



**Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation
2023 Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP)**

Grant Application Instructions

[9709-FG-2023](#)



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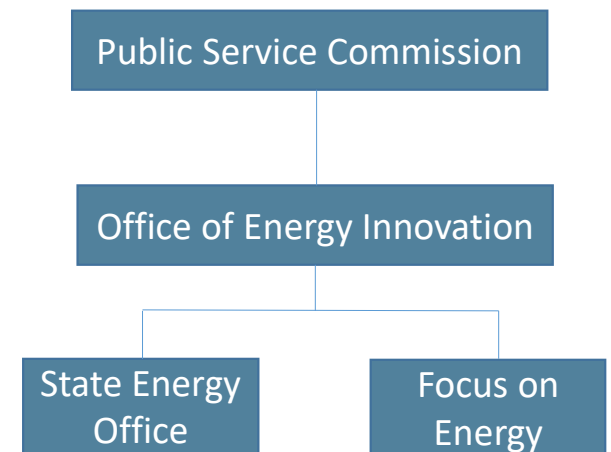
OEI Mission:

Developing Wisconsin's energy landscape to be secure, reliable, environmentally responsible, and growing the state's economy for all.

OEI Programs:

- [State Energy Office](#)
 - **Federally-funded:** Grants, Technical Assistance, Energy Statistics & Data, Energy Security
- [Focus on Energy](#)
 - **Utility ratepayer-funded:** Incentives, Technical Assistance, Training, Trade Ally Support

Contact OEI: OEI@Wisconsin.gov



State Energy Office

- Implements the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program
 - Federal formula and competitive energy grant funding
 - Energy-related planning
 - Technical assistance
- Implements the requirements of [Wis. Stat. § 196.025\(7\)\(a\)3](#)
 - Collect, analyze, interpret, and maintain the comprehensive data needed for effective state agency energy planning
 - Prepare and maintain contingency plans for responding to critical energy shortages
 - Provide technical assistance to government in the planning and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable resources
 - May require a public utility to provide data regarding public schools, if the commission determines that the data is necessary to provide technical assistance

Background

- EIGP is Federally Funded through U.S. Department of Energy by the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA), to support communities taking initial steps to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. IIJA also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- The EIGP 2023 Program design and budget were established by the Public Service Commission in an open meeting on November 29, 2023.

Program Objectives

Objective One: Investing in the adoption of innovative energy technologies and processes

Objective Two: Expanding access to clean energy, efficiency, and preparedness to Wisconsin communities that are otherwise unable to adopt these and for whom these are innovative approaches

Quick Facts

- Docket 9709-FG-2023
- \$7.8 million in grant funds available
- Application Instructions, Program Metrics workbook on: [PSC Energy Innovation Grant Program \(wi.gov\)](#)
 - Issued November 30, 2023
- Submit application through online [PSC Grants System](#)
 - Applications **due March 1, 1:30 CT.**
 - Late applications will not be accepted
- 12-month project performance period, with the ability for extensions should justification be provided
- Reimbursement based program

EIGP Overview



Timeline

DATE	EVENT
November 30, 2023	Applications available, Program Application Instructions posted
March 1, 2024	Applications due by 1:30 pm CT on March 1, 2024
March 2024	Review Panel evaluation PSC determination of 2023 Energy Innovation Grant Program Awards
April 2024	PSC determination of 2023 Energy Innovation Grant Program Awards Order Issued
Spring 2024	Contract negotiations and applicable next steps related to NEPA review, etc.
Spring 2024-2025	Project performance period



EIGP Overview



Program Questions?

- Submit questions to OEI@wisconsin.gov
 - Subject line: 2023 EIGP Application Question
- FAQ document link: [PSC Energy Innovation Grant Program \(wi.gov\)](https://psc.wisconsin.gov/energy-innovation-grant-program)
 - Check back for updates
- Significant errors or deficiencies will result in reissuing the Program Application Instructions on ERF
 - Subscribe to Docket 9709-FG-2023 for automatic ERF updates



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) Office of Energy Innovation

This FAQ provides answers to common questions regarding the Energy Innovation Grant Program – Round One grant. This document is intended to complement the application instructions and application issued on November 30, 2023.

