

## **Department of Energy**

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## SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF DEI, CBP/PIER PLANS AND JUSTICE 40 RELATED ACTIVITIES UNDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS

Dear Recipient:

DOE believes that few, if any, funding agreements issued by the Office of Science are "equityrelated" under section 2(b)(i) of Executive Order 14151, 90 FR 8339, entitled *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Program and Preferencing*, nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution it is rescinding the following communication effective immediately: DEI, CBP/PIER Plans and Justice40 related activities suspension letter dated, January 31, 2025.

However, pursuant to DOE's enforcement authority and in accordance with current administrative priorities, any Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Community Benefit Plan (CBP), Promoting Inclusive and Equitable Research (PIER) Plan or Justice40 activities provided for in your funding agreement(s), for the time being, are voluntary. DOE will compensate you for all activities undertaken pursuant to the terms of your funding agreement(s).

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned Contracting Officer by e-mail at <u>warren.riley@science.doe.gov</u>.

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