

Recent DOE Developments

In the last 6 months, DOE issued several funding opportunity notices under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Below are just some of the awards that have been announced.

- On October 27, DOE announced \$3.4 billion in grant awards for [smart grid](#) projects, including funding for WECC's Synchronphasor project. One-hundred private companies, utilities, manufacturers, cities and other partners received the Smart Grid Investment Grant awards.
- On September 21, awards were announced for the [State Electricity Regulators Assistance](#) FOA (DE-FOA-00000100). Each state public utility commission received funds ranging from \$763,500 to \$1,700,000. Funding to hire new staff and retrain existing employees to ensure they have the capacity to quickly and effectively review proposed electricity projects.
- On August 12, DOE announced nearly \$38 million in funding to [improve state emergency preparedness plans](#) and ensure quick recovery and restoration from any energy supply disruptions.

On October 13, DOE announced three new steps to strengthen its ability to enforce energy efficiency standards. The steps include the formation of an enforcement team within the Office of the General Counsel. Second, the Department announced a program to randomly review manufacturers' compliance with DOE certification requirements. Finally, the Department issued guidance further detailing its energy efficiency enforcement regulations.