants)

Company Information

Company Legal Name

Company Tax ID Number (TIN)

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

UEI Expiration Date

Applicant Type (Select One)

#### Authorized User Information

Last Name	First Name	Email	eAuth ID
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
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\*If you are a repeat applicant and need to have Authorized Users removed from account access, please provide user names in a written request to HBIIP@usda.gov.

Please complete this authorization to allow access to the company account or attach an authorization allowing access to the account for users not affiliated with applicant entity. I, as a representative of the entity above, grant permission for the users listed in the Authorized User Information table to have access to our application.

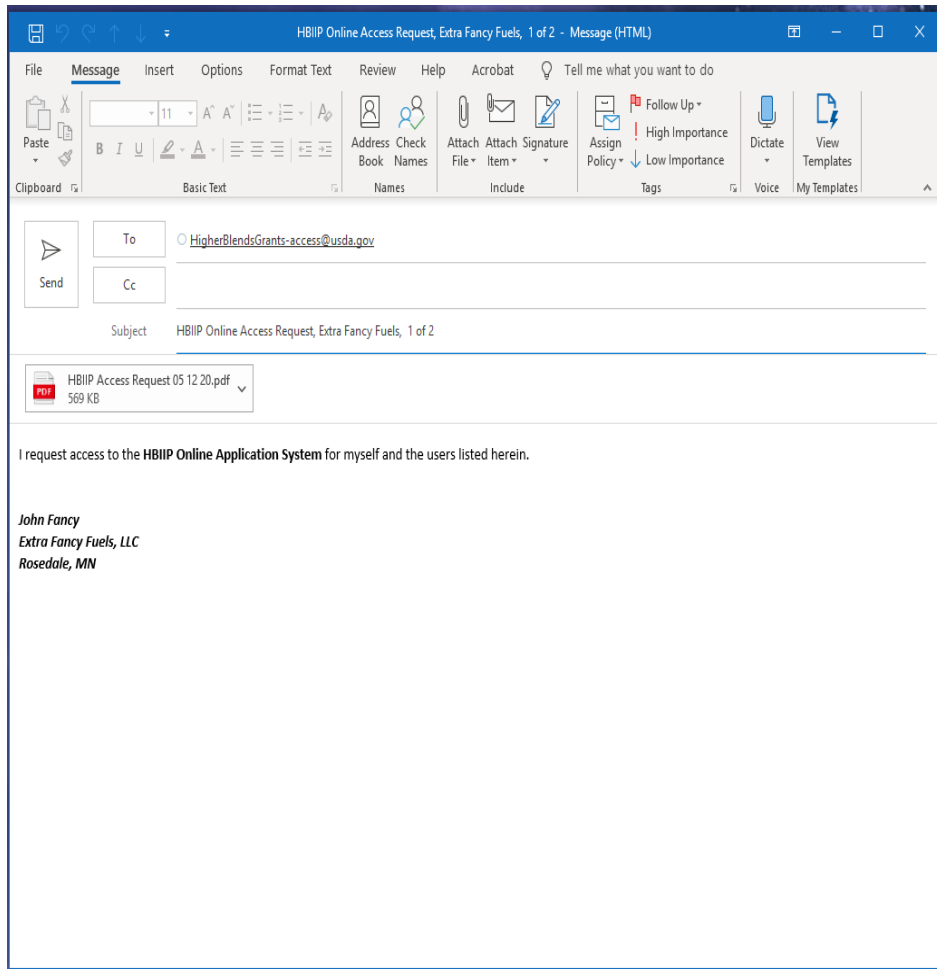
Signature

Date

- Select: Create both Company Account and User Account
- Company's Legal Name
- Company TIN
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- UEI Expiration Date
- Applicant Type (Select One):
  - Owner of 10 or fewer fueling stations
  - Owner of more than 10 fueling stations
  - Fleet facility (including rail/marine)
  - Fuel Distribution Facility
  - Home Heating Oil Distribution Facility
- Provide authorized user information
- Provide authorization



# Request to Participate (continued)



To request access to *HBIIP Online Application System*:

1. Send an Email attached with a completed and encrypted HBIIP Online Access Request to, [HBIIP@usda.gov](mailto:HBIIP@usda.gov).
2. Send second email immediately with encryption password.

Please allow at least one week to process your request. If you do not receive a response after one week, please resubmit your request.

