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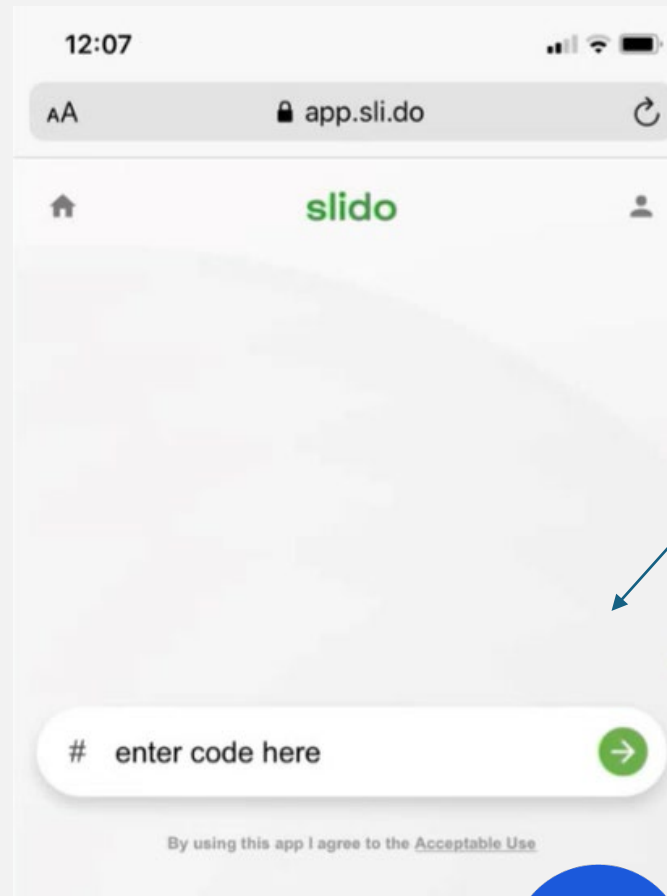
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Career Skills Training (CST) Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) Overview

Objective Strategic Session

January 15, 2025



AGENDA

DOE SCEP & CST Introduction

Eligibility Requirements & Evaluation Criteria

Tips for a Strong Application

The Application Process

Helpful Links & Timeline

Q&A



OFFICE OF STATE AND COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS' (SCEP) STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

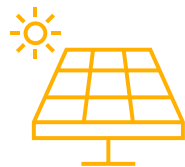
Whole Greater than Sum of its Parts

SCEP's mission is to partner with State, Local, and Tribal governments and community organizations to catalyze local economic development and job creation through equitable clean energy solutions.

SCEP does this through the **management and oversight of \$16 billion** in formula grants, competitive grant awards, consumer rebate grants, and technical assistance.



Prioritize Justice40 initiative



Deploy clean energy technologies



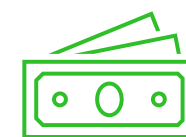
Catalyze local economic development



Create jobs and increase hiring



Avoid pollution through place-based strategies



Reduce energy costs

CAREER SKILLS TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

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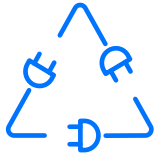
DOE launched a \$10 million grant program to strengthen partnerships between industry and labor organizations to expand and enhance existing programs where students concurrently receive classroom instruction and on-the-job training to obtain an industry-related certification to install energy efficient building technologies.



CST PIA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



\$6.8M in funding available as part of the Partnership Intermediary Agreement.



Awards **between \$400,000 and \$1,100,000 to train and certify workers to install energy efficient building technologies**, with a 50% cost share.¹



Provide funding for **nonprofit partnerships**, which must include one industry partner and one labor organization partner.



The goal of the CST program is to **deliver a more equitable clean energy future** while providing participants with the necessary skills and industry-recognized certifications required to pursue a career in the energy efficiency industry.

1. 50% cost share means that the applicant must cover at least 50% of the project cost (42 U.S.C. 18802(c)). For instance, if a project costs \$100k, DOE can make a \$50k award.