Note: The responses below to FAQs are intended to provide useful information to individuals applying for the Energy Innovation Grant Program- Round One grant. The responses below do not and cannot limit the discretion of the Commission when it meets to decide which Energy Innovation Grant Program applications should receive funds. To the extent that the responses below suggest policy choices different from the course of action the Commission ultimately adopts, the Commission's grant decision is controlling in all circumstances. The Commission has the discretion to prioritize certain applications over others in order to best distribute the available funds among the eligible grant applicants.

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Overall Requirements

- In-State Project: Project must be located exclusively within the state of Wisconsin.
- Cost Match: not required, However, for Activity 1 and Activity 2 applications, cost match will be taken into consideration by Commission.
- Project cost-share (aka match) cannot include other federal funding.
- Compliance with other IIJA and applicable Federal Requirements, including:
 - Justice40 Initiative
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Build America/Buy America (BABA) Requirements for Infrastructure Projects
 - Davis-Bacon and Related Acts

Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Municipalities, Universities, Schools, Hospitals, and Like Entities (MUSH Market):
 - Cities, Villages, Towns, Counties
 - K-12 School Districts
 - Tribal Nations
 - Municipal Water and Wastewater Utilities
 - Municipal Electric Utilities, Municipal Natural Gas Utilities
 - University of Wisconsin System Campuses and Facilities
 - Wisconsin Technical Colleges System
 - Public or Nonprofit Hospitals
 - Electric Cooperatives
 - 501(c)(3) Nonprofits
- ▶ Manufacturers as defined by Wis. Stat. § 77.51(7h)1

EIGP Eligible Activities and Funds



Activity	Maximum Grant Request	Available Funds per Activity
1. Renewable Energy and Energy Storage	See below	\$3,400,000
Solar PV Systems	\$250,000	
Renewable Energy Systems [other than Solar PV Systems]	\$500,000	
Energy Storage System	\$250,000	
Renewable Energy Systems with Energy Storage	\$500,000 (Solar PV) \$750,000 (all other Renewable Energy)	
Level 3 Microgrid Implementation	\$750,000	
2. Energy Efficiency and Demand Response	\$1 million	\$3,400,000
3. Comprehensive Energy Planning & Feasibility Studies for Microgrids	See below	\$1,000,000
Planning Efforts	\$50,000 for Single Eligible Applicant \$100,000 for Two Eligible Applicants \$150,000 for Three Eligible Applicants \$200,000 for Four or More Eligible Applicants	
Feasibility Studies for Microgrids	\$50,000 for Level 1 & Level 2 Microgrids \$100,000 for Level 3 Microgrid	
		Total: \$7.8 million

Microgrid Definition (Activities 1 and 3)

- ▶ **Microgrid;** A group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid. A microgrid can connect and disconnect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island-mode.
 - ▶ Level 1 or single customer: a single Distributed Energy Resource (DER) or multiple DERs serving one customer through one meter. Example: a single facility (such as a hospital) using an on-site microgrid to provide backup power.
 - ▶ Level 2 or single customer or campus setting (partial feeder microgrid): a single DER or multiple DERs serving multiple facilities, controlled by one meter at the interconnection point (also known as Point of Common Coupling or PCC). Example: a microgrid sited on a University campus connected to multiple buildings.
 - ▶ Level 3 or multiple customers (advanced or full feeder microgrid): a single DER or multiple DERs serving multiple facilities or customers on multiple meters. The DER(s) may be located on a different site from the facilities or customers. While the advanced microgrid has one PCC, the individual facilities or customers within the advanced microgrid may have their own individual connections to the distribution grid.

Activity 1: Renewable Energy and Energy Storage

Includes applicant-owned projects to install a solar photovoltaic (PV) system, a renewable energy system other than solar PV, a standalone battery storage system, or a project that will combine a battery storage system with solar PV or another renewable energy system.

