Funding Opportunity: EDA Releases Final Solicitations for American Rescue Plan Programs
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The U.S. Department of Commerce’s (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced six Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) under the Investing in America’s Communities (IAC) program, which is supported by the $3 billion EDA received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The ultimate goals of the IAC NOFOs are to create new jobs and stimulate inclusive economic growth that will revitalize regions for years to come. This is one of the largest localized economic development initiatives in DOC history.

Through these programs, EDA intends to fund projects that support broad-based, equitable, community-led economic development. These investments are intended to aid communities, including those historically underserved, via investments in infrastructure, innovation, and workforce development. Proposals should create well-paying, high-quality jobs and strengthen the U. S.’s global economic competitiveness and ability to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The individual NOFOs are rooted in EDA’s Investment Priorities. While several of the NOFOs only require alignment with the “Recovery & Resilience” Priority, projects that closely align with individual Priorities and key definitions could be more competitive.¹ This is especially the case for the Equity Priority, as most of the NOFOs call for support for historically underserved populations and areas.

EDA will also set aside $300 million, or 10 percent of overall funding, for the Coal Communities Commitment to fund projects that support the creation of new jobs and industry sectors for regions that have experienced or are expected to experience job loss as a result of reliance on the coal industry. EDA will dedicate $100 million of its Build Back Better Regional Challenge funds and $200 million of its Economic Adjustment Assistance Challenge funds for programs from eligible applicants in effected regions.

Overviews of the six solicitations are below. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the full NOFOS, which provide in-depth information on program goals and requirements.

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¹ Most of the NOFOs have extensive definitions of “resilience” and refer to the following link for more information: at https://www.eda.gov/ceds/content/economic-resilience.htm.
IAC Programs

Build Back Better Regional Challenge ($1 billion)

This Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) will provide targeted investments in regional coalitions nationwide to support initiatives that promote long-term economic growth and resiliency. Funding will be provided to several regions to grow or strengthen “regional growth clusters,” which the solicitation defines as several entities working together in a given area to promote economic growth through the expansion of an existing industry and/or the creation of a new industry/industries. Regional growth clusters may align interconnected projects across state lines and/or across urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Through BBBRC, EDA will support regional growth clusters by funding a series of complementary, aligned construction and non-construction projects organized under a singular vision to develop growth around a particular industry or industries. Interested regions should form “coalitions,” or groups of a diverse array of eligible entities, led by a lead institution to oversee coordination among entities and lead projects into the implementation phase. Coalitions should collaborate with private sector partners and other outside groups that are supportive of the coalitions’ goals for regional growth. The identified projects should foster economic growth and competitiveness through job creation, capacity building, and attracting private investment. Projects can include planning, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, workforce development, access to capital, and more.

Awards will be provided to coalitions of stakeholders in two phases:

**Phase 1 – Concept Proposals:** EDA will provide around $500,000 in technical assistance funds to 50-60 regional coalitions of partnering entities (through a lead institution). Selected coalitions will be considered “finalists.” Funding will be used by the finalists to prepare “more detailed applications for transformational projects that benefit their respective geographic regions and are aligned around a holistic approach to building and scaling a strategic industry.” Coalitions should develop a concept proposal that outlines a vision for the development or expansion of a new or existing regional industry or industries as well as a collection of three to eight potential projects designed to support that vision and develop a regional innovation cluster. Coalitions should propose tightly aligned projects that work to integrate cluster development efforts across a diverse array of communities and stakeholders, that support economically disadvantaged communities, that increase regional innovation and entrepreneurship capacity, and that grow a workforce for industry, among other efforts.

Projects should be interconnected and linked to individual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) or equivalent plans, and strive to ensure long-term, equitable growth. Page five of the NOFO provides several examples of potential cluster projects.

**Phase 2 – Full Applications:** This phase will fund the implementation of 20-30 finalists’ projects/strategies. EDA anticipates funding individual regional growth clusters with component
projects that collectively cost between approximately $25 million and $75 million and potentially up to $100 million. At its discretion, EDA may award individual component projects; permit the lead institution to sub-award funds among coalition members to implement projects; and/or fund all or some of the proposed component projects.

