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**March 27, 2023**

**Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St, Boston**

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## **From ACEC National: One Year of Building a Better Grid Initiative**

**DOE Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL/IIJA) funding and related announcements i.e., FOAs, NOIs, RFIs [More](#)**

## **[Advanced Notice for Issuance of Funding Opportunities for Carbon Capture Projects](#)**

**[U.S. Department of Energy: Coming Soon: Nearly \\$2.5B for Two Carbon Capture Programs \(govdelivery.com\)](#)**

DOE plans to release two carbon capture funding announcements in late February 2023.

“Carbon capture represents an addressable market of nearly \$100 billion by 2030 and \$600 billion by 2050 just in the United States,” said Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Director David Crane. “The nearly \$5 billion of carbon capture pilot and demonstration projects that will be directly enabled by these two programs, together with the carbon tax credits authorized in the Inflation Reduction Act, will catalyze the commercial wave essential to a clean energy transition, which ensures safe, affordable, and reliable energy to the American consumer and empowers workers in every pocket of the country.” [More](#)

## **[Administration Announces \\$74 Million to Advance Enhanced Geothermal Systems](#)**

**Pilot Projects Will Work to Scale EGS, and Help Provide Renewable Geothermal Energy to over 65M American**

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[The U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\) announced on 2/8/23 a funding opportunity of up to \\$74M for up to seven pilot projects](#) that will test the efficacy and scalability of enhanced geothermal systems (EGS). Directed by the landmark Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the pilot projects will use innovative technology and a variety of development techniques to capture the Earth's abundant heat resources in diverse geologic settings. Through this investment, DOE hopes the research and development from the findings would demonstrate the growth and ultimate potential for geothermal energy to provide reliable, around-the-clock electricity to tens of millions of homes across the country. This is DOE's first funding opportunity for geothermal energy since the launch of the Enhanced Geothermal Shot™, part of DOE's Energy EarthShots Initiative, which seeks to cut the cost of geothermal energy 90% by 2035. [More](#)

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[Toxic 'forever chemicals' force Mass. towns to face 'true cost of water'](#) - WBUR

[Governor Healey Looking At PFAS Remedies, Seeking Federal Help](#)

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