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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Section 40541 Renew America's Schools Grant

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is releasing \$500 million in grants for energy improvements at public school facilities for the five (5) year period encompassing Fiscal Years (FYs) 2022 through 2026.
- This is a competitive grant
- The Renew America's Schools Grant is focused on:
  - High-impact energy efficiency and health improvements
  - Innovative energy technology packages
- \$80 million was allocated for 2022 with awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$15 million per eligible applicant. We can expect similar allocations for future years.
- To support the goal of building a clean and equitable energy economy, the BIL-funded projects are expected to support meaningful community and labor engagement; invest in America's workforce; advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; contribute to the President's goal that 40% of the overall project benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities (the Justice40 Initiative).
- The Department will emphasize the use of local hire, DOE encourages applicants to provide a plan to attract, train, retain, or transition the workforce, and ask applicants to demonstrate how they are engaging with labor unions and joint labor management training programs.
- Section 40541 requires LEAs to form a consortium with schools and/or non-profit, for-profit organizations, and community organizations with the knowledge and capacity to partner and assist with energy improvements.
- Consortium partnerships should include labor unions and joint labor-management training programs, including registered apprenticeship and continuing education for journey level workers, as well as multi-craft core curriculum (MC3) pre-apprenticeship programs that improve access and inclusion in the construction trades.