**Regional Definition:** EDA encourages applicants to define regions, and to prioritize any geographic footprints that would maximize an applicants’ collaborative impact to develop globally competitive industries, create quality jobs, long-term economic competitiveness, and stronger urban-rural linkages or stronger rural regional growth clusters. The target region could correspond closely to statistical labor market areas such as metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. Regions must also identify how a region will address economic distress, including longtime economic challenges and those caused by COVID-19. Examples of potential definitions of a region are provided in the full solicitation and include metropolitan areas, rural and urban areas, areas where a particular industry is established, etc. Applicants could also pursue “hub and spoke” models. A city, business park, port, educational or research institution, or technology center could serve as a hub.

**Key Elements:** Successful applicants must communicate strategies across four key elements and will be evaluated based on the strength of their plans. Key elements include:

1. **Regional Assets** – Growth clusters must explain how they will grow, make use of, expand, or create regional assets to support competitiveness. Several examples are listed in the solicitation, including infrastructure, locations, institutions (including universities), demographics, etc.
2. **Industry Leadership** – The cluster should align with existing or proposed industry needs and include support from the private sector to ensure outcomes. This could include hiring programs, expected private sector investments, a general strategy for further private sector engagement, etc.
3. **Sustainability** – The cluster should demonstrate a plan for sustained economic growth.
4. **Equity** – According to the solicitation, growth clusters should “ensure that the proposed projects’ and broader cluster’s benefits are shared across all affected communities, both urban and rural, and provides benefits to existing residents. Although not required, EDA encourages efforts to reach historically excluded populations, racial minorities, and women.”

$100 million of the program will be dedicated to supporting the *Coal Communities Commitment* initiative to assist new industry growth in coal communities.

**Award Information:** EDA anticipates up to $30 million in funding to be awarded in Phase 1 through technical assistance grants of up to $500,000 each. For Phase 2, EDA will award 20-30 regional coalitions with component projects that collectively cost between approximately $25 million $75 million, though EDA will consider regional growth clusters above and below these amounts “depending on the strength of the proposal and quality of the individual component projects.” EDA anticipates that the cost of individual non-construction and construction component projects within regional growth clusters will range from approximately $750,000 to $25 million, or more if the cluster or project warrants it. EDA expects performance periods to vary depending on the nature of the project, expected performance periods for construction and non-construction grants are provided in the NOFO. EDA will fund Phase 1 at a 100 percent federal grant rate and Phase 2 projects between 80-100 percent.
**Key Dates:** Phase 1 submissions are due **October 19, 2021.** Phase 2 submissions are due **March 15, 2022.** EDA anticipates expeditiously reviewing complete Concept Proposals and awarding technical assistance grants by December 8, 2021. EDA anticipates making Phase 2 award announcements no later than September 2022.

**Eligibility:** Coalition members eligible to apply for investment assistance for their region include a(n): institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; and/or public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. **Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.**

Of note, if a particular project is part of a regional growth cluster proposal and otherwise would have been eligible for inclusion in another EDA IAC program (ex: Good Jobs), applicants are encouraged to include that project as part of a regional growth cluster under the BBBRC solicitation. However, if a project is submitted as part of a regional growth cluster under this solicitation, it cannot be a successful applicant under another NOFO until EDA makes a determination on the regional growth cluster applications.


**Good Jobs Challenge ($500 million)**

The Good Jobs Challenge program will support the building and strengthening of regional workforce training systems and sector-based partnerships that meet the existing and emerging skills needs of employers and lead to high-quality jobs. Successful applicants will include proactive employer engagement and commitments to hire, and EDA encourages efforts to reach historically underserved populations and areas. This opportunity is limited to non-construction capital expenses.

**Key Definitions:** The NOFO leverages the following key definitions for project components:

- **Sectoral partnership** is defined as “a partnership of employers from the same industry who join with other strategic partners to train and place workers into high-quality jobs that employers need filled and intend to fill through the partnership ... A sectoral partnership is focused on one specific industry and one or more specific roles within that industry.” Strategic partners can include governments, training organizations, education (including universities, community, and technical colleges), and more.
  - **Backbone Organization** is the lead entity of a sectoral partnership. The Backbone Organization “serves as an intermediary across all the partners in the sectoral partnership and must be an EDA eligible applicant.”
- **Regional workforce training system** is defined as “a system that fosters and supports sectoral partnerships. A mature regional workforce training system will include a lead entity and multiple sectoral partnerships each with their own Backbone Organization, training provider, and industry partners.” Examples of a lead entity include a state government, municipal government, state workforce board, or local workforce board.
System Lead Entity is defined as “the lead entity of a regional workforce training system.”

