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American-Made Program & The Solar Prize

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The American-Made program is your **fast track to the clean energy revolution**. Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, we incentivize innovation through prizes, training, teaming, and mentoring, connecting the nation's entrepreneurs and innovators to America's national labs and the private sector.



DOE's Many American-Made Prizes!



By American-Made ... 36 ☆

Collegiate Wind Competition

Helping college students prepare for jobs in the wind and renewable energy workforce through early

📅 Enter - 37 ... \$280K Prize



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HBCU Clean Energy Education Prize

Advancing clean energy programming, opportunities, and connections for historical

📅 Pre registra...\$7.8M Prize



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Heliostat Prize

The American-Made Heliostat Prize is a 3-contest challenge designed to accelerate

📅 Enter - 83 Da...\$3M Prize



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Hydropower Collegiate Competition

Challenging multidisciplinary teams of collegiate students to offer unique solutions to

📅 Judging Cl...\$325K Prize



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The Marine Energy Collegiate Competition

Challenging multidisciplinary teams of undergraduate and graduate students to offer

📅 Judging Cl...\$420K Prize



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Microbattery Design Prize

Seeking designs for microbatteries to support new uses for small electronic devices with

📅 Enter - 51 D...\$1.1M Prize



By American-Made... 839 ☆

Energizing Rural Communities Prize

Supporting innovative partnership and finance plans to help rural or remote communities

📅 Enter - 15 Days Remain...



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MAKE IT Prize Strategies Track

Enabling vibrant clean energy technology manufacturing activity in communities

📅 Pre registration



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MAKE IT Prize Facilities Track

Catalyzing domestic manufacturing of critical clean energy technology components

📅 Pre registration



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2023 Sunny Awards

Recognize community solar projects and programs that increase equitable access to the

📅 Enter - 66 ... \$200K Prize



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High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Prize

Propose new HVDC technology solutions to strengthen the U.S. energy grid

📅 Enter - 29 ... \$200K Prize



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Community Power Accelerator Prize

Fast-tracks the efforts of solar developers to learn and grow their operations to support multiple

📅 Won \$10M Prize



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Buildings Upgrade Prize

Supports actionable and scalable solutions to advance energy efficiency and efficient electrification

📅 Enter



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DAC Pre-Commercial EPIC Prize

Regional incubators develop creative and impactful plans to support entrepreneurs and

📅 Enter - 44 Days Remai...

The Solar Prize – Round 7



The Solar Prize Contests

Ready! Contest - Teams focus on innovative ideas that will address a solar industry technology need, proving that they have developed a great team, a game-changing solution, and an achievable plan.

Set! Contest - Teams make progress in developing and demonstrating early-stage proofs-of-concept.

Go! Contest - Teams focus on proving that their solutions are successful and they have made substantial progress over the course of the contests.

Join and compete

The Solar Prize – Round 7

Right now you should be:

- Thinking about your amazing solar idea, technology, or solution
- Building a strong and diverse team
- Reading the Prize Rules
- Connecting with the American-Made Network and Power Connectors
- Competing! Actively start working on your solution and submission

Visit our [American-Made Booth](#) and watch the live [Go! Demo Day](#) for Round 6 at RE+

The Prize is currently: **Open!**
Total Prize Pool: \$4.2M
Submissions Due: September 27, 2023



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