



Briefing Notice

Financing Inclusive Clean Energy Investments in Rural America

Briefing Series | Agencies in Action: Federal Programs That Deliver Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Benefits Every Day

Tuesday, February 8, 2:00 - 3:30 PM EST

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Live webcast will be streamed at: www.eesi.org/livecast

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing series on federal programs that currently deliver a host of climate, environmental, economic, and social benefits nationwide. Experts and practitioners will discuss how these programs are working on-the-ground to deliver value to constituents across geographies, in both urban and rural settings. The series covers federal programs in climate financing, energy efficiency, climate adaptation, and conservation.

The first briefing in the series will feature the **Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP)**, which provides rural electric cooperatives, other rural utilities, credit unions, and green banks with zero-percent loans to launch or expand [energy efficiency](#), [beneficial electrification](#), and [renewable energy on-bill financing programs](#).

RESP was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2016. To date, RESP has made loans worth more than \$180 million to 30 utilities in 17 states. Panelists will discuss the importance of RESP in helping rural communities transform how they finance clean energy and advance equity. Panelists include:

- **Bob Coates**, Branch Chief, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, USDA
- **Doug O'Brien**, President and CEO, National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA)
- **Denise Abdul-Rahman**, Energy Democracy Fellow, Environmental and Climate Justice Program, NAACP
- **Travis Neal**, Head Accountant, Orcas Power and Light Cooperative (OPALCO)

Sign up for the full briefing series, which will run through March 2022:

- Financing Inclusive Clean Energy Investments in Rural America
- Energy Efficiency Means Business
- Climate Adaptation Programs across Agencies
- Building a Durable National Framework for Large Landscape Conservation

These events are free and open to the public.

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