

2024 MBE CONNECT SUMMIT

Event Overview

It is with great pleasure that we wish to invite you and your agency to participate in the 2024 two-day MBE Connect Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

This event connects minority business enterprises (MBEs) with incredible opportunities at Department Of Energy (DOE) Program Offices and National Labs and other federal agencies, financial institutions, and nonprofit organizations working to realize an equitable clean energy future and build lasting, productive relationships. The conversations will center around the \$400 billion in contract opportunities available to MBEs.

Over the past year, the DOE Office of Energy Justice and Equity has led the critical shift to tackling the climate crisis through equity-centered solutions that ensure that underserved and overburdened communities — particularly those on the front lines of climate change — have the resources they need to thrive

Please mark your calendars for April 16 – 18, 2024, to hear from the U.S. Department of Energy as they announce and present over \$400 billion in funding opportunities for qualified minority contractors in the energy, construction, and related industries.

Together, we will learn how to engage in business with key players directly responding to historic federal investments in clean energy and communities. This networking experience includes unique and fruitful opportunities not to be missed.



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Invited Guests

CONFIRMED HOST COMMITTEE

- Hon. Evan Low, Assemblymember, Chair | California Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus
- Hon. Bob Archuleta, Senator | California Senate
- Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor | City of Los Angeles
- Dee Dee Myers, Senior Advisor to the Governor | Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development (GO-Biz)
- Alice Reynolds, President | California Public Utilities Commission
- Marty Adams, General Manager | LADWP
- Stephanie Wiggins, CEO | Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager | Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Scott Drury, CEO | SoCalGas
- Caroline Winn, CEO | San Diego Gas and Electric
- Patricia K. Poppe, CEO | Pacific Gas and Electric
- Steven Powell, CEO | SoCalEdison
- Yvonne Wheeler, President | Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Chris Hannan, President | State Building & Construction Trades Council of California
- Pat Fong Kushida, President & CEO | CalAsian Chamber of Commerce
- Ahmad R. Holmes, Chief Operating Officer, California African American Chamber of Commerce
- Julian Canete, President & CEO | California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICES

- Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energies
- Loan Programs Office
- Office of Manufacturing & Energy Supply Chains
- Office of State & Community Energy Programs
- Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
- Office of Electricity
- Office of Technology Transitions
- Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy
- National Renewable Energy Lab
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Labor
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration
- Department of Defense



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Event Schedule

APRIL 16 VIP NETWORKING EVENT

- 4:30 PM Doors Open
- 5:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres & Hosted Bar
- 5:30 PM Welcoming Speeches
- 5:50 PM [H2] Innovation Experience Tours Begin
- 7:00 PM PM Event Ends

APRIL 17 SUMMIT DAY 1

- 7:00 AM Doors Open / Check-In
- 7:15 AM Breakfast Service
- 8:45 AM Opening Remarks from Invited Dignitaries
- 10:15 AM Panel: Federal Funding & Contract Opportunities
- 11:15 AM Panel: Department of Energy Funding & Contract Opportunities
- 2:15 PM Panel: State and Local Funding & Contract Opportunities
- 3:15 PM Workshop Demystifying Federal Contracts

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Matchmaking & Networking

APRIL 18 SUMMIT DAY 2

- 7:15 AM Doors Open / Check In
- 7:15 AM Breakfast Service
- 8:15 AM Opening Remarks from invited dignitaries
- 9:00 AM Panel: California Utilities: Procurement Plans and Policies and its Impact on Diverse Suppliers
- 10:00 AM Panel: Private Sector Opportunities & Access to Capital
- 11:00 AM Panel: Technical Assistance, Bonding & Access to Capital Alternatives
- 1:45PM Panel: Prime Teaming: Subcontractor Recruitment Strategies

8:15 AM - 2:00 PM Matchmaking & Networking



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Event Details

TRAVEL TO & FROM DOWNEY

Recommended Airports:

- Long Beach Airport (LBG)
- Los Angeles International (LAX)

Recommended Hotels:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
(Walking distance)
9066 Firestone Boulevard
Downey, California 90241 USA

Embassy Suites by Hilton
(Under 5 min drive)
8425 Firestone Boulevard
Downey, California 90241 USA



EVENT LOCATION & PARKING

SoCalGas Energy Resource Center
9240 Firestone Boulevard
Downey, California 90241 USA

Please park at the mall across the street. Enter lot off Woodruff Avenue, park in rear corner.

