

## **Department of Energy**

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This letter serves as notification that, pursuant to the Department of Energy's (DOE) oversight authority and evolving administration priorities, activities related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Community Benefit Plans (CBP), Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Research (PIER) Plans, and Justice40 initiatives, as outlined in your existing financial assistance agreement(s) with the DOE Office of Science, are hereby suspended, with the exceptions noted below.

This suspension is effective immediately upon the date of this letter. You are directed to cease all further obligations of funds for the above-referenced activities.

The DOE will compensate your organization for all documented and verifiable expenses incurred for the aforementioned activities prior to the date of this letter, in accordance with the terms and conditions of your applicable funding agreement(s) and subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

**Exceptions:** This suspension does not apply to subrecipients constituting state entities that are located in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawai'i, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin. Agreements with subrecipients in these states should continue in accordance with their existing terms.

Please direct any questions concerning this suspension to the undersigned Contracting Officer by e-mail at michael.neff@science.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Neff DOE Contracting Officer Office of Grants and Cooperative Agreements