▶ **Solar PV Systems –\$250,000 max. grant request**

- ▶ Installation or upgrade of a solar PV system

▶ **Renewable Energy Systems [other than PV Systems] - \$500,000 max. grant request**

- ▶ Installation or upgrade of a biogas, biomass, geothermal, solar thermal, wind, or other renewable resource system

▶ **Energy Storage System - \$250,000 max. grant request**

- ▶ Installation or upgrade of a battery storage system

▶ **Renewable Energy Systems with Energy Storage System- \$500,000 (Solar PV) \$750,000 (all other Renewable Energy) max. grant request**

- ▶ Installation of a battery storage system combined with installation or upgrade of a solar PV or other renewable energy system

▶ **Level 3 Microgrid Implementation-\$750,000 max. grant request**

- ▶ Installation of a Level 3 Microgrid or Community Resilience Center

EIGP Eligible Activities



Activity 2: Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

Maximum grant Request- \$1,000,000

Includes projects to conduct energy efficiency, process efficiency, demand response improvements, beneficial electrification or any combination thereof

- ▶ **Energy Efficiency (Buildings and other assets)**
- ▶ **Process Efficiency**
- ▶ **Demand Response**
- ▶ **Beneficial Electrification**



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Activity 2: Continued

▶ Demand Response

- ▶ Includes installation of commercial demand response technology that reduces or shifts electricity usage during peak periods in response to time-based rates, or other demand response projects

▶ Beneficial Electrification

- ▶ Can include use of electricity for energy services that would otherwise consume fossil fuels (e.g., propane, heating oil, gasoline, diesel) in a way that reduces overall emissions and energy costs

EIGP Eligible Activities:



Activity 3: Comprehensive Energy Planning and Feasibility Studies for Microgrids

This category will fund projects undertaking a number of energy planning efforts and feasibility studies for microgrids.

- ▶ **Planning Efforts: Up to \$200,000 depending on number of applicants**
 - ▶ \$50,000 for Single Eligible Applicant, \$100,000 for Two Eligible Applicants, \$150,000 for Three Eligible Applicants, \$200,000 for Four or More Eligible Applicants

- ▶ **Comprehensive Energy Planning**

- ▶ **Investment Grade Audit**

- ▶ **Technology Transfer and Market Transformation Planning**

- ▶ **Data Efforts that Contribute to Comprehensive Energy Projects or Plans**



Activity 3: Continued

▶ **Comprehensive Energy Plans**

- ▶ Planning that includes the evaluation of current energy use and sources, determination of the entity's potential for generating energy locally, and creation of goals for energy savings and generation
 - ▶ Efforts should incorporate community-wide and stakeholder engagement, and public availability of the plan

▶ **Investment Grade Audits**

- ▶ A comprehensive energy audit that seeks to identify all cost-effective investment opportunities through a combination of engineering analysis of energy-using systems and economic analysis of possible energy-saving measures

Activity 3: Continued

▶ **Technology Transfer and Market Transformation Planning**

- ▶ Planning that relates to an applicant's efforts as it transitions a key component of its existing technology use, and which may serve as a model for other entities in the applicant's sector
 - ▶ Examples: Electric vehicle planning, beneficial electrification studies, and more

▶ **Data Efforts that Contribute to Comprehensive Energy Projects or Plans**

- ▶ Projects that improve the awareness of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and that provide baseline information for future planning for other complex energy projects

▶ **Feasibility Studies for Microgrids:**

- ▶ \$50,000 for Level 1 and Level 2 Microgrids
- ▶ \$100,000 for Level 3 Microgrids

Ineligible Project Activities

- Build mass-transit systems or exclusive bus lanes, or for the construction or repair of buildings or structures
- Purchase land, buildings, or structures, or any interest therein
- Subsidize fares for public transportation
- Subsidize utility rate demonstrations or state tax credits for energy conservation or renewable energy measures
- Conduct research, development, or demonstration of energy efficiency or renewable energy techniques and technologies not commercially available, or purchase equipment for the conduction thereof., however, pilot projects and demonstrations of commercially available energy efficiency or renewable energy techniques and technologies are permitted