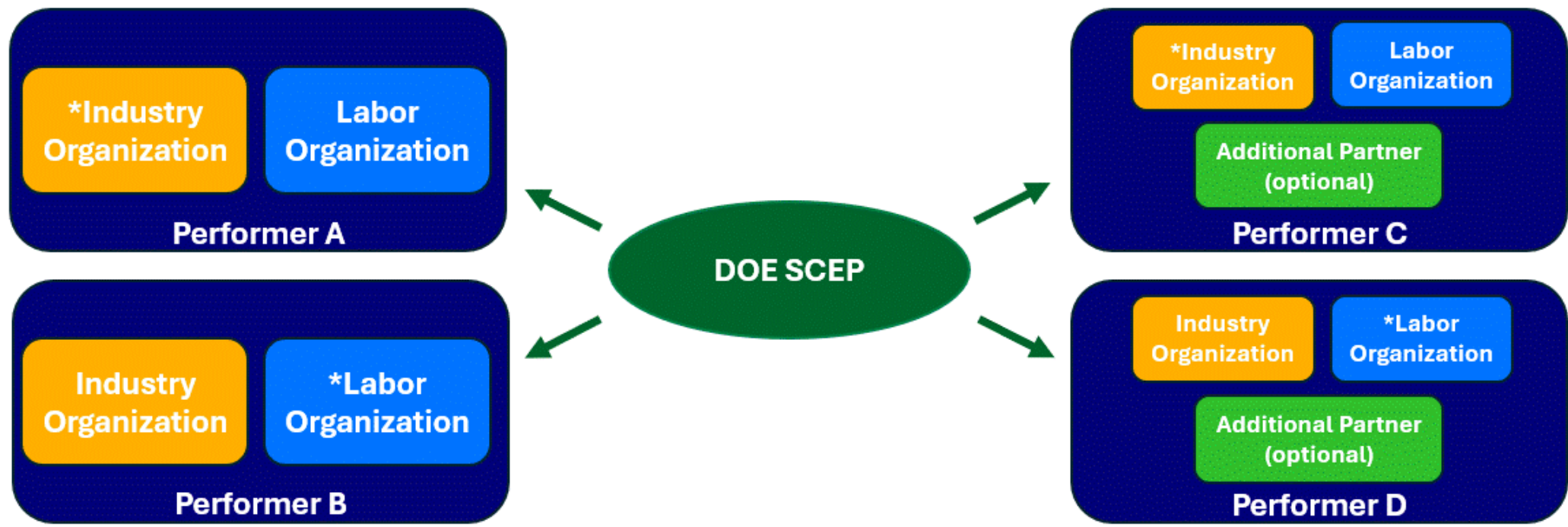


50% COST SHARE REQUIREMENT

- Cost share must be at least 50% of the total project costs.
- The cost share must come from non-federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law.
- All sources of cost share are considered part of total project costs, and the cost share dollars will be scrutinized under the same Federal regulations as Federal dollars.
- Cost share can come from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, businesses, industry associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, education and training providers, philanthropic organizations, and/or federal, state, and local government programs.
- The lead partner is solely responsible for managing cost share contributions by the project team and enforcing cost share obligation assumed by project team members in subawards or related agreements.
- Cost share may be provided in the form of cash or cash equivalents, or in-kind contributions.



CST PIA PARTNERSHIP SETUP



*An asterisk indicates the lead partner, which can be either the industry organization or the labor organization. The lead partner will have overall fiscal and administrative responsibility for the award.

CST PIA ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS



Role	Eligible Organizations
Industry Organization (Required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public employers• Private employers• Industry/trade associations• Related to energy efficiency and renewable energy industries
Labor Organization (Required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor unions• Labor-management organizations• Joint labor-management training programs• Worker centers and organizations
Additional Partner(s) (Optional) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce investment boards• Community-based organizations• Qualified service and conservation corps• Educational institutions• Small businesses• Cooperatives• State and local veterans agencies• Veterans service organizations

1. This is a non-exhaustive list of potential partners and DOE will consider partners that don't fall into these categories.

CST PIA: TWO PARALLEL WORKSTREAMS



Workstream 1: Enhancing Existing Training Pathways



Provide federal funding to expand on occupations, career tracks, or pathways not currently engaged or serviced by the applicant.

Workstream 2: Enhancing Existing Energy Efficiency Career Skills



Enhance current training offerings with additional energy efficiency field practices, technology instruction, and job placement.



CST PIA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



Equal Participation

- Equal participation of industry and labor organizations.



Letter(s) of Commitment

- The lead performer must submit at least one letter of commitment from the industry or labor organization with which they are partnering, as well as one letter of commitment from each additional proposed partner.
- Potential performers must provide written assurance of their proposed cost share contributions that includes a letter of commitment from each entity providing a cost share contribution and the amount committed to the project.

CST PIA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)



Nonprofit Partnership Must Demonstrate All of the Following:

1. Experience implementing and operating worker skills training and education programs, including best practices they propose to use;
2. The ability to identify and involve in training programs target populations of individuals who would benefit from training and be actively involved in activities relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy industries; and
3. A plan to help individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency.

EVALUATION CRITERIA



Technical Merit (40%)

- Aligns with workstream-specific objectives for either Workstream 1 or Workstream 2.
- Articulates the occupational skills needed and current supply of qualified skilled energy efficiency workers compared to the projected future demand for the selected geographic scope in the statement of need.
- Describes strong outreach, training, and employment placement plans.

