



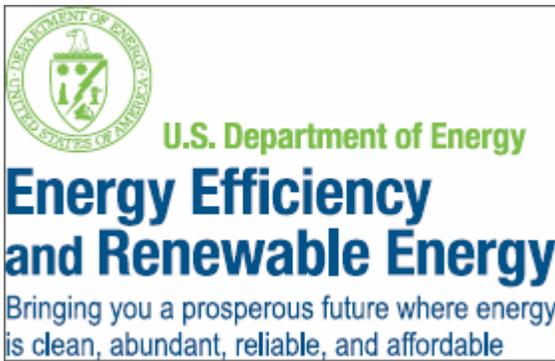
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Financial Assistance: Officially Joins the STRIPES Family



The Department of Energy’s Financial Assistance community scores big once again. First, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced its favorable decision to allow STRIPES to include Financial Assistance (FA). A few months later, a Corporate Sponsor has stepped up to the plate to make it happen.

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is the initial FA Corporate Sponsor for STRIPES. Thanks to Daniel Sze, EERE’s Director for Information and Business Management Systems, FA is officially a part of STRIPES functionality. Mr. Sze

is no stranger to corporate sponsorship. EERE also provided resources to DOE’s Standard Budget System (SBS) earlier last month.

EERE’s Corporate Sponsorship provides STRIPES with the necessary resources to mobilize FA. As a result, both acquisition and FA activity will be created and administered in STRIPES. Last January, STRIPES conducted a Needs Assessment and found most contract specialists who award FA also administer acquisitions. Now the procurement workforce will have to learn only one system.

A dedicated FA Team now meets daily to review policy and incorporate FA into the existing STRIPES process. FA will have document templates in the STRIPES library such as a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). STRIPES will be used for both competitive and non-competitive FA awards. Once again we are pleased to announce the critical sponsorship of EERE and applaud the FA Team for outstanding support.

Policy Corner: Building Consensus and Moving Forward

This month, the DOE Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy (Policy) continues to make notable progress in preparation for STRIPES. The Policy office has completed the consolidation of Section H clauses. The clause packages were sent to the National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Human Resources, Property Management (within Office of Management), Office of General Council, and Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy employees for their feedback and consensus. These efforts align with the STRIPES goal to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department’s contract management. In order to keep the momentum going, Policy has begun work on Section L clauses, which will go through a similar vetting process.

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