Under this NFO, EDA expects to fund three phases of regional workforce training/sectoral partnerships:

- **System Development** funding to help a System Lead Entity establish and develop a regional workforce training system;
- **Program Design** funding for sectoral partnerships to identify skills needed by industry, curriculum and materials development, and professional development for trainers and educators; and
- **Program Implementation** funding to deliver workforce training and wrap-around services that place workers through new or expanded sectoral partnerships.

An applicant may request funding for a one of the phases listed above, however, a proposal must detail how it will meet the requirements or benchmarks of the other phases.

Applicants for Program Design and Program Implementation may be a System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization. The System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization may make subawards as necessary and as approved by EDA. Each application should identify a System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization that is an eligible applicant with convening power in the region and the capacity to coordinate all necessary regional system or partnership stakeholders. EDA will approve the release of award funds over the period of performance based on successful completion of specific applicant-proposed benchmarks, as the applicants moves through System Development, Program Design, and/or Program Implementation, as applicable to the particular award. Applicants should submit one application to simultaneously request funding for as many phases (System Development, Program Design, and/or Program Implementation) as necessary.

Examples of activities that could be supported include:

- Establishing, strengthening, or expanding sectoral partnerships;
- Working with employers and other stakeholders to identify in-demand occupations and skills and securing employer commitments to hire workers;
- Developing processes to translate employers’ needs for worker skills into training models;
- Developing and executing outreach and recruitment plans to secure workers, particularly from underserved populations, to participate in the skills training program to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the targeted industry;
- Working with employers to adopt high-wage, high-skill workforce strategies; and
- Securing and offering wrap-around services for workers to participate in skills training programs (e.g., transportation, childcare, career coaching/navigation services), among other activities.

Each project funded must be consistent with the region’s current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or an equivalent EDA-accepted regional economic development strategy.

**Award Information:** There are expected to be approximately 25 to 50 awards ranging from $1 million to $25 million, with award size depending on “proposed geographic, industry, and occupation coverage of a given regional system or partnership.” EDA may award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible applicants. EDA anticipates that most awards will be cooperative agreements. EDA expects projects to range in duration from 24 months to 36 months and will prioritize programs that are able to place workers into quality jobs within 24 months of the award. According to the NOFO, “applications that can
demonstrate committed non-EDA resources to leverage grant funds will be preferred for award.” EDA expects to fund 100 percent of eligible project costs.

EDA funding estimates for application phases are:

- Approximately $1 million may be required for System Development to establish a regional workforce training system.
- Approximately $2 million may be required for Program Design to design an employer-driven skills training program and make the capacity building investments necessary to enable its implementation, including securing the needed capital (e.g., equipment, leased space) per region, industry, and worker role.
- Between approximately $2 million and $7 million may be required for Program Implementation to implement an employer-driven skills training program per region, industry, and worker role.

**Key Dates:** Applications must be submitted by January 26, 2022.

**Eligibility:** Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; District Organization; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; and public or private non-profit organization or association, including labor unions, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.


**Economic Adjustment Assistance Challenge ($500 million)**

This longstanding program is the agency’s most flexible funding stream, which formed the basis for the previous iteration of EDA’s COVID-19 relief funding through the CARES Act. Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) funding can support a range of individual construction and non-construction activities, including technical assistance, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, public works, and infrastructure projects to respond to economic dislocation caused by the pandemic.

EDA intends to support projects that are not already part of another IAC solicitation. In particular, if a project is part of a BBRC package, it can only be considered through this solicitation if it is not funded by the BBRC. Applicants with workforce development projects should consider applying for the Good Jobs Challenge NOFO unless there is a construction requirement not eligible under that NOFO. For workforce development projects under the EAA NOFO, EDA encourages applicants to “follow and incorporate the principles outlined in the Jobs Challenge NOFO around creating and implementing an employer-driven job training system.” Funding can also be provided for the development of a statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that reflects the needs of multiple Economic Development Districts; otherwise, all awards must align with a region’s CEDS strategy or equivalent plan.

