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**Transmission Acceleration Grants
(TAG) Opportunity
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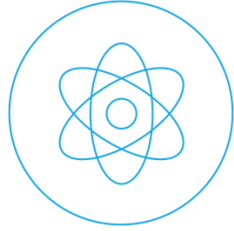
Transmission Acceleration Grants Program (TAG)

Office Hours Session

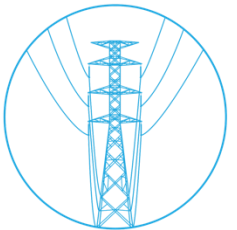
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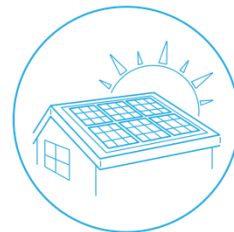
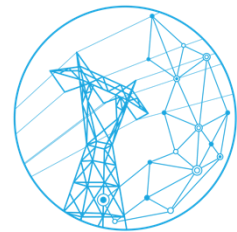
GDO MISSION AND GOALS



Ensure **resource adequacy** by supporting **critical generation sources** and expanding and enhancing **electricity markets**.



Catalyze the development of new and upgraded **high-capacity electric transmission lines** and an improved **distribution system** nationwide.



Prevent **outages** and enhance the **resilience** of the electric grid.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR STATES AND TRIBES

PURPOSE

The TAG program will support State and Tribal efforts to accelerate and improve transmission siting and permitting and strengthen transmission planning. Through these efforts, TAG awards will advance a rapid and reliable energy transition that reduces consumer costs and makes the electricity grid more resilient, benefiting all Americans.

Objective:

- To study or implement modern approaches to assess the need for and impacts of new transmission infrastructure, or
- To increase the speed of transmission project reviews

TAG HAS BROAD ELIGIBILITY



APPLICANTS:

State entities

Tribal entities

Not-for-profit orgs
working with them



FUNDING:

\$10 million available

Up to \$3 million/each

No Federal cost share requirement



ACTIVITIES:

Up to 12 months, with potential for
additional 12 months

Related to planning, siting, or
permitting of transmission lines
(100 kV or above)

TRANSMISSION ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE MANY FORMS



Identify and/or evaluate corridors, zones, or other types of areas of preferred areas for transmission development



Streamline transmission siting and permitting processes



Enhance or expand other transmission-related activities



Surge funding to increase capacity

APPLICATION REVIEWS WILL CONSIDER THREE CRITERIA

50%

Technical Merit

35%

Technical Approach and
Understanding

15%

Technical and
Management Capabilities

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Open	October 31, 2024
Objective Strategic Session	November 13, 2024 1 p.m. ET
Office Hours Session #1	December 3, 2024 at 2 p.m. ET
Office Hours Session #2	January 14, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET
Application Deadline	January 21, 2025 at 5 p.m. ET
Selectees Announced	Est. June 2025



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EXAMPLE PROJECT MILESTONES

All topics may not apply to all geographies

Applications must meet review criteria



Applications should specify outcomes, such as holding a meeting or publishing a report

EXAMPLE ACTIVITY: PLANNING

IDENTIFY PREFERRED TRANSMISSION LOCATIONS

Improve planning by identifying and/or evaluating corridors, zones, or other types of areas that may be designated as preferred locations for siting transmission infrastructure.

Example Milestones:

- Hold meetings with developers, State departments, localities to identify potential areas
- Collect public input
- Evaluate and finalize corridor(s) (which may include evaluating specific proposed infrastructure within the corridor)
- Publish a written decision or report identifying and/or designating preferred transmission corridors



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EXAMPLE ACTIVITY: PLANNING

ENHANCED PLANNING or FINANCING

Enhance or expand other transmission-related activities, such as engaging in transmission planning, establishing funding or financing support for transmission facilities, or pursuing coordination among entities within the State or with other States.

Example Milestones:

- Convene meetings to discuss the potential purpose, scope, and procedures of a state-level or multi-state authority that pursues transmission-related activities such as planning, coordination, financing, stakeholder engagement, or other facilitation
- Release for public comment a draft report on the appropriate scope and authority of such an authority
- Review, summarize, and integrate comments into draft report
- Publish final report on options for establishing a new or expanded authority



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EXAMPLE ACTIVITY: SITING AND PERMITTING

STREAMLINE TRANSMISSION PERMITTING

Streamline transmission siting and permitting processes and approvals through establishing a single State-wide permitting authority or joining together with one or more neighboring States to establish a shared multi-State permitting authority

Example Milestones:

- Convene meetings to evaluate how to establish a State-wide or multi-jurisdictional permitting authority
- Publish a report for comment on the appropriate scope and procedures of such an authority
- Review, summarize, and integrate comments into draft report
- Publish final report on options for establishing a Single-state or multi-jurisdictional permitting authority



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EXAMPLE ACTIVITY: SITING AND PERMITTING

INCREASE CAPACITY

Increase capacity to meet rising siting and permitting workloads, particularly where the siting and permitting authority faces unprecedented levels of demand.

Example Milestones:

- Secure means to increase capacity
- Complete needed siting- and permitting-related activities
- Provide report on capacities and activities achieved



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REVIEW CRITERIA: TECHNICAL MERIT

50% of evaluation score

Criteria includes:

- Thoroughness of description and implementation plan of the proposed activities, feasibility of activities;
- Feasibility of achieving project completion within one year
- Adequacy, reasonableness, and soundness of the project budget, schedule and associated milestones
- Degree to which the proposed strategy will demonstrate or set the stage to expedite, document, and/or streamline transmission siting, permitting, and/or planning processes and approvals

OR

- Degree to which the proposed strategy will document, or otherwise enhance or expand, transmission-related activities other than siting and permitting
- Degree to which the application supports a conclusion that DOE funding of the proposed project will have a clearly additive and beneficial effect

REVIEW CRITERIA: TECHNICAL APPROACH AND UNDERSTANDING

35% of evaluation score

Criteria includes:

- Degree to which the Proposed Project reflects effective approaches to accomplishing its goals, including but not limited to innovative approaches to:
 - (1) coordinating across jurisdictions or regions
 - (2) standardizing application requirements or review processes across jurisdictions or regions
 - (3) informing and engaging with potentially impacted communities and stakeholders
 - (4) streamlining or otherwise strengthening planning, siting, and permitting processes
 - (5) identifying preferred routes for transmission facilities
 - (6) identifying and avoiding sensitive environmental, community, and cultural resources
- Feasibility, appropriateness, rationale, and completeness of the proposed project, such that there is a logical progression of work

REVIEW CRITERIA: TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

15% of evaluation score

Criteria includes:

- Degree to which the applicant documents that any beneficial or necessary partnerships have been established
- Credentials, capabilities, and experience of key personnel and partnering organizations.
- Clarity and likely effectiveness of the project organization, including sub-recipients or partners, to successfully complete the project.
- Adequacy and availability of proposed personnel, facilities, and equipment to perform project tasks