

MAXIMIZE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

GROW A STRONG CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE IN YOUR STATE

As funding from programs such as the Infrastructrure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) become available, BPA is here for you every step of the way. We work with you to understand the landscape in your state and create an action plan for using funds in the best way, organizing contractors, and enhancing the workforce.

With our proven expertise in event facilitation, industry networking, and comprehensive outreach strategies, we will help you pull all the necessary pieces together to help you achieve your state's energy efficiency goals.

HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

Contractor Organization

Convene and organize industry contractors to form a BPA Affiliate (similar to a chapter).

Conduct regular meetings with contractors, industry stakeholders, state agencies, individuals and non-profits to discuss projects, funding, and training needs.

Needs Assessment & Clean Energy Workforce Analysis Report

Conduct a needs assessment to uncover contractor hiring needs, workforce development, and barriers to growth.

Deliver a robust report with strategies to grow a stronger workforce in your state.

Training Pathway

Ensure your contractor workforce is well-trained and prepared to handle your state's energy efficiency goals.

Develop an Energy Specialist apprenticeship program to create entry-level jobs to increase the number of energy auditors and specialists statewide.

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INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA)

\$8.8**B**

in rebates and incentives for home upgrades

\$200M

for state-based contractor training

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)

\$250M

for the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant Program

\$40M for energy auditor training

\$10M for career skills training

\$10M

for building, training, and assessment centers

CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATION

Unlocking the full potential of IRA funding in your state hinges on tapping into the insights and experiences of your local workforce. With funding from the state, we will convene and organize industry stakeholders and contractors to form a BPA state affiliate to align efforts around IIJA/IRA implementation. This group becomes the voice of the local industry, sharing their direct experiences to guide us as we take action.

We will also identify individuals, non-profits, and state and local agencies that are collaborating to implement energy efficiency initiatives at the local level. These initiatives include weatherization, support for contractors, coordination of existing training resources, and collaborative partnerships. Through this approach, BPA aims to support and enhance the effectiveness of existing efforts while also identifying new opportunities resulting from federal legislation dollars.

With additional funding, BPA can provide the coordination of monthly check-in calls with the lead organizers to discuss projects, funding needs, quarterly member meetings, and ongoing training needs.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT & CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE ANALYSIS REPORT

We offer a statewide needs assessment that goes beyond surveying the existing workforce. We uncover hiring needs, workforce development, and accessibility barriers facing contractors and trainers. Our assessments ensure inclusivity as we engage individuals and organizations in historically disadvantaged areas affected by adverse societal and historical circumstances. Additionally, we will track the progress of participants across various programs for Justice 40 reporting and methodology purposes.

Using data from the needs assessment, we develop a Clean Energy Workforce Analysis Report, which outlines strategies and grow a stronger workforce that can meet the demands of your state's energy efficiency goals. We will emphasize the advantages of home performance, career opportunities in the field, energy efficiency, and the clean energy job market. This plan will increase capacity in your state and provide valuable insights for managing and distributing designated funding to be used for consumer incentives and workforce development programs.



Sample Needs Assessment - West Virginia >

TRAINING PATHWAYS

With \$200 million being distributed to states in the form of training grants, it's crucial to make sure your state has a plan for this funding. Working with our partner Everblue, we will develop a custom training pathway that gets contractors up to speed on the work to be done. Everblue provides end-to-end learning management, apprenticeship tracking, diversity, equity, and inclusion tracking, and a certification platform.

BPA will work to institute a registered program for the newly formed Department of Labor (DOL) Energy Specialist apprenticeship. With this service, government organizations can ensure their workforce is well-trained and prepared to handle energy efficiency initiatives.

Let's Work Together

Collaborate with BPA to assess your state's specific needs, rally capable contractors, and optimize the use of federal program funds. Together, we can maximize the impact of these initiatives and make a lasting difference in your state's clean energy landscape.

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