

U.S. Department of Energy Solar Technologies Office: Fiscal Year 2019 Funding Program Announced for Projects



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The United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) Solar Energy Technologies Office announced a funding opportunity for Fiscal Year 2019.

The funding program is projected to provide \$130 million in funding for up to 80 projects that will “advance research in solar energy technologies.”

Five target research areas are identified:

- Photovoltaics (PV)
- Concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP)
- Soft Costs Reduction
- Innovations in Manufacturing
- Solar Systems Integration

DOE states that the projects are intended to assist in the goal of improving:

- Affordability
- Reliability
- Performance of Solar Technologies on the Grid

DOE states that it is seeking:

. . . diverse teams comprising members of companies and community organizations, researchers, solar developers, and other stakeholders who work across various technology sectors, locations, and scientific disciplines.

A list of organizations that have volunteered to be project partners will be published.

The DOE announcement contains submission deadlines for Mandatory Letter of Intent, Full Application, etc.

A copy of the DOE Notice can be found [here](#).