$200 million of the EAA program will be dedicated to supporting the Coal Communities Commitment initiative to support communities negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

**Award Information:** Through this program, EDA anticipates funding approximately 300 non-construction and construction projects that cost between approximately $500,000 and $5 million,
though EDA will consider applications above and below these amounts. EDA generally expects to fund at least 80 percent and up to 100 percent of eligible projects. EDA plans to allocate the following amounts to each EDA region:

- Atlanta Regional Office – $100,630,929
- Austin Regional Office – $63,792,927
- Chicago Regional Office – $82,721,967
- Denver Regional Office – $59,183,266
- Philadelphia Regional Office – $134,304,116
- Seattle Regional Office – $59,366,794

**Key Dates:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the suggested deadline to submit by is March 15, 2022.

**Eligibility:** Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; and public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. *Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.*

**Solicitation:** [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334743](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=334743)

**Indigenous Communities Challenge ($100 million)**

This program was created to broadly support indigenous communities as they recover from and react to economic disasters like the coronavirus pandemic as well as build a resilience to future economic volatilities. EDA will allocate funds specifically for Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities to broadly support a wide range of economic development activities like technical support for business development, entrepreneurship assistance, workforce training, rural prosperity, and economic development planning. It will also fund construction-based projects like foundational economic infrastructure, vocational and higher education facilities, and community health facilities that support job creation. EDA aims to fund projects in diverse geographies, ranging from rural to urban regions. Awards will be granted to the projects that demonstrate the greatest job creation and retention, increase in economic diversity, and resiliency in indigenous communities.

Tribal entities can apply for several other IAC program NOFOs. However, any particular project should only be submitted under one NOFO; not multiple NOFOs. This is the only NOFO EDA anticipates publishing where eligibility is restricted exclusively to indigenous communities. According to the solicitation, “to better address the distinct goals of each NOFO, EDA may, in its sole discretion, consider applications under a different NOFO than the one to which the applicant originally applied, in which case EDA may ask the applicant to submit additional documents and information to meet the requirements of the new NOFO.”

**Award Information:** EDA plans to fund approximately 50 awards for both construction and non-construction projects between $500,000 and $5 million. EDA expects to fund up to 100 percent of project costs.
Key Dates: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the deadline to submit by is March 31, 2022.

Eligibility: Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes, public or private non-profit organizations serving Native Hawaiians, and public or private organizations serving Native Pacific Islanders of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are eligible to apply.


Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grants ($750 million)

There are two components under the ARPA Tourism opportunity: (1) State Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grants (State Tourism Grants) and (2) EDA Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Competitive Grants (EDA Competitive Tourism Grants). Awards made under this program will help communities and regions devise and implement sustainable economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to respond to damage incurred by the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors from the coronavirus pandemic and to promote the economic resilience of regions dependent on those industries.

One non-competitive State Tourism grant will be made to each state (EDA anticipates awarding $510 million for these grants). EDA Competitive Tourism Grants will support projects that are focused on new and expanded infrastructure, projects with a multi-state or national focus, and projects in regions most adversely affected by damage to the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors from the coronavirus pandemic. EDA intends to award $240 million under the EDA Competitive Tourism Grants program with the following amounts to each EDA region:

- Atlanta Regional Office – $24,376,044
- Austin Regional Office – $16,635,106
- Chicago Regional Office – $26,236,391
- Denver Regional Office – $19,849,552
- Philadelphia Regional Office – $95,146,537
- Seattle Regional Office – $57,756,370

EDA Competitive Tourism Grants can support both the development of travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation pandemic recovery strategies and the implementation of recovery projects. This includes construction activities such as:

- Water and stormwater/wastewater improvements;
- Nature-based infrastructure projects to improve access to recreation;
- Cultural, arts, and tourism facilities (e.g., visitor or tourist information centers);
- Workforce training facilities and capacity building programs; and
- Accessibility enhancements, among other activities.

According to the solicitation, “while EDA prefers projects that directly support the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors, it will consider diversification projects under this component.”
**Award Information:** For Competitive Tourism Grants, EDA anticipates making approximately 150 non-construction and construction awards ranging in size from $500,000 to $10 million, although EDA will consider applications above and below these amounts. EDA may award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible applicants. Economic recovery strategy grants and non-construction implementation projects may range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Implementation grants involving construction of project facilities and infrastructure generally are expected to range from 12 to 48 months. EDA generally expects to fund at least 80 percent, and up to 100 percent, of eligible project costs.

**Key Dates:** The suggested application submission date is **March 15, 2022**. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Eligibility:** For State Tourism Grants, eligible applicants are limited to States.

For EDA Competitive Tourism Grants, eligible entities include a(n): Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State.


**Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks Grants ($90 million)**

While other IAC programs largely promote regional collaboration activities, this program would fund statewide programming, as well as research and technical assistance funding. There are two programs under this initiative, the **Statewide Planning Grants** and the **Research and Communities of Practice Challenge Awards**. Statewide Planning Grants are limited to a state’s Governor’s Office, or its designee.

