

Office Hours

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Grayson Dorr: Good afternoon, everyone. We'll get started here in just a couple of minutes. Have people coming into the waiting room, and we'll start admitting them. But just give us another minute or 2 and we'll we'll get rolling

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Grayson Dorr: alright. Looks like we have. Just 1Â min after 2 o'clock we'll go ahead and get started. Thank you all for those that have jumped in and and joined us for office hours for today.

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Grayson Dorr: We'll have a few people trickling in as well as we open. Have this open for the entire hour. But in the interest of time, let's let's go ahead and get started. So 1st and foremost, thank you all for joining us. This is our

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Grayson Dorr: really informational office hours. This is time dedicated for you all to

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Grayson Dorr: to ask those on the connect work side, or Mike in the DOE office with the grid deployment office. Any questions you may have pertaining to the open opportunity.

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Grayson Dorr: So some of you may have joined us last week. For our or excuse me 2 weeks ago for our office official objective strategic session. Excuse me or our webinar and we can show you that as far as if you haven't had an opportunity to view that recording and slides

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Grayson Dorr: which will be important. As you walk through the process of considering applying for this opportunity.

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Grayson Dorr: Next slide

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Grayson Dorr: again, we'll be very brief. So the the goal of this session and time today is for

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Grayson Dorr: for us on the connect work side and Mike for he and his team to really just provide a recap of where we are, and really dedicate the remainder of the time for questions. So we'll we'll try and go through this pretty quickly. But there are some important points we want to hit on.

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Grayson Dorr: and then we'll try to get out of the way for you all. So

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Grayson Dorr: on the connect work side for resources for those of you who may be new, or this is your 1st time. Welcome. We're excited to have you join. Join us here. This is our 1st official office hours, so you haven't missed too much. So we invite you to to stay tuned and and connected with us. 1st and foremost, if you haven't joined the network.

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Grayson Dorr: Please do so. It takes just a few quick seconds to go in. Just capture some of your information in your organization and and really hear some of your interest areas that you may have

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Grayson Dorr: for the DOE. But please go in and just join submit that form as soon as you can.

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Grayson Dorr: We invite you to follow obviously our program page where you can see our opportunities

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Grayson Dorr: and then also our social channel with Linkedin, where we keep all of this information updated as well.

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Grayson Dorr: We have some new things coming as well with a newsletter we're working on and excited to publish that as we work with the DOE to capture

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Grayson Dorr: some of the insights and things we're seeing in the market, and and bring that into another form that you can all view

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Grayson Dorr: a great way is, you obviously are here today is our office hours. That's a virtual event. We host as well as our

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Grayson Dorr: Oss. Like I mentioned earlier. So another great opportunity. The really order that you see there is in a best practice is to attend the oss, and then dissect and digest

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Grayson Dorr: all of that information and then basically attend the office hours. But if you're not able to join that, please don't feel alarmed. We we publish all those recordings and have

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Grayson Dorr: those time for you to go back at your own pace, and maybe with your team and watch those and be prepared. But

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Grayson Dorr: again, just some of the opportunities we have with our virtual events.

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Grayson Dorr: Another thing that we've published, as far as on our website is an Events calendar which will have all of these key dates on there. But if you have something like a conference you recommend, or that you may be at, or may have colleagues at, please shoot us a note or an email. With that we'd love to look at that and see if that's something that

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Grayson Dorr: we may be at, or the department of energy may be at. We'd love to just showcase that on our events, calendar and just try to drive collaboration efforts to those conferences as well. So

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Grayson Dorr: next slide.

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Grayson Dorr: And before I wrap and turn it over to to Mike, I just want to remind everyone. I think we have folks still joining that you do have the ability to speak and come off mute. We just would ask that you be

respectful of everyone and and dedicate enough time for others to ask questions as well. If, for whatever reason you would like to just post your question, you're more than welcome to do that in the Q. And a box if you'd rather not come off mute.

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Grayson Dorr: But you have the ability to do so, whatever way you prefer.

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Grayson Dorr: You can also ask those questions anonymously as well. If you're not comfortable asking those

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Grayson Dorr: publicly. So just a couple options and a reminder again, I think we have enough time dedicated to hopefully get through all of your questions. But

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Grayson Dorr: just a couple of ways you can interact today. But just as before, I turn it over to Mike. Just a reminder. Our our information is there our email address from connectworks?