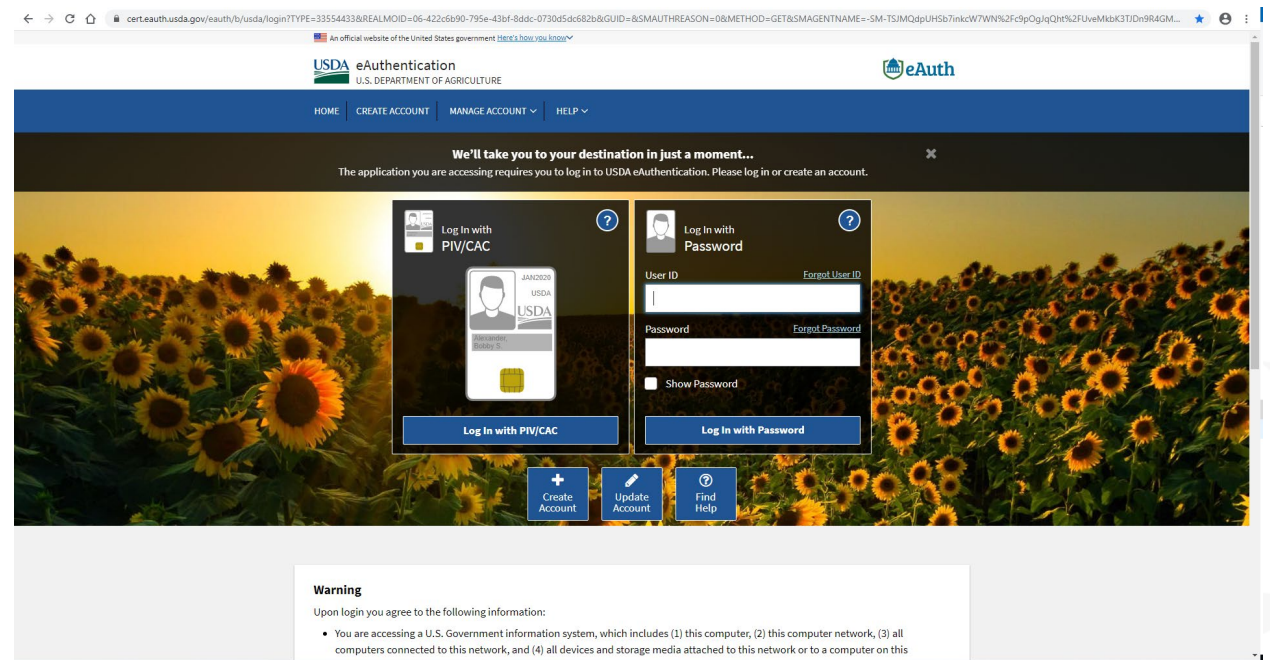
# Obtaining access to the Online Application System

Upon approval, a Company's authorized/rightful users will each receive an email from [HBIIP@usda.gov](mailto:HBIIP@usda.gov), with

A URL and instructions to access the system.

Copy the URL and paste it into the address bar of a **Google Chrome** internet browser and hit enter.

Bookmark the URL for future use.



# Important Dates

- June 28, 2023 - A ***Notice of Funding Opportunity*** (NOFO) published in the *Federal Register*
  - Announced Quarterly HBIIP Application Windows
  - Announced Changes to HBIIP
- Beginning of Each Quarter
  - HBIIP Online Application System Goes Live
  - Begin Accepting Online Access Enrollment Requests
  - Begin Accepting Preliminary Environmental Information Surveys

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# Online Application Instructions Guide



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## Online Grant Application Instruction Guide

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# Online Application System



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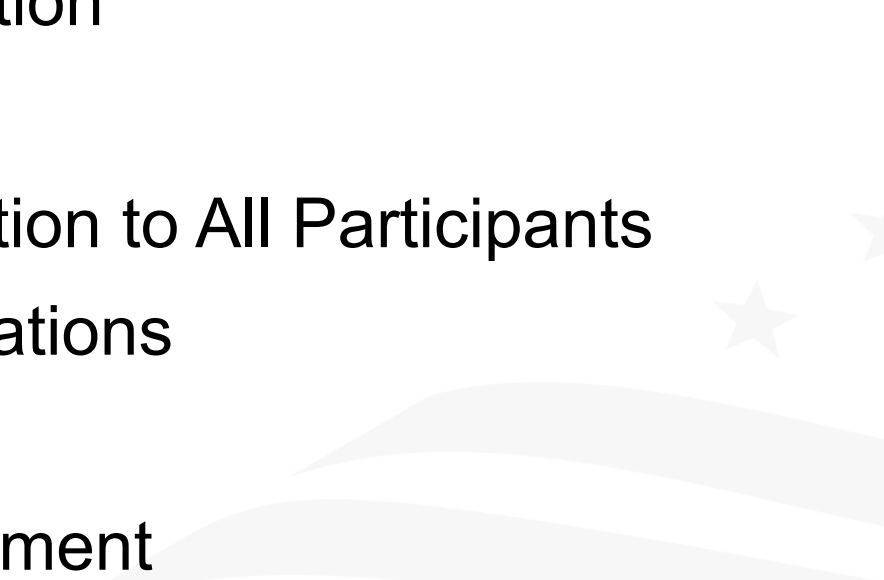


# What's next?

- HBIIP Application Windows – Closes at 4:30 pm Eastern on the final day of each quarter
    1. July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023
    2. October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
    3. January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024
    4. April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024
    5. July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024
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# What's next? (Continued)

- Reviews – expected to take 90-180 days from the date an application window closes
    - Agency Review for Eligibility and Completeness
    - Evaluation Panel and Competition
  - Following Reviews
    - Selection, Written Communication to All Participants
    - Public Announcement of Obligations
    - Grant Agreement Execution
    - Project Completion/Reimbursement
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# What's next?

