Small Business Vouchers Pilot

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

A project of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy and participating national labs.

www.sbv.org

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

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

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

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

U.S. small businesses:

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

SBV receives requests

DOE evaluates requests and determines awards

SBV conducts merit review

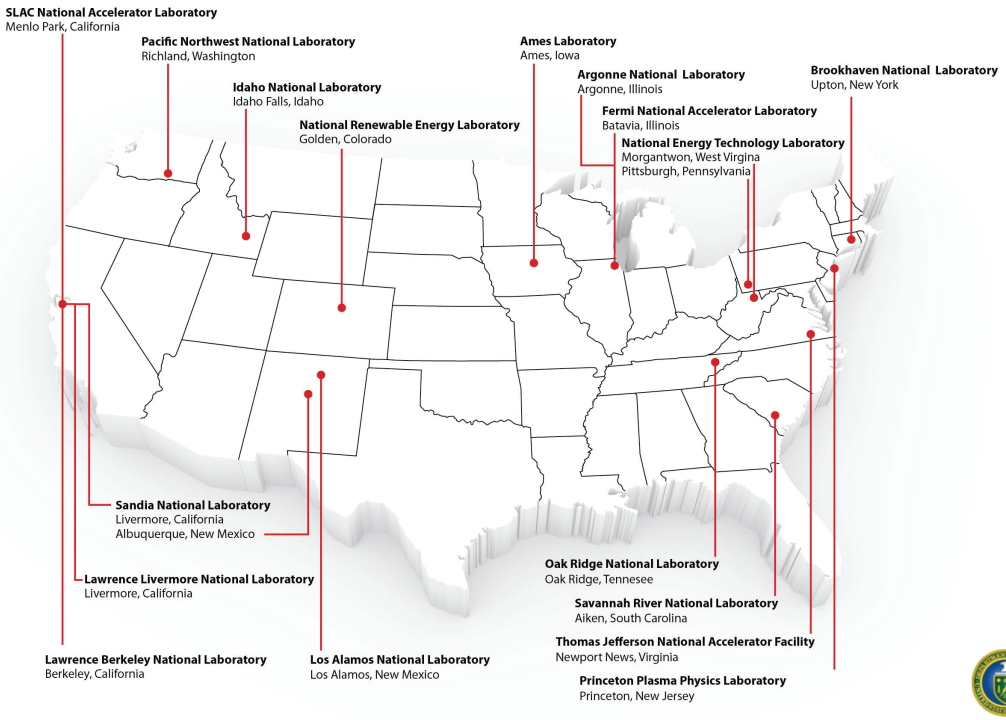
SBV finalizes voucher agreements

Approved

Begin voucher work

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

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



$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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