

Office Hours

CWX-018-GDO

January 22, 2026 (2 PM ET)

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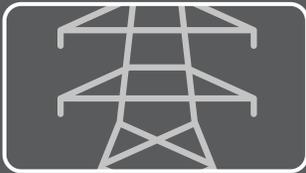
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Eligibility



Must meet the “domestic entity” definition for GSA (organized under US laws, majority domestic ownership/control, physical US place of business, and not owned/controlled by a Country of Risk).



Have demonstrated energy system, project development, and project finance expertise, including expertise in electricity demand growth forecasting, planning, analysis, transmission, interconnection, regulatory policy, risk management, site selection and negotiation, stakeholder engagement, or other relevant expertise applicable to the project objectives.



Must be a state entity (e.g., a state energy office or public utility commission). The Applicant team must include a commitment from at least one State or public utilities commission, at least one grid operator, and at least one “point load proponent” (i.e., data center user, data center developer, data center operator, and energy-intensive manufacturer) to perform the work as a collaborative.



Must certify it is not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of government of Country of Risk [\[2\]](#)

Application Timeline

Milestones to Consider:	Date:
Project Application Period Open: DOE begins accepting applications	Jan 15, 2025
Concept Papers Submitted	Jun 30, 2025 (5PM ET)
Objective Strategic Session (OSS) / Webinar	Jan 8, 2026 (2PM ET)
Informational Office Hours	Jan 22, 2026 (2PM ET)
Submissions Close	Jan 30, 2026 (3PM ET)

Note: timeline reflects full application period with periods of pause during project.



Open Forum Q&A

How to Participate

1. Review details on eligibility, evaluation criteria, and how to apply.
2. Review the Objective Strategic Session (OSS) / webinar presentation.
3. Attend Informational Office Hours on January 22, 2026 at 2 PM ET.
4. Download the Project Narrative template.
5. Complete the online application & upload completed Project Narrative and other required documents in the application [link](#) for CWX-018-GDO.

Submissions are due no later than Friday, January 30, 2026 at 3 PM ET.