

OVERVIEW/FUNDING SOURCE

The Preparedness, Innovation and Energy Education (PIEE) program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The program is designed to implement innovative projects that advance energy security, improve energy education and reduce energy use.

The Iowa Energy Office, housed within the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), will administer the program with State Energy Program (SEP) supplemental funds enabled by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) administered by the DOE. The DOE provides this funding to designated state energy offices. Funding awards to states have a five-year project and budget period. Nationally, program funds are designed to assist states in implementing statewide energy goals.

SEP-BIL is authorized under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.). All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable laws including, but not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq.), 10 CFR 420, and 2 CFR 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.

The PIEE program provides competitive grants to eligible applicants. The program manager will accept pre-applications and full applications via email using required application templates. The pre-application form is available online, and the full application will be available once the applicant is provided with a notice to proceed. Funds are awarded based on meeting pre-requisites, application score and agency discretion.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This policies and procedures handbook for the PIEE program provides the requirements and framework of how the program will be administered. This document will be reviewed and updated as needed. The intent of this document is to prepare potential applicants to participate in the program and highlight the

most useful information for planning purposes. Further information will be provided as applicants progress through the process. Applicants are encouraged to review the [administrative and legal requirements](#) in advance of application submittal. Applicants are further encouraged to discuss program requirements with their legal counsel and/or an experienced grant administrator prior to application. Applicants are encouraged to visit IEDA's website for any updates to this program handbook.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Funding Available

Funding is available to support innovative projects that:

- Increase energy resiliency during natural disaster response or recovery efforts through a combination of skill-building and supplies
- Build Iowa's clean energy workforce through energy education
- Advance economic development through improvement of energy efficiency measures in commercial and industrial buildings

Funding may be contributed to one, none or all the topic areas listed.

The PIEE program has \$1.8 million of funding available.

Iowa Program Objectives

The PIEE program funds are designed to assist in implementing strategies that achieve the following outcomes:

1. Reduce energy use
2. Build the clean energy workforce
3. Advance energy security

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities must be in good standing with both the state of Iowa and the federal government. They must also be registered in

SAM.gov at the time of application. In addition, applicants must be registered to do business in Iowa and able to achieve all federal workplace requirements, which are available upon request.

Eligible applicants include:

- Businesses
- Local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- State government agencies
- Tribal councils
- Universities/colleges

Limitations apply. Eligible entities:

- May submit an application that includes one or more subrecipients
- May apply individually or jointly
- Will be allowed to submit only one application as the primary applicant during this funding announcement. Project partners or subrecipients can support multiple projects.

Cost Share

Cost share is not required, but applicants providing cost share will receive a scoring preference during application review. For projects proposing to provide cost share, cash investment into the project at the proposed ratio over the duration of the project is the preferred form of cost share. In-kind cost share is allowable for applicant personnel performing administrative needs of the project.

Eligible and Ineligible Activities

Awarded applicants will be required to report on metrics and cost updates specific to each activity or technology in quarterly and annual reports. Applicants are encouraged to focus projects on one or a limited number of technologies and activities to reduce the administrative burden of compliance with the reporting requirements.

Eligible Activities

The funding provided through this program may be used to implement a wide range of projects including:

- Energy preparedness, security, resilience
- Energy education, workforce
- Energy efficiency for commercial or industrial buildings

The PIEE program has a total of \$1.8 million available for competitive grant awards to eligible entities for energy projects aligned with federal and state priorities. Project awards may range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. Projects must be completed by November 30, 2027. All project activities must be listed under “Authorized Activities”. Activity examples may include (but are not limited to):

Energy security

- Energy security tabletop exercises
- Microgrids
- Portable emergency response tents
- Installation of transfer switches, panels and connections for easy or automatic use of microgrids or generators
- Deployable solar generators

Education and outreach to advance the clean energy workforce pipeline

- Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) events
- Train the trainer: solar generators

Large-Scale Energy Efficiency

- Retrofit to low-or-no heat process technologies in industrial buildings
- Energy efficiency retrofits enabling load shifting in partnership with electric utility

Ineligible Activities

Ground-disturbing activities are strictly prohibited. This includes all activities associated with canopies, new light poles, structures or foundational support. Additionally, funding cannot be used for activities such as:

- Support for another financing project (loans, grants, etc.)