Accounts – Set up now

PSC Grants System and Electronic Records Filing (ERF) System Accounts

- Applicants must create an account with the **PSC Grants System**, where the electronic application is completed. (PSC Grants System Login page: [Online Grant System Login PSC Grants \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/psc/grants/login)).
- The PSC Grants System is connected to the **ERF system**; an account is required for both.
 - If you have an ERF account, from the PSC Grants System Login page, follow the link to validate your ERF Account.
 - If you do not have an ERF account, from the PSC Grants Login page, follow the link to create an ERF Account, then return to the login page and follow the link to validate your ERF Account.

Accounts – Set up now

System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Registration

- Applicants must register with SAM.gov and obtain a Universal Entity Identifier (UEID) prior to receiving a grant award and are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, to provide the UEID number with the application.
- A UEID number is a unique twelve-character alphanumeric ID used to identify your organization.
- SAM is a web-based, government-wide application that collects, validates, stores, and disseminates business information about intended federal grant recipients and other partners. Instructions for registering with SAM and obtaining a UEID are available here: [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)

Application Content Overview

- Reference documents: [Application Instructions](#) and PSC Grants System User's Guide
- All key information and narrative questions go into [PSC Grants System](#)
- Upload documentation:
 - [9709-FG-2023 Applicant Metrics.xlsx Document](#) (Required)
 - [Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](#)
 - [OEI Map \(wi.gov\)](#)

Application Content Uploads

Required documents to upload in PSC Grants System

[9709-FG-2023 Applicant Metrics.xlsx Document](#)

[CEJST Map](#). It is recommended that applicants provide a visual, mapped, representation of the project location, such as a screen image from the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) and/or OEI maps highlighting the areas that will benefit from the project. Applicants may also use the CEJST map as a resource for identifying census tracts benefitting from project implementation.

[OEI Map](#). OEI has developed a map to support applicants' analysis of project location and benefits, including rural designation and other beneficial items. Please refer to CEJST map for specific indicators for each community designation. It is recommended that applicants provide a visual, mapped, representation of the project location, such as a PDF image from the CEJST and /or OEI maps, highlighting the areas that will benefit from the project.

Application Content – Project Details

Application Details

- Project Name: Identify the name of applicant project with the following:
 - Applicant Legal Name,
 - Technology Type,
 - Project Site or Area (example: City of La Crosse_ EV Charging Infrastructure Planning_ La Crosse).
- Project Description field: Provide a brief (500 characters) description of the proposed project activities and outcomes.
- Eligible Activity Type: Identify the applicant's eligible activity type(s).
- Grant Amount Requested, Anticipated Contributions, and Total Project Costs should be included.

Applicant Details

- Primary contacts information will go here.
- Fields with * are required. If you are not able to obtain a UEID in time, use 12 zeros.

Application Content - Contacts

- Internal:
 - Primary: project lead, access to PSC Grants System
 - Secondary: backup to primary
 - Financial Manager: reimbursement requests and financial reporting
 - Grants Manager: progress reports (Primary if omitted)
 - Authorized Representative: other support staff
- External:
 - Contractor: prospective installation contractor or consultant
 - Partner: stakeholder or other outside organization providing project input

Application Content - Budget

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Labor (Salary)
- Labor (Fringe)
- Other
- Supplies
- Travel
- Indirect

Application Content – Cost Share (“Match”)

- ▶ **Budget Justification and Cost Share (“Match”)** Provide a cost basis for each line item on which costs were entered. Identify what costs or portions thereof are anticipated to be grant-funded or funded by the applicant’s share of the project cost (“cost share” or “match”).
- ▶ **Match** is not required. However, for Activity 1 and 2, cost share will be reviewed by the Commission. Cost share **cannot** include other federal funding.
- ▶ Matching fund sources should be identified, e.g. Focus on Energy funding, state, local, or private funds, etc.

