U.S. SMALL BUSINESS FACTS

Innovation, entrepreneurship and initiative

23 million small businesses representing 99% of all employers account for more than 1/2 of all private sector jobs

Source: Council on Small Businesses

ENERGIZING THE CLEAN ECONOMY

Technical vouchers are available in 9 specific R&D areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Bio-Energy
- Buildings
- Fuel Cells
- Geothermal
- Solar
- Water
- Wind
- Vehicles

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Small Business Vouchers (SBV) connect private sector needs with corresponding laboratory science and technology capabilities.

ELIGIBILITY

> Must be a U.S. for-profit business with no more than 500 full-time-equivalent employees worldwide
> Must be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned
> Must apply during open period
> Small businesses with little to no experience working with DOE national laboratories are strongly encouraged to submit requests for assistance

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Confirm that they meet eligibility requirements
2. Develop innovative research ideas
3. Register at www.sbv.org
4. Electronically submit request for assistance

$12 million in technical vouchers from the national labs

Up to $50-$300K per small business

Each small business must provide 20% matching funds or in-kind services

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