EVALUATION CRITERIA (CONTINUED)



Project Implementation (40%)

- Describes the proposed partnership.
- Describes the project team and team experience in clean energy job training and workforce development.
- Describes processes for managing each component of the program.
- Outlines a clear, detailed, timely, and reasonable workplan and budget.



EVALUATION CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Community Benefits (20%)

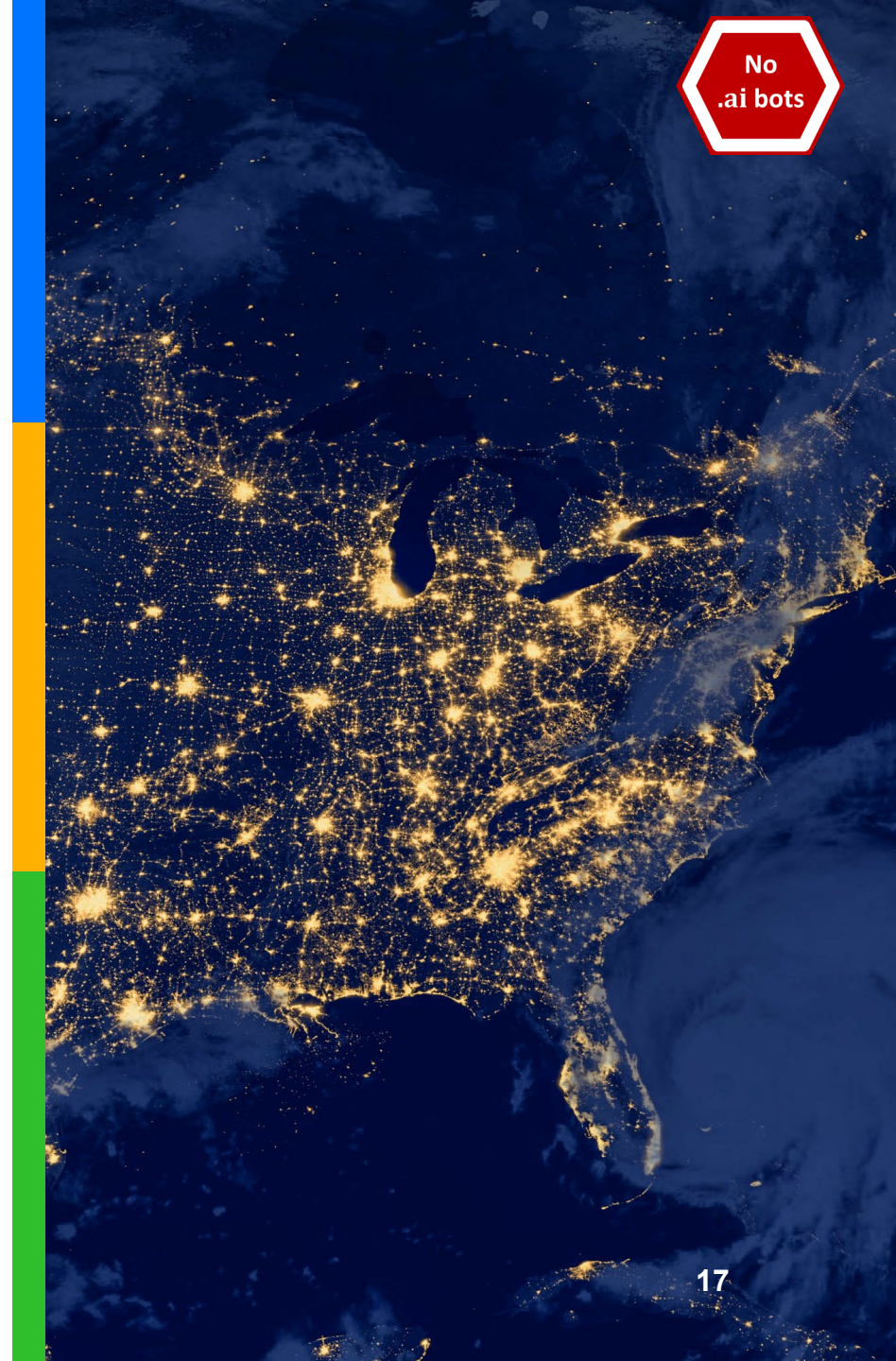
- Defines a plan to connect all participants with high quality jobs.
- Describes plans to engage and recruit participants from disadvantaged communities and those facing barriers to employment.
- Describes plans to partner with organizations located or working in disadvantaged communities.
- Describes how and when anticipated benefits are expected to flow to disadvantaged communities.