Application Content - Communities

- Provide the site location in which project will be placed. (See [User's Guide page 7](#))
 - If county-wide, select the county option in both the "County" and "Municipality" dropdown menus
- This tab will not be reviewed for merit.
- Applicants are also required to provide a complete list of all **zip codes and census tracts** benefitting from the project in the Excel document *9709-FG-2023 Applicant Metrics.xlsx*

County-Wide Project Example:

Grant Application Communities Served	
County	Municipality
La Crosse	La Crosse (City)

Application Content - Narrative

- Grants System Note:
 - Responses are limited to 3000 characters (about 1 page).
 - All questions require a response in order to move forward in system.
 - Save your work before advancing to the next page of the Narrative.
- Executive Summary:
 - These appear in questions 1-4 of the Grants Narrative questions and provide an additional overview of the proposed project.
- Merit Review Criteria:
 - These appear in questions 5-19 of the Grants Narrative questions and provide the basis for the merit review evaluation.

Application Review

- Supplemental information may be requested by the commission during review panel for additional details.
- All applications are public unless otherwise specified.
- Application may be withdrawn at anytime.
- Merit criteria incorporated into the Narrative Questions will be used to guide the review panel in evaluating applications.

EIGP Merit Review



Merit Criteria	Available Points Implementation Applicants (Activities 1 & 2)	Available Points Planning Applicants (Activity 3)
Ability and preparedness to achieve objectives. Refer to Section 5.5.2.1 for question detail.	10	10
Budget Justification and Contributions. Refer to Section 5.5.2.2 for question detail.	10	10
Cost Savings and Payback. Refer to Section 5.5.2.3 for question detail.	10	10

EIGP Merit Review



Merit Criteria	Available Points Implementation Applicants (Activities 1 & 2)	Available Points Planning Applicants (Activity 3)
<p>Energy savings and Environmental Impact (kilowatt, kilowatt hour, therms, gallons of gasoline, emissions). For Implementation Projects Only (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.4 for question detail.</p>	10	n/a
<p>Equity and Energy Justice. Refer to Section 5.5.2.5 for question detail.</p>	30	30
<p>Energy planning efforts underway or completed for Implementation Projects (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.6 for question detail. Energy planning efforts underway or completed for Planning Projects (Activity 3). Refer to Section 5.5.2.6 for question detail.</p>	10	10

EIGP Merit Review



Merit Criteria	Available Points Implementation Applicants (Activities 1 & 2)	Available Points Planning Applicants (Activity 3)
Energy Resiliency for Implementation Projects (Activity 1 or 2). Refer to Section 5.5.2.7 for question detail. Energy Resiliency for Planning Projects (Activity 3). Refer to Section 5.5.2.7 for question detail.	10	10
Innovation. Refer to Section 5.5.2.8 for question detail.	10	10
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100	90

EIGP Scoring Metrics



Ability and preparedness to achieve objectives – 10 points

- Provide the information required to demonstrate the eligibility of the applicant and the acknowledgment of the IJA applicability to the project.
- Demonstrate how the Applicant's past planning efforts, organizational and staff experience will assist the to achieve the objectives. (Applicant may sub-contract activities but should be identified if known).



Budget justification and contributions – 10 points

- Provide a cost basis for each line item on which costs were entered on the Budget Tab.
- If applicable (Activities 1 and 2 only), identify what costs or portions thereof are anticipated to be grant-funded or funded by the applicant, or its partners (“cost share” or “match”).

Cost savings and payback – 10 points

- Describe any expected savings associated with operations and maintenance and its impact on financial outcomes, labor, or other resources.
- As applicable, describe the expected payback from the grant activities and the methodology used to calculate it.
- Describe why EIFP funding is needed to move forward with the project, including the likelihood of the project to move forward with or without it.
- Describe the economic impact of the project in terms of cost savings, job creation (direct or potential for future), overall stimulus to the local or state economy, etc.
- For implementation project Applicants (Activity 1 &2) please be sure to answer what is your system size in kW.
- Identify what is your total project savings in kWh.

