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**Grants (TAG) Opportunity**  
**Informational Webinar/  
Objective Strategic**  
**Session (IW/OSS)**

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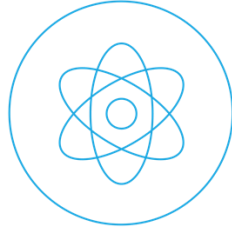
# Transmission Acceleration Grants Program (TAG)

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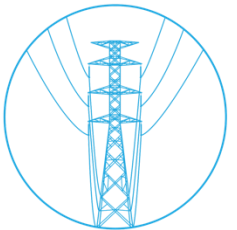
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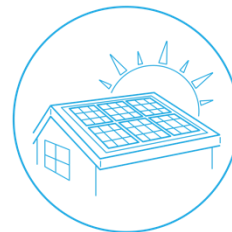
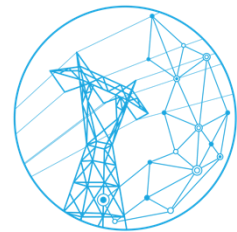
# GDO MISSION AND GOALS



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

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

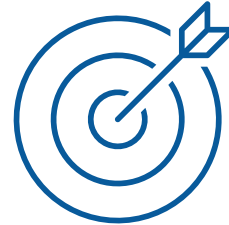
# TRANSMISSION ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE MANY FORMS



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



# 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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# APPLICATION REVIEWS WILL CONSIDER THREE CRITERIA

50%

Technical Merit

35%

Technical Approach and  
Understanding

15%

Technical and  
Management Capabilities

# 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 and 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

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Applications Open</b>	<b>October 31, 2024</b>
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
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>January 21, 2025 at 5 p.m. ET</b>
Selectees Announced	Est. June 2025



# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE

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