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Grayson Dorr: Please please reach out to us if you have any questions and we look forward to working with you all.

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Grayson Dorr: Mike, I'll turn it over to you.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Great thanks, Grayson and Hi, everyone. Thanks for joining today. Before we get to your questions. I'm not sure who's in the room, I mean, who's you know who attended last the webinar last session? Or who might be new the opportunity. So I just wanna take a couple of minutes. The short, short version, just go over the opportunity once more, and there's a little bit of

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: a little bit of background. So next slide

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: so right the Biden Harris Administration has set a national goal offshore wind deployment goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: 2030 and 15 gigawatts of floating offshore wind by 2035. So to reach these goals, we need to address challenges to offshore wind transmission. So the Department of Energy and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management have been tasked

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: to work to try to develop strategy, to address some of these challenges. So we produced focusing 1st on the Atlantic coast. We produced an action plan, this march.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: composed of 41

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: recommendations and we have started to implement our action plan with partners and activities

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: both inside and outside the Federal Government

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and including this this opportunity next slide.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So we're here to talk about one set of those recommendations network, ready

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: equipment standards. And you know, equipment rating standardization for transmission components. And so what we mean kind of by that again, you know, with network ready equipment standards

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: we're talking about near how how near term projects can be future-proofed for long term network growth. You know, we need to have commonly used and available standards throughout the Atlantic coast.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So as we connect different regions you know, we can have, you know, plug and play operability with the equipment ratings for transmission components.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know we need to ensure look, does it make to standardize them to help reduce the burden on supply chain? We don't have enough manufacturing capacity for custom, one up designs so we need to conform

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: to what factory is already putting out there and what's available globally. And so

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know, we understand that network. Ready equipment standards are a need everywhere. But there's a particular need on the Atlantic coast with a focus on these 10 Atlantic States which currently are making up the Northeast States collaborate on each regional transmission. We're trying to tackle this problem. So there are different stages of offshore wind development, and so coordinating on equipment standards now will help

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: future state box, or when

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: procurements

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: so moving to the opportunity,

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: again. Gdo, the Grid deployment office is using Department Energy's new partnership intermediary agreement via connectworks

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: to release this funding opportunity

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: pia opportunities, you know. Again, the partnership. Intermediary agreements are different than traditional funding mechanisms, such as the funding opportunity announcements. Pia's enable complex partnerships provide additional flexibility and allow the department energy to move quicker to get funding out the door.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So the goal of this Pia is to develop guidance and best practices regarding offshore wind transmission standardization through a consortium of specialists.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: The consortium will work closely with the Northeast States collaborative to develop and vet ideas with the goal of forming

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: near term and future state offshore wind

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: solicitation processes that advances potential shared transmission solutions.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: We'll fund one principal investigator up to 1.2 5 million dollars over an initial one year performance period.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: I know in the webinar we we mentioned that you know, at the end of that period there might be opportunity to extend the duration of time, or maybe increase the amount of funding. So it all is kind of dependent on the situation. But just wanted to

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: maintain some consistency consistency in what we've said in the the webinar as well.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So the lead performer will will assemble and manage a regionally focused consortium of technical experts, as you see here on the left. That could consist of any number of these entities.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know, original equipment manufacturers, researchers.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: people from the iss rtos and whatnot

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: next slide, please.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Who's eligible? The lead applicant should be a specialized independent consultant or academic entity.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: They can assemble and lead a consortium of technical experts. The lead applicant should have extensive experience in transition, planning, and design for offshore wind.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and they must verify their status as a Us. Domestic entity to apply

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: applying as a preformed consortium is strongly encouraged. We're Gdo, that you know. It's a good point. Office is not looking to build the team here. We're looking for you all to do that work

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and form those partnerships. And then our goal is to provide the funding to allow that team to do its work. So this will require some self organizing and coordination. Connectworks has helped us to create a platform that if you're still thinking about forming your team, or you want to join a team that you can go to the website.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the funding of the sorry the opportunity page. And you know, add your information. If you're looking to join or access a team and add yourself to the

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: teaming partner list

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And this is this quick graphic of what? That what that looks like

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the deadline is November 1st at 5 Pm. Which is a Friday you need to download the 2 documents, the project narrative and the work plan and budget

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and then submit those.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And then, once you do that, there's a portal on the opportunity page to

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: to submit.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And then, finally, these are kind of the big buckets

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: that we will look to review

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: applications, impact and feasibility.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Well, for the first, st the opportunity page really spells everything out. But just to give you a quick overview here. In fact, the visibility we're looking at like, what's the potential of the team to inform guidance and best practices

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: provide useful information and recommendations effectively engage and deliver technical assistance support

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: regarding technical merit and applicant qualifications. Now, does the project team have the experience expertise and resources to do the work?