- Manufacturing line development
- Development or purchase of products that are not commercially available
- Purchase of generation or storage units above Authorized Activity limits
- Projects that create mobile or point-source emissions
- Any other projects not allowed by 10 CFR 420

Projects that propose asset development must be innovative and include additional benefits beyond the benefit to the recipient of funds. Examples of asset development projects include renewable energy generation, battery storage, purchase of vehicles, or fueling infrastructure. Examples on how to add innovation and community benefits include:

- Classes with local STEM students
- Native flowers under solar
- Mobility of generation or storage
- Significant energy efficiency upgrades
- Emergency planning with local responders

Although unlikely, specific activities or involvement of certain entities may be deemed ineligible at the sole discretion of the DOE despite funding recommendations from the Iowa Energy Office. All activities must follow federal, state and local laws and regulations. All equipment deployed must comply to industry standards and baselines including cybersecurity, fire prevention and suppression, etc.

Eligible and Ineligible Costs

The example eligible and ineligible costs listed below are not intended to be inclusive of all potential costs. Applicants are encouraged to contact IEDA when developing a program budget to discuss the eligibility of other costs.

Eligible Costs

Only expenditures directly related to the implementation of the funded grant activity will be reimbursed. Examples of eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase of materials and equipment
- Developing and installing energy efficiency improvements
- Contracted project services
- Direct administration costs
- Federal grant requirements administration

Ineligible Costs

Examples of ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase or rental of buildings
- Office equipment, furniture and fixtures
- Intangible assets
- International travel
- Insurance or phone expenses
- Alcoholic beverages
- Donations or contributions
- Entertainment
- Fee or profit for award recipients
- Lobbying expenses

TIMELINES

Applicants should contact IEDA if they have any questions regarding the time frame and activities associated with beginning work on their project. Activities and expenses prior to an executed agreement with IEDA are at the applicant's own risk and may conflict with federal requirements. Applicants should postpone all project activities not associated with preparing an application until guidance is available after the award is granted. Some project activity types may require completion of National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance requirements prior to project activities taking place. Davis-Bacon Act wage requirements may also apply. IEDA will provide additional guidance after an award is approved. Applicants may include funding to hire an IEDA [certified federal grants administrator](#) in their proposal budget to assist with compliance.

Applicants should expect no fewer than 45 days for award selection notice from date of application submittal. The listing below outlines the activities and sequence of events to complete the program's application cycle. At any activity stage, IEDA reserves the right to deny, delay or require further actions before advancement.

Activity	Dates
Opportunity posted to the IEDA website	June 2
Webinar, question-and-answer session	June 10
Pre-applications due	July 7
Notice to proceed issuance	July 18
Applications due	August 18
Preliminary application award notices	October 1
Project start date	November 30

All projects must be completed by November 30, 2027. Agreements will be for a duration not to exceed two years unless otherwise approved by IEDA. No-cost extensions beyond the two years must be approved by IEDA. Any substantive change to a project will require IEDA approval and may require a contract amendment. To capture the long-term project impact, IEDA will evaluate approaches to collect project performance data for one or more years after the project is complete.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process consists of a pre-application and full application. The program manager will serve as the point of contact for applicants. The program manager is Abbie Christophersen, abbie.christophersen@iowaeda.com.

Pre-Application Phase

1. The pre-application will be available on the IEDA website.
2. The applicant will have until July 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time to

complete and submit the pre-application to the program manager.

3. IEDA may request clarifying information during its review of the pre-application.
4. Applications will be screened by IEDA staff using the pre-application criteria outlined below.
5. A notice to proceed will be issued to each eligible applicant, inviting the applicant to submit a full application. The full application will be provided with the notice to proceed.
6. Denial notices will be issued to those not eligible to submit a full application.