See the opportunity announcement for more detail regarding the review criteria.

TIPS FOR A STRONG GRANT APPLICATION



- **Make sure that you're eligible** to apply based on the definition of a nonprofit partnership.
- **Follow the template guidance** as closely as makes sense for your project – this will help reviewers better evaluate your project.
- **Demonstrate relevance to Career Skills Training** by proposing a project that articulates the occupational skills needed and the current supply of qualified skilled energy efficiency workers compared to the projected future demand for the selected geographic scope.
- Clearly communicate that the scope, cost, and duration of the proposed project activities are **reasonable** and within the purpose of the CST PIA.
- **Ask questions**
 - DOE will host office hours on February 5, 2025, to answer any clarification questions regarding your application and the program.
 - Email info@energywerx.org at any time and check the CST opportunity announcement website for published answers.





THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Other Questions?

The CST PIA team will host office hours where applicants can ask questions:

- February 5, 2025, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET ([RSVP Link](#))

If you have questions, please contact ENERGYWERX:
info@energywerx.org

Office Hours RSVP Link:
<https://energywerx.wufoo.com/forms/zrigk6z1ysfepp/>

How to Apply?

The CST PIA program has a **very simple and straightforward application form and process.**

Applications should not take more than a couple hours and are filled out via Submittable.com, not a federal government website.

Application Link:
<https://www.energywerx.org/opportunities/career-skills-training-program>

When to Apply?

All CST PIA applications are due March 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM ET.



HELPFUL LINKS

Resource

Link

Resource	Link
1 CST Opportunity Announcement	Career Skills Training Program Opportunity Announcement
2 Workstream 1 Application	ENERGYWERX Submission Manager - Career Skills Training Program Workstream 1: Expand Existing Training Pathways
3 Workstream 2 Application	ENERGYWERX Submission Manager - Career Skills Training Program Workstream 2: Expand Existing Training Pathways
4 DOE Press Release	Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$10 Million to Expand Access to Clean Energy Workforce Training Programs Department of Energy
5 CST Program Website	Career Skills Training Program Department of Energy
6 CST Program Fact Sheet	About the Career Skills Training Program
7 Sign up for Alerts for Other DOE Workforce Training Updates	DOE Office of State and Community Energy Programs

NEXT STEPS



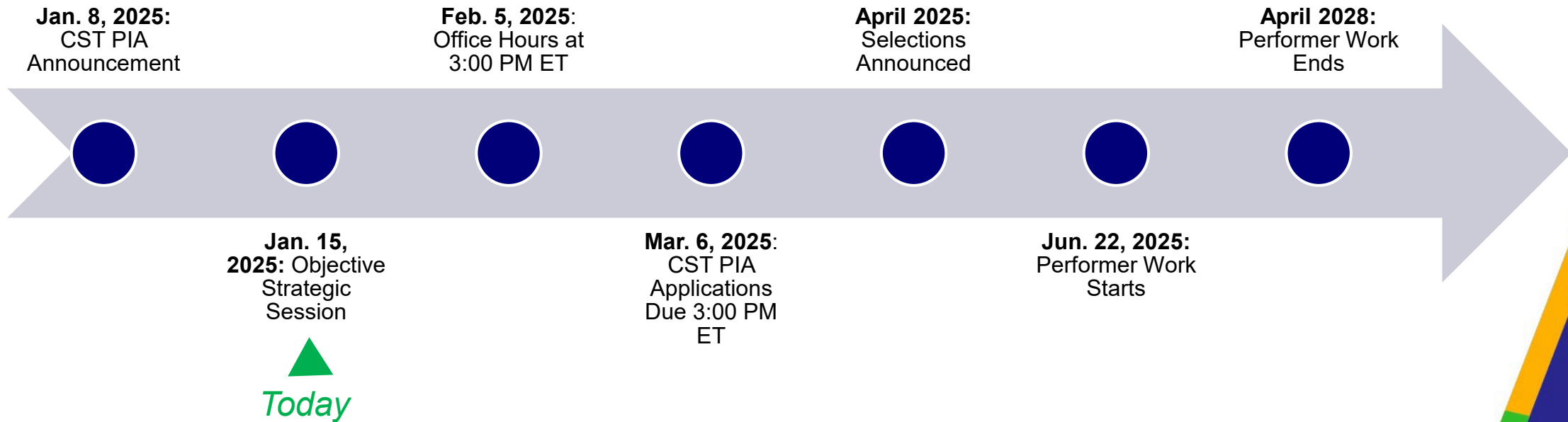
Access and Submit Application Materials

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Deadline to Submit Applications: March 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM ET

Questions: email info@energywerx.org

TIMELINE AND KEY DATES





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