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THE ILC WILL:

- Establish an online, centralized hub accessible to the greater field, including the broader workforce system and its stakeholders; recipients of other federal grants; local and state governments; and others leading, supporting, scaling, or developing infrastructure projects.
- Align and leverage the ILC through the co-creation and implementation of a shared communications strategy designed to deepen the impact of federal investments across DOL, DOC, DOT, DOE, and other agencies by enabling infrastructure stakeholders to benefit from a strong network, subject matter experts, and the latest real-time findings and resources from the [Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs \(BP\) grant program](#).
- Facilitate engagement and collaboration across infrastructure stakeholders, including funders, partners, grantees, policymakers, employers and industry, and subject matter experts that are focused on partnerships, sustainability, and increasing collective impact aligned with BP programmatic goals.

WHY JOIN?

Gain access to peers in the field, subject matter experts, a curated and evolving collection of relevant and actionable resources, the latest findings and best practices from federal funding recipients and related grant programs, and a platform for interactive collaboration and engagement opportunities.

Resources

- [ILC Charter](#): This founding organizational document outlines the vision, goals, value proposition, offerings, and proposed partner organizations.

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Understanding Investing in America (IIA)

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This page lists foundational resources to understand the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), collectively known as Investing in America (IIA). There are also links to resources on the federal agencies working to implement IIA.

[Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(Bipartisan Infrastructure Law\)](#)

Full public law text for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act at [Congress.gov](#).

[Build.gov](#)

This White House resource details the major highlights and provisions of the BIL, and their projected long-term impact.

[CHIPS and Science Act](#)

Full public law text for CHIPS and Science Act at [Congress.gov](#)

[Inflation Reduction Act](#)

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[Training and Employment Notice \(TEN\) No. 08-22: Building Pathways to Infrastructure Careers: Framework for Preparing an Infrastructure Workforce](#)

This DOL guidance aims to promote a framework for all workforce stakeholders, including infrastructure project leads, to engage the public workforce system in implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with strong workforce commitments and proven strategies that produce high-quality education, training, and employment opportunities for all workers.

Agency-Specific IIA Webpages

Below is a list of federal agency webpages explaining what programs and opportunities are available related to IIA.

- [Environmental Protection Agency: BIL](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency: IRA](#)
- [Department of Commerce](#)
- [Department of Energy](#)
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- [Department of Transportation: BIL](#)
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This page curates information on upcoming Investing in America (IIA) funding opportunities across the federal government and already awarded funding to help stakeholders identify existing IIA opportunities in their local area. Whether you are well-situated to apply as a lead entity on a funding opportunity or partner with existing initiatives funded in your community, it is not too late to take advantage of IIA investments!

[Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities](#)

See this page for links to current and upcoming federal funding opportunities available through IIA.

Key Resource! [Grants.gov](#)

This is a common website for federal agencies to post discretionary funding opportunities and for grantees to find and apply to them. **TIP:** You can sort by Category “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)” to pull open funding opportunities funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

[IIA Implementation Opportunities](#)

See this page for resources on existing federally funded projects in your community and other guides on implementing IIA.

Key Resource! [Invest.gov](#)

This website provides an interactive map that illustrates the impact of IIA-related public and private investment across states and territories.

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[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Open Funding Opportunities](#)

This website posts a summary document that highlights BIL funding opportunities that communities can apply for today, along with a calendar for funding opportunities across 2024. The list includes information on the program, the deadline for applying, and a link to the application, where applicable.

[Inflation Reduction Act: Open Funding Opportunities](#)

This website posts a summary document that highlights Inflation Reduction Act funding opportunities that are open for application for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; nonprofit organizations; agricultural producers; manufacturers; and more. The list includes information on the Inflation Reduction Act program, the deadline for applying, and a link to the application, where applicable.

Agency-Specific IIA Funding Opportunity Webpages

These are agency-specific webpages listing current and upcoming IIA funding opportunities.

- [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)
- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - [Key Notices of Funding Opportunity](#) provides a calendar of anticipated opening and closing dates for Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
 - The [DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#) provides a searchable database of federal grant opportunities at USDOT and other agencies that can aid communities in meeting their transportation infrastructure needs.

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IIA Guides and Technical Assistance

BIL

- [Building a Better America: A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and Other Partners](#): This guidebook is a roadmap to the funding available under the law, as well as an explanatory document that shows, in as much detail as currently available, program-by-program information.
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Rural Playbook](#): This playbook is intended to help rural communities understand the available funding for infrastructure provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other sources – offering information on the “what, where, and how” to apply for federal infrastructure dollars.
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook](#): To help Tribal applicants navigate the full range of funds both available to Tribal Nations and set aside for their communities, this playbook provides an overview of the “what, when, where, and how” to apply for funds.

