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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on the Building Technologies Office's Draft  
Connected Communities Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0002291)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Request for information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) number DE-FOA-0002291 regarding the Building Technologies Office's (BTO) Draft Connected Communities Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

This RFI pertains to a draft Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) planned to be issued by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office in collaboration with the Vehicle Technologies Office (VTO), Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and the Office of Electricity (OE) on Connected Communities of Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from utilities, industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues related to Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings in Connected Communities. EERE is specifically interested in information on the draft Connected Communities FOA goals and design.

**DATES:** Responses to the RFI must be received by 5:00pm (ET) on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:**

Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to *CCPilotsRFI@ee.doe.gov*. Include Connected Communities in the subject of the title. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. Only electronic responses will be accepted. The complete RFI document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Question may be addressed to *CCPilotsRFI@ee.doe.gov*, or Dale Hoffmeyer, (202)-586-8163, *Dale.Hoffmeyer@ee.doe.gov*. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The goal of this potential FOA is to demonstrate, through regional pilots, the ability of groups of efficient buildings to provide additive benefits to the electricity system including peak demand reduction, reduced capacity and energy needs, and other grid services through demand flexibility. This includes the ability to reduce, shift and modulate load or generate energy in both existing and new communities across diverse climates, geographies, building types and grid/regulatory structures, while maintaining (if not enhancing) occupant satisfaction and productivity. Connected communities builds on BTO's current Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings (GEB) research initiative:

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/grid-interactive-efficient-buildings>. DOE is seeking input from the public regarding the designs and goals of the potential FOA, including items such as: technical requirements; funding and cost share requirements; period of performance

requirements; data sharing, measurement and validation requirements; and other relevant issues.

The RFI is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

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Signed in Washington, DC on March 12, 2020.

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