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Does the team have experience providing technical assistance experience with or knowledge of State offshore wind procurement practices, you know, particularly in the northeast. And then with partners and collaborations, how's the team made up.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: What are the reasons that these technical experts are participating?

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And so we'll look to

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: yeah. And we'll also look to evaluate and prioritize applications.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: to ensure the projects you know, do work closely with the North Northeast States Collaborative

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and that the work initially is set to be within that one year period of performance, and that the the consortium work plan should be able to meet milestones developed in collaboration with the grid deployment office. So

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: that's a quick overview. Thank you.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: For your time there. And I think that is the the end. Just wanted to highlight that in addition to this conversation here, you can write email that Connectworks team could go back and watch the the webinar that was already posted. As well as look through the opportunity page. But yeah, looking forward to looking forward to your questions.

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Grayson Dorr: Thanks, Mike. Don't see any questions that have come through the the box yet, so we'll go ahead and open it up. If anybody

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Grayson Dorr: would like to. You're welcome to unmute and

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Grayson Dorr: and ask questions directly

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Grayson Dorr: I do see one. Thank you. About the I'll read it out and I'll copy it over. Would you consider, Mike? I know we talked about this a little bit and posted recently. Would you consider a fed Federally funded Research and Development Center National Lab to be eligible applicant

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Grayson Dorr: as either a prime or subrecipient partner collaborator.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah? So

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: great question.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: a national lab can. Yes, a national lab can serve as a partner as a collaborator on

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and a consortium

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: because there's existing funding mechanisms between the department energy and national labs. The

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: national labs cannot get

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: paid through

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the Pia.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: however, because there are some established funding mechanisms in place.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: That's, I think, something that can be discussed further. But yeah, the the PA cannot directly fund a national lab.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So want to be clear there. But yes, can serve as a partner as a collaborator.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And and happy kind of talk further about that. If there's any additional questions.

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Grayson Dorr: Open it, keep open it back up, feel free to ask questions.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: it's a good a good question about clarifying about the lead, I mean, I think the same guidance would apply that the PA cannot fund the lab directly.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: But I can dig a little deeper on that. I think our initial question was kind of focused as a partner.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: But yeah, I can look into the delete piece and and we can. We can post. We can clarify that question.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Are there other questions folks have

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: feel free to, you know, unmute and verbalize it, or drop in the chat.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Thanks, thanks, Sue, so can you provide a little more background on the process for the negotiating

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the milestones, and and how that works.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: yeah, I don't. I don't think we have.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: oh, wait, we do have ott, so I don't know. I guess, Eric, do you wanna speak a little bit about the term negotiation process?

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Erik Olson (DOE): Yeah, sure. And connect works team feel free to jump in here, too, later on. So once the opportunity closes, DOE will do a down selection process

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Erik Olson (DOE): form the consortia kind of pick. The people, we think, are qualified for this opportunity. After that, once selection, you've been notified of selection should be selected. That's when negotiations at the actual agreement will begin. So in that deal we will create a statement of effort that outlines the key deliverables, milestones, activities that will kind of be completed over the course of the opportunity.

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Erik Olson (DOE): And Geo connect works and the selectees will negotiate that statement of effort to ensure.

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Erik Olson (DOE): Both sides are satisfied with the agreement. I'm on.

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Grayson Dorr: Thanks. Eric, yeah, just just to add on, yeah. So like, Eric mentioned those b 2 b agreements, we will issue those in any mandatory flow downs from those with the

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Grayson Dorr: between the Pia and DOE and

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Grayson Dorr: through our

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Grayson Dorr: organization, advanced technology, international. So that's where those agreements will come from. And again tying to that as well and just continuing, you know, as those milestones are completed, the invoices will be submitted to connectworks

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Grayson Dorr: for review along with the DOE, and then payments will be released accordingly. So just think of connect work serving obviously in the middle, between the between the 2. But all of that negotiation, and the agreements and the

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Grayson Dorr: the invoicing and the communication will flow through, connect work. So.