Final Application Phase

1. The full application will be provided to successful pre-applications via email.
2. The applicant will have until August 18, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time to complete and submit the final application to the program manager.
3. The applicant shall obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from the System for Award Management (SAM), if not already obtained. This process may take several weeks.
4. Once an application is submitted for review, applicants will not be able to amend or correct information in the application. It is imperative that applicants review all information and ensure required attachments are included with an application before submittal. IEDA may request clarifying information during its review to supplement what has already been submitted.
5. All applications received will be reviewed by the program manager for eligibility and completeness. Incomplete applications that are missing the required information or attachments will not be scored. Examples that could deem an application to be ineligible, incomplete or disqualified include, but are not limited to:
 - o Applicant is not eligible to apply.
 - o Applicant activity is not eligible for award.

- Applicant has been debarred or suspended as identified in the SAM as determined by the UEI number for the applicant.
- 6. IEDA staff will prepare funding recommendations for the agency director.
- 7. Applicants selected to receive grant funds will be notified in writing within 30 days of the award decision. Applicants not selected will receive a denial letter.
- 8. The IEDA will prepare and issue contracts to the selected applicants for review and signatures.

IEDA may, but is not required to, contact applicants for more information on any concerns regarding eligibility prior to denial. IEDA staff will review the applications and may engage outside reviewers to assist and provide expertise. The evaluation criteria described below will be used to score the presence and quality of desired

application content, including attachments and narrative responses provided. A minimum score of **40 out of 50** total points will be necessary to be considered for funding.

Evaluation Criteria

Each applicant must clearly show how the proposed project will:

- Increase natural disaster readiness, safety or recovery efforts through a combination of planning and action; or
- Advance economic development through improvement of energy efficiency measures in commercial and industrial buildings; or
- Improve energy education through hands-on training

In addition, each application must fully address the application and evaluation questions.

Pre-Application Screening Criteria

Pre-applications must achieve all prerequisites.

1. Application is complete and submitted to the program manager.
2. Applicant is eligible for the program.
3. Funding request meets eligible project and eligible expense requirements.
4. Request is for at least \$50,000 and no more than \$250,000, unless an exception is approved in writing by the program manager prior to submission of the pre-application.
5. Project will be completed by November 30, 2027.

Full Application Screening Criteria

Includes all of the pre-application requirements, plus:

- If subrecipients or project partners are named in the application, a signed letter of support or commitment must be provided.
- At least one project metric must be equivalent to those included in the reporting section of this document.
- The applicant must demonstrate a plan to administer the grant in full compliance with federal requirements.

Full Application Scoring Sheet

Applicants must achieve a minimum score of **40 out of 50** to be considered for an award.

Criteria	Evaluation Criteria	Points
Project Outcomes	What types of outcomes does the project provide? Do the benefits proposed appear to be sound and reasonable? Will the project have any long-term impacts? Will the project provide benefits to the local community?	15
Feasibility	Do the project goals appear reasonable? Are the project goals described in clear, easy-to-understand language? Are these goals well-aligned with the selected metrics? Does the proposal describe the timeline, project tasks and milestones of the project (in chronological order)?	8
Community Involvement	Does the proposal include letters of support or commitment from additional relevant entities? Are local stakeholders involved? What is the plan to inform the local community of the project?	8
Need	Does the proposal demonstrate a solution to a need or a problem? To what scale? Is it a replicable solution?	5
Innovation	Does the proposal demonstrate a new or novel approach to a need or a problem? Is the project different from other projects the applicant has received funding for from the Iowa Energy Office? What distinctive features does the project offer?	5
Program Alignment	Does the project support the objectives of the program?	5
Cost Share	Is cost share proposed? What percentage of project cost share is proposed? How much is cash vs in-kind?	4
Total		50

Authorized Activities:

Authorized Activities are activities listed in 10 CFR 420 that restrict the size, location, installation methods or other elements to complete a project. The list below identifies undertakings exempt from Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review through IEDA's [Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement](#). Applicants interested in applying should limit activities to the following Authorized Activities:

1. Administrative activities associated with management of the designated state, local government or Indian tribe, and management of programs and strategies to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy, including energy audits.
2. Development and implementation of programs and strategies to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy such as policy development and stakeholder engagement.
3. Development and implementation of training programs.
4. Development and implementation of building codes, including inspection services and associated activities, to support code compliance and promote building energy efficiency.
5. Implementation of financial incentive programs, including rebates and energy savings performance contracts for existing facilities; grants and loans to support energy efficiency,

renewable energy and energy/water-saving projects. All project activities funded under a financial incentive program must be included in the Authorized Activities list.

6. Funding commercially available energy, energy/water efficiency or renewable energy upgrades, provided that the projects adhere to the requirements of the respective recipient's DOE-executed [Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement](#), are installed in or on existing buildings, do not require structural reinforcement, involve no tree removal or trimming, are appropriately sized and are limited to:
 - a. Installation of insulation.
 - b. Cost-effective roof repair or replacement, including replacing the roof and/or changing roof material (e.g., shingles to metal) to allow for the installation of additional insulation.
 - c. Installation of energy-efficient lighting.
 - d. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades to existing systems, including switching fuels.
 - e. Weather sealing.
 - f. Purchase and installation of energy-efficient or energy/water-efficient appliances and equipment (including, but not limited to, energy or water monitoring and control systems, thermostats, furnaces and air conditioners).
 - g. Retrofit of energy-efficient pumps and motors for such uses as wastewater treatment plants, where it would not alter the capacity, use, mission or operation of an existing facility.
 - h. Retrofit and replacement of windows and doors.
 - i. Installation of Combined Heat and Power systems — systems sized appropriately for the buildings in which they are located, not to exceed peak electrical production at 300 kW.
 - j. Battery Energy Storage System — not to exceed 1,000 kWh capacity.
7. Development, implementation and installation of on-site renewable energy technology, provided that projects adhere to the requirements of the respective state's DOE-executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement, are installed in or on an existing structure, do not involve removal or trimming of trees, are appropriately sized, and are limited to:
 - a. Solar electricity/photovoltaic — appropriately sized system or unit not to exceed 60 kW.
 - b. Wind turbine — 20 kW or smaller.
 - c. Solar thermal (including solar thermal hot water) — system must be 200,000 BTU per hour or smaller.
 - d. Biomass thermal—3 MMBTUs per hour or smaller system with appropriate Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) installed and operated.
8. Purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.
9. Installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), including testing measures to assess the safety and functionality of the EVSE, within an existing parking facility defined as any building, structure or facility other than an outdoor parking lot. All activities must:
 - use reversible, nonpermanent techniques for installation, where appropriate;
 - use the lowest-profile EVSE reasonably available that provides the necessary charging capacity;
 - place the EVSE in a minimally visibly intrusive area;
 - use colors complementary to surrounding environment, where possible;
 - be limited to the current electrical capacity.

Installation of EVSE on tribal lands, or installations of EVSE that may affect historic properties located on tribal lands, is excluded from this activity, without first contacting your DOE project officer, who will coordinate with the DOE NEPA specialist. This applies to Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 — also known as Direct Current (DC) Fast Charging — EVSE.

All PIEE program applicants shall adhere to the restrictions of the relevant DOE-executed [Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement](#), as applicable.

AWARD SELECTION AND AGREEMENTS

IEDA will evaluate pre-applications and full applications to determine award selection. The project application must score at least 40 out of 50 points to be considered. Applications that receive the highest scores will have the greatest likelihood of being selected. IEDA staff will provide a recommendation to the IEDA director, who will provide final approval of all awards. Applications not selected for an award will be notified of their denial.

Notification of a selected application does not guarantee funding. The DOE requires IEDA submit a Subrecipient Change Notification before execution of a contract. DOE's review may take up to 30 days. During this time, the DOE completes due diligence measures and can deny any prospective awardee based on its findings.

