Overview Questions:

- **Just to clarify, a "community of practice" is the lead organization plus 6 core team members, correct?**
  That is correct. The core community of practice will consist of the lead organization and six core team organizations. The broader community will also participate in the community of practice through a community convening.

- **If our organization would like to apply as lead of multiple communities of practice, would we complete multiple Capabilities Templates? As in 1,500-word applications per each CoP we apply to? If applying for two, a total of 3,000 words?**

  The 1,500-word limit is a suggested word limit. If you are applying for multiple communities of practice, please complete one Capabilities Assessment and include as much information as you feel is sufficient to provide details of your expertise on each of the communities of practice you are applying for, aiming to keep the application as succinct as possible.

- **Is the Equitable Solar Communities of Practice specific to any geographic location? There is no info on location on the ENERGYWERX website.**
  This opportunity is specific to the United States and US Territories.

- **Can you share more specific information on the types of applications you are looking for, particularly for the Resilience, storage, and grid benefits CoP?**
  We are looking for applicants who have expertise, experience or knowledge working across the relationship between equity and solar deployment in the areas of access and consumer protection, household savings, resilience, community-led economic development, and solar workforce development. For resilience, storage and grid benefits, this includes organizations who have some experience working on supporting the development of equitable microgrids, low-income solar and/or community solar plus storage, and efforts to make the grid more resilient to power outages through solar solutions in a way that benefits low-income or disadvantaged communities.

- **Will there be a "teaming partners" list for identifying core team members outside of our network (i.e., increase diversity of thought)?**
  Yes, we are going to be working with the community practice leads to help build a diverse core team to support each community of practice.

- **Just want to confirm, is it $375,000 funding available total for the 5 communities (75k each)?**
  That is correct. There is also separate funding for $3,000 per core team member, with up to six organizations per community of practice.

- **Is there a preference for organizations that have or have not directly received DOE funding?**
  There is no preference. Both organizations who have been funded and have not been funded have the same opportunities.

- **Is a small business allowed to participate?**
  Yes.

- **Community Solar and LMI Rooftop development are two things. Should we focus on one or the other, or both?**
  We understand these are vast categories and we are looking for the community of practice to be able to focus on both categories.

- **Is there a hard cut-off for the number of team members allowed to work on this project? Does each organization count as "one" person?**
  In terms of core team organizations, we are thinking about those as an organization rather than an individual. If an organization has multiple team members who they think should be included, that would be acceptable.

- **Is there any special focus on or interest in studying deployment on Native reservations specifically across the country for this project?**
  Yes, strategies for tribal representation and engagement will be included across all the categories. We want the communities of practice to be inclusive of communities across the United States including tribal nations and U.S. territories.

- **If selected, are there requirements on how organizations report time spent on the CoP?**
  We have this set up to be based on milestone deliverables. There will not be time reporting requirements but as deliverables are achieved, there will be reporting requirements.

Definition Based Questions:

- **For this project, how are you defining "resources? What is and is not included?**
  In terms of resources, we encourage applicants to think expansively. We want communities of practice to identify relevant research, tools, technologies, and methodologies that can be helpful to expand and scale the benefits for each Community of Practice.

- **Can you further define what you mean by regional? i.e.: multi-county, multi-state?**
  We want the communities of practice to focus nationally, yet we recognize that regional and locally-serving organizations have unique expertise and may be well positioned to lead a community of practice.

- **What does "knowledge of and working relationships with a diverse set of local or regional organizations" mean in concrete terms?**
  We are looking for organizations who have experience working in diverse coalitions or partnerships with other organizations, especially focused on justice-oriented work. Applicants

can describe coalitions or partnerships they've fostered and how they contributed to outcomes through these partnerships.

- **Could you elaborate more on the "community participants?" What is their role?**
  Each community of practice will host one community-wide convening that will be open to all stakeholders who are interested in participating. The convening will be interactive so that attendees can learn, provide input and feedback, identify gaps, and help shape the direction and outcomes for each community of practice.

Application Based Questions:

- **Even if it is not required, is it beneficial for applicants to list proposed core team members in their applications?**
  Yes. We welcome, to hear about ideas or relationships of who you believe would be best suited to work with you on the core team.

- **Is there any advantage for applying early rather than right before the deadline?**
  There is not. All applications will be reviewed after submissions close on December 8th at 5pm ET.

- **Are joint or partnership applications encouraged?**
  We are looking for individual organizational applications for each community of practice lead.