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Grayson Dorr: and again, those payment schedules will vary obviously by each project and negotiated with those milestone and deliverable. So there's unfortunately not a 1 size fits all for this, but it'll be determined

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Grayson Dorr: based on those schedules. So

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Grayson Dorr: great question.

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Suzanne Glatz: Yeah, this is so. If I could follow up just a little bit more on that point, just so that I'm I'm trying to understand that if if entities are going to work together, and they put forth a schedule

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Suzanne Glatz: in for the November one, submittal

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Suzanne Glatz: in in terms of that

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Suzanne Glatz: time period to negotiate and so forth.

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Suzanne Glatz: Is it realistic that that group could expect to actually start work on?

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Suzanne Glatz: I don't know. January one, February one. Should that be built in, or is there an allowance for that whole schedule to be adjusted, depending on

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Suzanne Glatz: the time between November and so forth? And if

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Suzanne Glatz: the work can actually start till

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Suzanne Glatz: I don't know. February or March.

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Suzanne Glatz: Is there an allowance for a 12 month period to complete all the work after?

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Suzanne Glatz: Does that help.

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Grayson Dorr: Yeah, I mean, we definitely will have built in that time for review milestones, negotiation things like that. I think we respect obviously the end of the year and the holiday time period. So we are sensitive to that. Realistically.

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Grayson Dorr: You know, we are targeting, you know, would like to have the agreements signed as we start the New Year, or at least before, maybe immediately, as we kick off

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Grayson Dorr: But upon closure, yeah, we can. And we can look case by case, like, if you have an example, what you're thinking about, I think it may be best just to shoot it to us, and let us work with our contracts team to see

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Grayson Dorr: what we may be thinking. As far as

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Grayson Dorr: you know. If you were selected as an example. You could take names out if you're not comfortable, you know things like that. But

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Grayson Dorr: I think that might be something we can discuss more in detail, Mike, if you have anything to add, or Eric,

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, I mean.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: we'd love for the project to get going, you know, early in the New Year.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and then my, that's kind of when I would imagine the kind of 12 months kicks off you know, when the work really begins after everything is signed. So

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: So you know, 12 months from early 2025.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: It's a safe is a safe assumption. I think.

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Suzanne Glatz: Okay, thanks. That's very helpful. Thanks.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, cause I think that's that's you know our Gdos aim, but certainly understand that negotiate at times negotiations might take a little bit longer.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: so again, we understand there's some flexibility around.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: that start date and obsolete. And when the 12 months kind of begins.

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Grayson Dorr: Doing a quick check, Mike. I don't see anything in the chat yet. I know we're good on the chat, but yeah, as a reminder if you would like. You're welcome to use the QA feature or come off mute.

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Grayson Dorr: Don't have to share your screen or anything like that if you're not comfortable as well. So but yeah, again, this is your time, and

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Grayson Dorr: we're here to

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Grayson Dorr: to answer and provide any guidance we can. So.

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Morgan Beck - NREL: No, I'm not trying to monopolize everybody's time. But I am the national lab that's interested in potentially submitting to

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Morgan Beck - NREL: this solicitation. When do you think we might be able to know if we can participate as a prime?

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Morgan Beck - NREL: That's ultimately what we're interested in doing?

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Morgan Beck - NREL: But I understand. Obviously, we can't

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Morgan Beck - NREL: except via. And that's 1 of the reasons why we weren't sure. If we could even move forward with

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Morgan Beck - NREL: leading this project.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, no. Appreciate the

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: wanted to clarify that. An important question. Yeah, no, we will. We will follow up very quickly with you. Understanding that

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: a few weeks away from the deadline. And that's an important piece from your perspective as well. And others who've asked the question. So

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: yeah, we'll follow up.

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Morgan Beck - NREL: Thank you so much. I really appreciate it.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah. No thanks for coming today.

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Grayson Dorr: Mike, do you? Wanna? I mean, this is, we wait, too. I think it's important. Do you wanna hit on just kind of numbers or any thoughts around maximum number of entities. That your team and the office is looking at as far as those that will be selected.

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Grayson Dorr: Given the budget.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, you mean, kind of like the the size of the team.