IEDA reserves the right to negotiate financial assistance with applicants regarding the award amount and associated scope of work limitations. IEDA is not required to fund all eligible applications up to \$1.8 million in this funding opportunity. Any remaining funds may be used to support this program or another SEP-BIL approved activity.

Award recipients will not be able to begin work on their project prior to an executed agreement with IEDA. The award agreement between IEDA and awardees will include special terms and conditions as part of the flow-down

requirements from IEDA's assistance agreement with DOE, which must be incorporated into any subagreements the awardee utilizes to implement the project.

At the time of executing the award agreement, the awardee must fulfill the first executive compensation reporting requirement per the [Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System](#), if applicable to the entity type. See the "Reporting" section for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Within each application for the PIEE program, applicants must identify who will be responsible for ongoing reporting to IEDA, compliance with federal requirements and management of other administrative tasks for the award. Applicants can identify an existing service provider or staff person, or plan to procure these services if an award is made. If the applicant intends to procure for this service, procurement must adhere to federal procurement requirements in 2 CFR 200. Procurement and contract execution must occur before other project expenses can be reimbursed, unless otherwise approved by IEDA to proceed. Awardees are also encouraged to consult with their legal counsel regarding compliance with the award agreement with IEDA and federal requirements.

The administrative tasks consist of the following responsibilities, including but not limited to:

1. Coordinate day-to-day activities associated with the award and be a primary point of contact with IEDA.

2. Manage immediate post-award activities, including but not limited to procurement, NEPA/environmental review documentation, monitoring completion of policies and required documents and establishing recordkeeping procedures.
 3. Maintain the IowaGrants.gov account utilized for reporting, submitting required documents and status updates, and reimbursement claims.
 4. Complete quarterly and annual award reporting.
 5. Submit reimbursement requests to IEDA, including collecting and submitting source documentation such as invoices, compliance certifications and other information required by IEDA or DOE.
 6. Monitor project activities and integrate procedures to ensure compliance with all program requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with procurement procedures, labor standards, NEPA, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Build America Buy America Act (BABA) and the Davis-Bacon Act. A couple of items of note:
 - o DOE will be requiring utilization of a new online platform, LCPtracker, for uploading weekly payrolls to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and paying prevailing wages. More information about the use of LCPtracker is available at <https://www.energy.gov/infrastructure/weekly-dba-payroll-tracking-lcptracker>. The Davis-Bacon Act applies to all construction-related activities within the contracted period, not just those covered by this program.
 - o As stated in the special terms and conditions of the award agreement, the BABA requirement is in effect. To the greatest extent possible, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available from this award should be American-made. Exceptions may apply. Administrators involved with procurement must review the required compliance certification documentation. Awardees are expected to ensure that the procurement of equipment and products under subawards includes language approved by IEDA for BABA compliance. If BABA-compliant project components are not available, and the awardee provides information to the satisfaction of IEDA that sufficient efforts were made to conduct market research and procure compliant products, the awardee and IEDA must request a BABA waiver and pause additional procurement steps until the outcome of the waiver request is known.
 7. Provide project updates at the request of IEDA and DOE. Project administrators are encouraged to contact IEDA with any issues or questions to ensure the project moves forward successfully.
 8. Ensure all costs are incurred prior to the agreement end date and that final claims are submitted by the time frame indicated in the award agreement. Project administrators will also assist with submitting extension and amendment requests to IEDA.
- IEDA will expect administrators to have training or experience with federal grants. Any training provided to understand federal regulations will be limited. IEDA will require specific documentation to confirm compliance, which must be submitted by the specified deadline. Management guides are available from IEDA upon request, including links to further training and resources on federal requirements, instructions for completing necessary procedures like IowaGrants.gov claims and templates, and sample forms for recordkeeping.
- Extension and amendment requests must be submitted in writing along with a justification for the request. The evaluation of requests will be

based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to federal requirements, activity progress and justification provided.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Disbursements will be made on a reimbursement basis. All claims must be made through IowaGrants.gov with required supporting documentation and must be submitted at least quarterly while expenses are being incurred. Claims must be for an amount equal to or greater than \$2,000 per request. Claims must not be submitted more frequently than 30 days from the prior claim submittal. Claims processing may take 30 to 90 days.