EIGP Scoring Metrics



Energy savings and environmental impact – 10 points (Activities 1 & 2 only)

- For implementation project applications only:
- Describe the effectiveness of the project in saving or producing clean energy in terms of kilowatts, kilowatt hours, therms, gallons of gasoline, etc.
 - Applicants may access the EPA Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Equivalencies Calculator at <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator> to quantify emissions reductions associated with estimated project energy savings.



Equity and energy justice – 30 points

- Identify the extent to which the benefits of the proposed project fall within a DAC or DACs. (Applicants are encouraged to use the CEJST map in their analysis or other tools or data as appropriate including the OEI map).
- Provide all census tracts that would be benefiting from the project using the required 9709-FG-2023 Applicant Metrics.xlsx document.
- Using the Grants System Upload Tab, it is recommended that applicants also provide a visual, mapped representation, such as a PDF image from the CEJST or OEI map, showing project locations and the areas that will benefit from the project.

OEI Map Layer Sources

- **Disadvantaged Communities, including Tribal communities**, are identified from the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#) datasets. CEJST determines disadvantaged communities by census tract using the following indicators: climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, and workforce development.
- **Wisconsin Rural Regions**
 - Rural zip codes are identified as those within “any area of a State not in a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, not in the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, and excluding certain populations pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(H) and (I).” OEI has aligned its definition of rural with that use in USDA’s Rural Energy for America Program and the [Focus on Energy program’s rural bonus incentives](#).
 - Rural counties: U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) uses census data to establish a range of rural and urban classifications known as Rural-Urban Continuum (RUC) codes, with RUC of 4 to 9 considered rural. [USDA’s Economic Research Service](#) presents this information visually for Wisconsin by county.
- **County and Municipal Boundaries:** The boundaries should be viewed as approximate and are no guarantee of accuracy.



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**OEI and CEJST Map Presentation
Kishan Panduranga**



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Energy planning efforts – 10 points

- **Implementation Project Applicants (Activities 1 & 2)**

- Provide evidence of underway or existing energy planning and its impact on the likelihood of achieving success in the project (Previous endeavors may be listed to illustrate current or past efforts).

- **Planning Project Applicants (Activity 3)**

- Does your organization have any level of energy planning/feasibility study or energy audit?
- Is this a new plan? If the answer is no, describe how it is different from original plan, including previous endeavors to illustrate current or past efforts. Upload reference documents and excerpts as needed.

Energy resiliency for implementation projects – 10 points

- **Describe whether the project impacts (Activities 1 & 2)**
 - Resiliency
 - Capacity to prevent outages or recover more quickly in the event of an energy outage
- **Describe whether the proposed plan impacts (Activity 3)**
 - Energy resiliency
 - The capacity to prevent outages
 - Recover more quickly in the event of an energy outage
 - Explain the context within which your project adds to the resiliency of the applicant's facility, community, etc.

Innovation – 10 points

Describe how the project is innovative in its use of:

- Technology
- Methodology
- Engagement of partners
- Impact to stakeholders
- Or some other element and whether it could be replicated by other organizations

Include how the project can demonstrate value to or engagement with the community.

Build America/Buy America (BABA) Provisions

None of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project unless it complies with the provisions below:

Domestic Manufacture Requirements

Iron and Steel

- All manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, must take place in the U.S.

Manufactured products

- Product was manufactured in the U.S., and the cost of the components of the product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the U.S. is greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the product.