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Grayson Dorr: Yeah, as far as number of awards. We're looking at potentially or things like that, or.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, I mean, right? There's, I think, you know, looking to award one, you know. Provide one

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know. Fund, one lead investigator.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: But obviously the the team size can fluctuate

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Based on. However, the

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the applicant thinks what is, you know what is best, and I think, making that case in the application of you know. Hey, we went with these 6 entities, or we want these 12 entities and kind of explaining why and what's the makeup, and and why you went that route, and where there's expertise and

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: but you're right. I think the

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the breakdown of of funding

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: all the participants, you know. That's certainly on the, you know, kind of the performer lead and and how that's all worked out.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Those things to to keep in mind.

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Grayson Dorr: Thank you, and we'll do a last call. But if there's no other questions we'll definitely give everyone back some time. If if they would like. So just do a a final call. If anybody would like to come off mute

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Grayson Dorr: and ask any questions, and then we'll we'll check the the box here just very quickly.

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Suzanne Glatz: Yeah. Hi, this is so again, one other quick question. Just for clarification

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Suzanne Glatz: in in terms of the evaluation there's a discussion of, there's a 30% on technical merit and applicant qualifications. And then another 30%

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Suzanne Glatz: on partnerships and collaborations. And so just to clarify

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Suzanne Glatz: when you put 30% on the partnerships and clarifications. Is that more about

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Suzanne Glatz: recognizing the diversity of the parties that are participating and what they're bringing? Or is it also the qualifications of those partnerships, or the qualifications

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Suzanne Glatz: of the entities that are

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Suzanne Glatz: that would be part of that collaboration or consortium.

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Suzanne Glatz: And maybe, if you could just comment on those 2 evaluation criteria that would be helpful.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, I've I've pulled it up. Here, let me just doing a quick look again.

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Suzanne Glatz: Yeah, it's slide 22 of the.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Oh, yeah, yeah.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: yeah. The yeah. In terms of the partnerships and collaborations, I think.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: I mean, yeah, looking at the

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the makeup of the team right? And certainly experience

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: falls into that and I think it's also, you know, what's the make of the team? And

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know what's the ability to coordinate and and collaborate with with DOE on it, on

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: on this work as well.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: and so like.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know, I think, looking, as I mentioned, just a little bit earlier, right?

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: certainly. The

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: explaining kind of why the the team is made up of

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: of what it is, you know, hey? We're all oems, and and that's it. And you know, maybe there might be some gaps there, and we might feel that there are some gaps that are needed to be filled, and maybe in your eyes there doesn't need to be, and I think explaining that. But

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: but right, I mean on the surface, right? You know, just one team of only oems. There might be some gaps, and and that could be like oh, well, another

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: applicant might have a stronger, more diverse team and have and and and this is why they think that is

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: that's helpful. But I think, making the case of why the of

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: my team is made up of, of who is is helpful, and I think,

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And then, in terms of technical technical merit.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: I think we're looking at

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: in terms of, I think, providing some of that

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: intensive support to the Northeast States Collaborative like providing technical assistance, you know, working in

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know, offshore wind transmission.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: planning development.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: you know, be able to really satisfy

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: the goal of the Pia.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: And then with the partners and collaborations right? The

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: make up the experience of the team there. Is kind of what we're we're looking for.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Does that help clarify a little bit.

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Suzanne Glatz: No, that that's great. Thanks, thanks so much, Mike.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Yeah, okay.

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Grayson Dorr: Alright. Well, I don't see any other questions. I'll start wrapping up, and in the meantime, if there are any last questions feel free to unmute, but on behalf of connectworks. Thank you all for joining us. As I mentioned, be sure to check out

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Grayson Dorr: our opportunities, Page. Not just for this opportunity. But others we are constantly adding and

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Grayson Dorr: enhancing those pages. As new information comes out, there's currently 3 active solicitations or opportunities on that that website through connect work. So be sure to check this out along with the others. If there's any opportunities.

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Grayson Dorr: Again, we welcome any questions you may have as you go back and look at previous recordings, or as you prepare, happy to address those, and we will follow up with a few of you all, with some of the direct questions regarding national labs. So, Mike, I'll turn it over to you.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: Great appreciate everyone's time. Throughout this process. And for today. Yeah, it's Grayson outlined right? The info@connectworks.org is the email to direct all questions. But please keep them coming. And yeah, we'll follow up with folks.

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: as soon as possible

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Mike Mullaley - DOE: on the questions you asked, so, thank yeah. Thanks. Again.

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Grayson Dorr: Thanks. Everyone.