Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities

The Workforce of the Future

Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization

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The Interagency Working Group (IWG) was established by Executive Order 14008, Sec. 218, on Jan. 27.

The IWG released an Initial Report with recommendations to catalyze robust economic activity and support workers in America’s energy sector.
Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

Interagency Working Group Goals

• Create good-paying union jobs
• Spur economic revitalization
• Remediate environmental degradation
• Support energy workers
Identified **25** priority Energy Communities

Coal communities identified as immediately challenged

Additional analyses forthcoming (e.g. taxes, EJ, oil & gas)

Figure 2 in the report. The IWG recommends focusing initial federal investments in areas with high concentrations of coal-dependent jobs.
Stakeholder Engagement

During initial report writing

Key learnings:

01 There are no silver bullets
02 Local community engagement matters
03 Immediate jobs and a long-term strategy
04 Job creation and job retention
05 Invest in workers
06 Invest in local entrepreneurs and place-based organizations
07 Infrastructure matters

Convened March listening sessions with range of stakeholders

Reviewed literature and stakeholder input
IWG Subcommittees & Priorities

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Engage with leaders, including community, labor, private sector, philanthropy, government, tribal, and environmental justice leaders

INVESTMENTS
Assess opportunities to target energy communities and catalyze and target ARP (and AJP) funding opportunities

INTEGRATION
Establish a one-stop shop to access the range of federal investments and build capacity on-the-ground in communities

POLICY
Review policy recommendations, refine analysis of energy communities, and recommend executive actions to achieve broader goals
Goals: Listen, shape government policies, target investments, catalyze economic development, assist communities to access federal resources

M E C H A N I S M S

Visit all 25 priority areas through listening tour and ad-hoc engagements

Events may include:

- Senior official visits,
- Investment announcements,
- Workshops, roundtables,
- Tours, and public hearings

National communications

- Direct communication (e.g., emails, social media, press releases)
- Passive communication (e.g., new IWG website)
- Webinars and virtual roundtables

Sustained engagement

- Institutionalize engagement

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- Federal/non-federal regional liaisons
Goals: Catalyze economic development and assist communities to access federal resources.

Approach: IWG will partner with non-federal organizations.

Audience: Practitioners looking to develop proposals for federal funding.

Near-Term Events

Catalyze community action in response to federal funding opportunities

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*Pre-decisional. Locations and dates subject to change. Covid may force virtual.
- Visit the balance of the 25 priority areas
- Senior officials, workshops, roundtable discussions, community tours and public hearings
- Goals: Shape government policies, target investments, and assist communities to access federal resources

Locations subject to change, COVID may necessitate virtual
Investments

$38B in potential funding

COORDINATE

CATALYZE

TARGET

The Looney Ridge mine in Wise County, VA
# A Sampling of Investments Across The Federal Government

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EDA $300M Coal Communities Commitment

What: $300 million to help America's coal communities #BuildBackBetter

Part of $3 billion in economic development funding in the American Rescue Act

Who: U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

EDA is part of the Dept of Commerce, an Agency member of the IWG

When: Announced July 22, 2021

BBB Phase 1 Deadline: Oct. 19, 2021
BBB Phase 2 Deadline: Mar. 15, 2022
EAA Suggested Deadline: Mar. 15, 2022
Integration

One stop shop for federal resources

- Align funding opportunities
- Streamline application processes for coal communities
- Leverage agency resources for regional and local engagement and support in coal communities

Capacity building on the ground
Calls To Action

✓ Stakeholder engagement opportunities
  ✓ Sign up at new website/follow social media
  ✓ Attend webinars and workshops

✓ Support coalitions and matching funds

✓ Provide input on priority IWG workstreams
  ✓ Stakeholder Engagement
  ✓ Targeting Federal Investments
  ✓ Capacity-Building/"One-Stop Shop"
  ✓ Federal Policy and Programs
Questions?

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