Construction materials

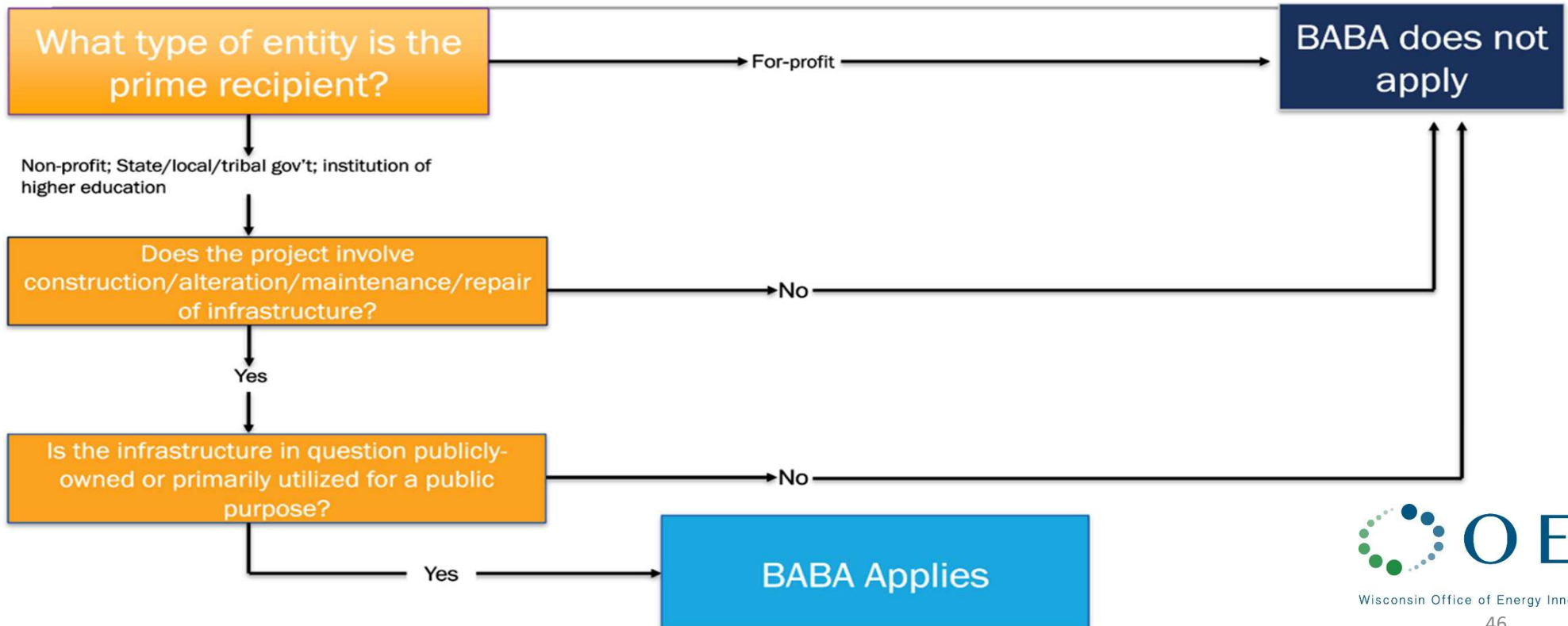
- All manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

EIGP Federal Requirements



Build America/Buy America Provisions/BABA

BABA “Does It Apply” Flow Chart



Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts

The Davis-Bacon provisions of IIJA includes language requiring prevailing wage requirements, including:

- All laborers and mechanics employed by the recipient, subrecipients, contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2,000 on an award funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by funds made available under this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the “Davis-Bacon Act” (DBA).
- The Federal government determines and sets the prevailing wage rates on SAM.gov. Wages for specific wage rates by county and construction type can be found on <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>

For additional guidance on how to comply with the Davis-Bacon provisions and clauses, see:

- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction>
- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction>

NEPA

- Awarded Sub-recipients will complete and submit to OEI, as part of the Federal subaward process, an Environmental Screen Tool.
- Certain sub-recipients will be requested to submit an [Environmental Questionnaire](#) (EQ) for NEPA review and final approval by the U.S. DOE.
- Applicants are encouraged to review the EQ in advance.

Historic Preservation Requirement

- For project activities that involve **historical, archeological or cultural resources** (includes listed and eligible resources over 50 years old or of cultural significance), a review of the undertaking may be required. However, a number of energy related activities have been previously identified that do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, even when historic properties may be present. They are covered by an existing programmatic agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy, the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office and certain State agencies.

https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/01/f7/state_historic_preservation_programmatic_agreement_wi.pdf

Resources

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Q&A