CHIPS and Science

- [CHIPS Implementation Strategies](#): Throughout the development of CHIPS for America programs, the CHIPS Program Office has issued, and will continue to issue, documents that help our stakeholders and the broader public understand our program goals.

IRA

- [Building a Clean Energy Economy: A Guidebook to the Inflation Reduction Act's Investments in Clean Energy and Climate Action](#): This guidebook provides a program-by-program overview of the Inflation Reduction Act, including who is eligible to apply for funding and for what purposes.

IIA Workforce Development Resources

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[Equitable Workforce Development for Infrastructure Jobs: A Guide to Federal Resource](#)

This guide provides an overview of federal funding resources to support equitable workforce development including funding included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and key federal funding sources outside of law to support workforce development.

[Investing in America: Best Practices to Expand Access to Jobs and Economic Opportunity Through Transportation Infrastructure Investments](#)

This report includes detailed recommendations on how state and local transportation agencies can expand access to jobs and opportunity for several underrepresented groups including women, young people, justice-involved, and people of color. This report also explains how DOT has been successful in getting more transportation agencies to include workforce plans for their projects and to make use of tools such as local and economic hiring preferences.

[National Institute of Standards and Technology Workforce Development Webpage](#)

This webpage compiles key resources related to semiconductor workforce development.

[Department of Commerce Department Administrative Order \(DAO\) 216-24](#)

This DAO establishes a Department of Commerce workforce policy agenda focused on preparing workers with the education and skills necessary to accelerate the development and deployment of critical and emerging technologies, which are essential to U.S. economic competitiveness and national security. The DAO frames a Commerce approach to workforce investments that is employer-led, worker-centric, and focused on equity.

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Case Studies and Promising Practices

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This page will highlight case studies and promising practices on executing Investing in America (IIA) projects and addressing workforce challenges related to implementation.

Do you have a promising practice that you would like to share? Email ILC@dol.gov and share your story!

[ILC Blog Highlights](#)

Good Jobs, Great Cities (GJGC) Blog Spotlights

A partnership between DOL and the National League of Cities, the [GJGC Academy](#) includes 16 cities working throughout 2023 and 2024 to develop innovative and scalable city-supported solutions that upskill and reskill workers into quality, high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing jobs made possible by new federal investments, with a focus on supporting residents from historically underserved and underrepresented communities in order to address key shortcomings in their education and workforce ecosystem.

- [The Importance of Investing in and Celebrating the Public Works Workforce](#)

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[Equitable Solar Communities of Practice](#)

In November 2023, the Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technology Office (SETO) launched the Equitable Solar Communities of Practice program to support the expansion of equitable benefits in solar adoption. Five communities of practice will work to identify resource gaps, support the development and dissemination of best practices and resources, and identify and propose new resources, tools, technical assistance offerings needed to scale equitable solar.

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Partnership Development, Planning, and Proven Strategies

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Meeting the moment of the Investing in America (IIA) investments will require collaboration and innovation across silos in the public and private sector. The Department of Labor encourages the public workforce system to engage in workforce development planning and training activities to attract, retain, and empower a diverse qualified infrastructure workforce. DOL's framework reflects three primary activities: partnership development, planning, and designing and delivering proven workforce strategies and programs.

[Partnership Development](#)

Engage, convene, and link key demand side and supply side workforce partners positioned to support a comprehensive workforce plan across various project and sector needs.

[Planning](#)

Leverage local workforce partners' capacity to support planning activities and formulate strategies that meet project needs and advance equity in communities and for underrepresented workers.

[Proven Strategies and Programs](#)

Design, deliver, and scale proven workforce strategies, programs, and practices with a track record for delivering and opening access to high quality training for diverse communities that include underrepresented workers.

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Making Connections

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[ILC Directory \(Updated as of 6/27/24\)](#)

This resource provides a current directory of ILC members, which is sortable by state, organization type, and industry sector.

Help Wanted Section

Have an issue you are trying to trouble shoot? Want to find someone in your area to collaborate on an infrastructure project? Email ILC@dol.gov, and we will post your request here for your peers to connect.

- **Joe Smith (Joe.Smith@mcc.edu):** I work at Merrifield Community College in Michigan, and I am looking for peer community colleges who have succeeded in serving veterans.
- **Jane Doe (Jane@goliath.com):** I work for a mid-sized manufacturing company in the Southeast and I am looking for strategies to engage my local workforce board.

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