



Briefing Notice

IIJA and IRA Progress Report: Updates from Rural America

Thursday, March 14, 2024 • 3:00 - 4:30 PM EDT

Rayburn House Office Building 2168 (Gold Room) • Please RSVP @ eesi.org/031424ira#rsvp

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing about the implementation of the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* and the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* in rural America. What programs are uniquely designed for and supportive of rural communities? What types of projects are making a difference in people's lives? What are the remaining barriers preventing small and rural communities, institutions, and companies from accessing IIJA and IRA support?

Panelists will address these questions and share the latest updates on U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and other agency programs that provide for rural communities. They will outline how these laws directly help rural communities—from farms and ranches to rural town centers. Using specific examples from around the country, panelists will also discuss key topics from a rural perspective, including electricity provision, broadband access, drinking water availability, and pollution reduction.

Speakers for this session include:

- ▶ **Sandra Purohit**, Director of Federal Advocacy, E2
- ▶ **Clare Sierawski**, Senior Energy Counselor, Department of Agriculture
- ▶ **Toniquea Hay**, Stakeholder Engagement Lead for Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA), Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, Department of Energy
- ▶ **Zach Bodhane**, Director of Government Relations, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- ▶ **Frances Sawyer**, Founder, Pleiades Strategy

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