Required claim documentation includes:

- Signed General Accounting Expenditure (GAX) form with assigned vendor and charge codes provided by IEDA program manager.
- Itemized invoice signed by primary awardee.
- Expense documentation including payroll logs or contracted vendor invoices.

Delinquent reports may cause delayed payment processing until evidence of progress is submitted. The final payment will be postponed until all necessary reports are received.

REPORTING

IEDA is required to submit quarterly and annual reports to DOE, which must include reports on active and open awards. Report dates will follow the federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30). Awardees are required to submit quarterly and annual reports to IEDA with the required content. Failure to submit reports by the established deadlines may result in termination of the award agreement and repayment of grant funds. All deliverables, including any reports or papers, must be submitted and approved before the project can be considered for closure.

Quarterly Report Time Frames

Federal Fiscal Year Quarter	Quarter Date Range	Report Due to IEDA
Quarter 1	October 1 – December 31	January 15
Quarter 2	January 1 – March 31	April 15
Quarter 3	April 1 – June 30	July 15
Quarter 4	July 1 – September 30	October 15

Quarterly reports will be submitted to IEDA via IowaGrants.gov. These reports may include some information that was already conveyed in the initial application to IEDA, in addition to several other topics. The quarterly report will identify topic areas that are established in the first report and will be updated each quarter.

More detailed instructions on reporting will be provided to awardees after the award announcement. Applicants must report on at least one of the following metrics:

1. Estimated annual energy savings (kWh or BTUs)
2. Square footage of manufacturing space repurposed for clean energy products
3. Number of contacts reached via webinars, site visits, fact sheets or other methods
4. Number of workshops, training and education sessions held
5. Number of people trained
6. Number of workshops and tabletop exercises, training and education sessions held
7. Number of people attending workshops, training and education sessions
8. Number of student researchers supported
9. Number of participants receiving technical assistance
10. Number of energy management systems installed

IEDA will review the quarterly report submittal in IowaGrants.gov and correspond with the award administrator with any questions or additional information needed prior to the submittal to DOE.

Annual Report Time Frames

Report Date Range	Report Due to IEDA
Project start date through September 30	October 15
October 1 – September 30 for each fiscal year while the project is underway	October 15
Post-project completion reports on impacts	To Be Determined

Annual reports are due to IEDA by October 10 of each year of the open award to capture impacts of the project. Annual reports will be submitted to IEDA via IowaGrants.gov. Information required to submit for annual reports:

1. Required metric(s) from quarterly reports
2. Prior achievements
3. Future goals

IEDA will review the annual report submittal in IowaGrants.gov and correspond with the award administrator with any questions or additional information needed prior to the submittal to DOE.

MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

Alongside the assessment of quarterly and annual reports, IEDA will provide ongoing monitoring, oversight and technical support throughout the award agreement period. The evaluation methods for compliance will be shared with awardees before they are implemented. As additional federal guidance is developed and disseminated, IEDA will continue to inform its awardees about pertinent updates. This may include periodic monitoring or spot-checks of certain documentation held by the

awardee that correlates with federal requirements.

IEDA will help the DOE with any inquiries or follow-ups related to the quarterly or annual reports submitted. Additionally, IEDA may carry out a site visit to check that projects were constructed as planned and to confirm that operations and maintenance are ongoing. IEDA will inform the award administrator at least seven business days before a monitoring visit.

CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES

The success of a project is evaluated based on the agreed-upon scope of work, budget and performance metrics. Once the final claim is processed, IEDA may perform a closeout review and audit of the project. If there are any remaining funds after the final claim and payment, those unused funds will be de-obligated. After all program requirements are met, IEDA will issue a final closeout notice stating the funds were spent in accordance with the agreement. Once a closeout notice has been issued, the award status on IowaGrants.gov will be updated, disabling any further claims.

In the event an agreement is terminated, a termination notice will be issued, and award status will be updated accordingly.