EDA Research and Communities of Practice Challenge Awards will be awarded to evaluate program implementation by EDA and its grantees and extend technical assistance to support EDA’s ability to work with and build capacity with new and existing grantees. EDA will allocate $31 million for Research and Communities of Practice Challenge awards, making it one of the largest research programs in several years for the EDA. Within the Research and Communities of Practice Challenge, there will be two programs: the **Research Program** and the **Communities of Practice Challenge**.

- **Research Program:** Projects funded through the Research Program should target investments that support research and evaluation projects tied to post-pandemic economic recovery. Awards will support the development of tools, recommendations, and resources that help inform economic development policies. EDA is specifically interested in projects that will allow real-time research into other IAC programs, including the BBBRC, Jobs Challenge, and Indigenous Communities program.

- **Communities of Practice Challenge:** This program seeks to fund nationwide communities of practice that focus on cohorts of EDA grantees from the BBBRC, Jobs Challenge, and coal communities funding opportunities provided through the IAC, to promote information sharing
and provide technical assistance. EDA is also interested in developing networks of practice between grantees of some of its existing programs, including Economic Development Districts, University Centers, and Build to Scale grantees. Further details on expected levels of support for each of these programs is available in the NOFO. Applicants should demonstrate how they plan to establish and strengthen coordination between cohorts, organize and disseminate best practices, serve as an industry liaison and convener for Federal stakeholders, and support initiatives on cross-cutting issues. EDA will consider applications that seek to support other networks/communities of practice; however, the applicant organization(s) must connect their mission and stakeholders to foundational economic development principles.

Statewide Planning Grants will be given to support the development of equitable and resilient local economies that can withstand future economic shocks. EDA will provide $59 million directly to states to fund one or more activities, including: developing economic development plans to identify new or existing industry clusters that could expand rapidly as a result of new infrastructure, studies, and/or workforce investments; bridging existing local and regional plans to generate a holistic plan that would strengthen links between urban and rural areas; and analyzing the needs of impoverished communities and devising a strategy to decrease disparities. Further details on acceptable uses of funds are available in the NOFO.

**Award Information:** Statewide Planning grant projects will be funded at up to $1 million each for a duration of 12 to 30 months. Within the Research and Communities of Practice Challenge Awards, EDA expects to fund Research awards between $200,000 to $600,000 each and Community of Practice Challenge awards between $2 million and $6 million each. The Research and Communities of Practice awards will typically run 12 to 24 months except for some projects that may span 48 to 60 months. Statewide Planning grants will be awarded at a 100 percent federal grant rate. EDA generally expects to fund 100 percent of eligible Research and Communities of Practice project costs. Applications that propose matching share, however, may be considered more competitive in the evaluation process.

**Key Dates:** While there is no set deadline for this NOFO, EDA strongly encourages submission of applications by October 31, 2021. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants for the Research and Communities of Practice Challenge include Institutions of higher education; District Organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State; and Public or private non-profit organizations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.


**Additional Information**

While due dates and specific goals for the IAC programs vary, there are some similarities among the NOFOs. For instance, although ARPA required EDA funding to respond to economic injury caused by COVID-19, EDA has determined that economic impacts from COVID are so widespread that any program that creates jobs or increases the economic diversity or resiliency of a local economy is eligible. Also, projects funded under most, but not all, of the NOFOs must be linked to a region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent plans, many of which have been updated to address the impacts of COVID-19. For some of the programs, EDA in its discretion may move one or more of the proposed projects to another NOFO under which it is eligible. EDA generally expects to
fund at least 80 percent, and up to 100 percent, of eligible project costs for each program. Also, under the statute, EDA’s American Rescue Plan appropriations are available for making awards through September 30, 2022, though performance under the award may extend to no later than September 30, 2027. Finally, as with all EDA awards, applicants are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the solicitations and collaborate with their state’s contact listed in each NOFO for any support and technical assistance.

**Webinars**

To learn more about EDA and American Rescue Plan NOFOs, applicants can sign up for the *EDA 101 and America Rescue Plan Overview* webinar, which will be held on at the following times:

- July 27, 2021 at 3:00 PM EST. Registration information can be found here: [https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/hssjzxtf](https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/hssjzxtf).
- July 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM EST. Registration information can be found here: [https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/sxyuhwde](https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/sxyuhwde).

**Sources and Background Information**

- The EDA *American Rescue Plan Act* webpage, with breakout pages for each competition, is available at [https://www.eda.gov/ARPA/](https://www.eda.gov/ARPA/).