## Training

- Planned Training Webinars – See **Events** tab
  - *HBIIP Environmental Review Process for Applicants*
  - *HBIIP Transportation Fueling Facility Applicant (Rail/Marine) Deep Dive*
  - *HBIIP Fuel Distribution Facility Applicant Deep Dive*
  - *HBIIP Post Selection Next Steps*

# Additional Opportunities



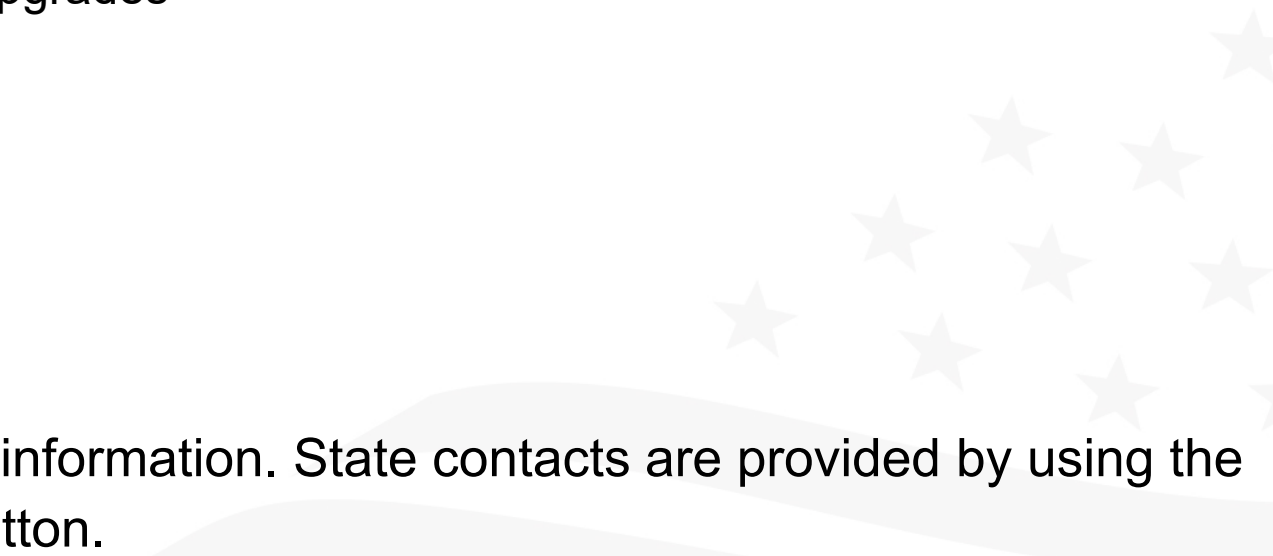
# Additional Opportunities (continued)

- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
  - Provides financial assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to make energy efficiency improvements or to install renewable energy systems
  - Types of funding
    - Guaranteed loans
      - Covers up to 75% of the eligible project costs for up to \$25 million
    - Grants
      - Covers up to 50% of the eligible project costs
      - For energy efficiency improvements, there is a \$1,500 minimum and \$500,000 maximum
      - For renewable energy systems, there is a \$2,500 minimum and a \$1,000,000 maximum
  - Eligible applicants
    - Small business is eligible rural areas
    - Agricultural producers with more than 50% of their income coming from agricultural operations

# Additional Opportunities (continued<sub>2</sub>)

- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) (continued)

## Examples

- Energy Efficiency Improvements
    - Refrigeration/Freezer upgrades
    - Commercial kitchen, food prep equipment upgrades
    - Lighting upgrades
    - Heating and Ventilation (HVAC) systems
  - Renewable Energy Systems
    - Solar Array
    - Ethanol/Biodiesel Plant Retrofit
  - Visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/reap> for more information. State contacts are provided by using the “Contact Your State Energy Coordinator” button.
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## Additional Opportunities (continued<sub>3</sub>)

- **Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loans**

- Provides financial assistance to rural businesses for things like business expansion, purchase of machinery and equipment, debt refinance, etc.
- Types of funding
  - Guaranteed loans for up to \$25 million
- Eligible applicants
  - Businesses located in rural areas (population of 50,000 or less)
- Contact your local USDA Rural Development Office by using the link below and selecting your state in the drop-down menu

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

# *Thank you!*

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/higher-blends-infrastructure-incentive-program>

Under the **Events** tab