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Black Owners of Solar Services

Black Owners of Solar Services April 2022 Recap Newsletter

“The perception is that you all don’t exist or there’s not enough of you. ‘Where are the entrepreneurs of color?’ I hear it all the time...

You are here in every single sector...

There are so many young entrepreneurs in this space and it’s about just giving you the access.”

-Kerene N. Tayloe, Esq.



BOSS has officially achieved non-profit 501c3 status!

This will expand our ability to continue work on our urgent mission:

The mission of BOSS is to combine and leverage the collective power of its members - entrepreneurs, financiers, veterans, attorneys, engineers, contractors, developers, and other peer partners - to lead actionable solutions for *sustained access to equitable opportunities* in clean energy production, distribution, and storage for Black-owned businesses.

April 19, 2022 - Meeting Highlights



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BOSS: Federal Opportunities and Finance

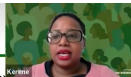
April 19, 2022 1pm ET - 2pm ET

AGENDA

- Greetings
- A discussion on Federal Opportunities with:
 - Kerene N. Tayloe (she/her)**
Consultant on Minority Programs and Entrepreneurship
Office of Economic Impact and Diversity
Department of Energy
- BOSS Climate Finance Summit with the American Green Bank Consortium and ACORE, July 20, 2022, Washington, DC
 - Constance Thompson, CDDP/AP (she/her/hers)**
Vice President Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs
American Council on Renewable Energy
 - Alex Kragie**
Director of the American Green Bank Consortium
- Upcoming: AABE Annual Conference, May 2-5, Tampa, FL
- Closing Remarks

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The Office of Economic Impact & Diversity



The National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 (*Public Law 95-619, Title 6, Part 3*) created the Office of Minority Economic Impact within DOE (now the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity or ED)

The statute outlines 5 key areas of focus

1. Advise the Secretary of Energy on the effect of energy policies, regulations and other actions on people and communities of color, and minority-owned businesses
2. Work with Energy Information Administration (EIA) on research and data collection to determine the effects of programs, policies and regulations on people and communities of color
3. Develop and recommend energy relevant programs, policies and regulations for people and communities of color
4. Assess energy burdens on people and communities of color

Click [here](#) to view the shareable recording of the April 19th webinar.

[Kerene N. Tayloe Esq.](#) is an Environmental Justice Advocate & Renewable Energy Strategist with the [Department of Energy Office of Economic Impact and Diversity](#). She joined us to talk about what the office means, the [Justice 40 initiative](#), and shared opportunities to interact & find funding with DOE.

The Justice 40 is still being fleshed out to ensure 40% of the money allocated by executive order flows to communities and entrepreneurs of color. “Disadvantaged communities”, referred to as DACs, are in focus to decrease energy burden and environmental exposure while increasing parity in clean energy access and adoption.

Explore some of the resources Kerene provided in the links below. BOSS members are encouraged to contact Kerene with questions:

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- ◆ [DOE Equity Action Plan](#)
- ◆ [Justice 40 website](#)
- ◆ [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Opps](#)
- ◆ [Reducing Barriers Tech Assistance Training](#)
- ◆ [Clean Energy Innovator Fellowship](#)

“DOE has the potential to be more direct in terms of how to do diversity and equity. That’s the role of our office... to be more strategic in the engagement and opportunities.”

[Alex Kragie](#), Director - American Green Bank Consortium at [Coalition for Green Capital](#), and [Constance Thompson](#), Vice President Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Programs at [American Council on Renewable Energy \(ACORE\)](#) joined the conversation as well. They outlined the use case and background of Green Banks. Invites to the “[Investment & Partnership Summit](#)” will be shared soon as it is open to BOSS members in Washington D.C. on July 21, 2022.

Want more information like this?

[Register for the May 19th BOSS Community Meeting: Leveraging the Community Reinvestment Act for Solar](#)

&

[Save the Date in your Calendar!](#)

BOSS & SEIA:

The partnership BOSS has fostered with SEIA is making waves. Keep your eyes peeled for what more we will do with SEIA as we grow forward.



Career & RFP Opportunities

Careers at ENEL: [Multiple positions](#)

Careers at BayWa r.e. Solar Systems (Distribution): [Multiple positions](#)

Careers at SunPower: [Manager of Market Development and Policy, Northeast](#)

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[The Midwest Renewable Energy Association \(MREA\)](#) is seeking qualified firms to submit proposals for the design, procurement, and installation of new residential and commercial photovoltaic (PV) systems at a per-watt price lower than the prevailing single system market rate. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE MREA RFP](#) (RFP Proposals Due: June 3, 2022; Firm(s) Selected: June 17, 2022)

BOSS will participate in the **Interconnection Innovation eXchange (i2X)**, a soon-to-be-launched program led by the **U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO)** and **Wind Energy Technologies Office (WETO)** focused on developing innovative solutions that enable the faster, simpler, and fairer interconnection of solar and wind energy resources all while enhancing the reliability and resilience of the electric grid.

If you are interested in participating in this program or any of the working groups please let us know at your earliest convenience by emailing info@blacksolar.org.

CONNECT WITH US

Join us on [LinkedIn](#) & Bookmark our **NEW & IMPROVED Website**.
Please share BOSS with other entrepreneurs of color!

We'll see you on May 19th for the next BOSS meeting!
Don't forget to [REGISTER IN ADVANCE!](#)

All BOSS meetings are on the 19th of every month (except weekends and Juneteenth) at

10am PT / 1pm ET - Save the Dates in your personal calendars so you never miss a moment!

Thank you for being a part of BOSS!

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