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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- **Expanding Access to Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy**
- **Investing in American Manufacturing and Workers**
- **Delivering Reliable, Clean, and Affordable Power to More Americans**
- **Build the Technologies of Tomorrow through Clean Energy Demonstrations**

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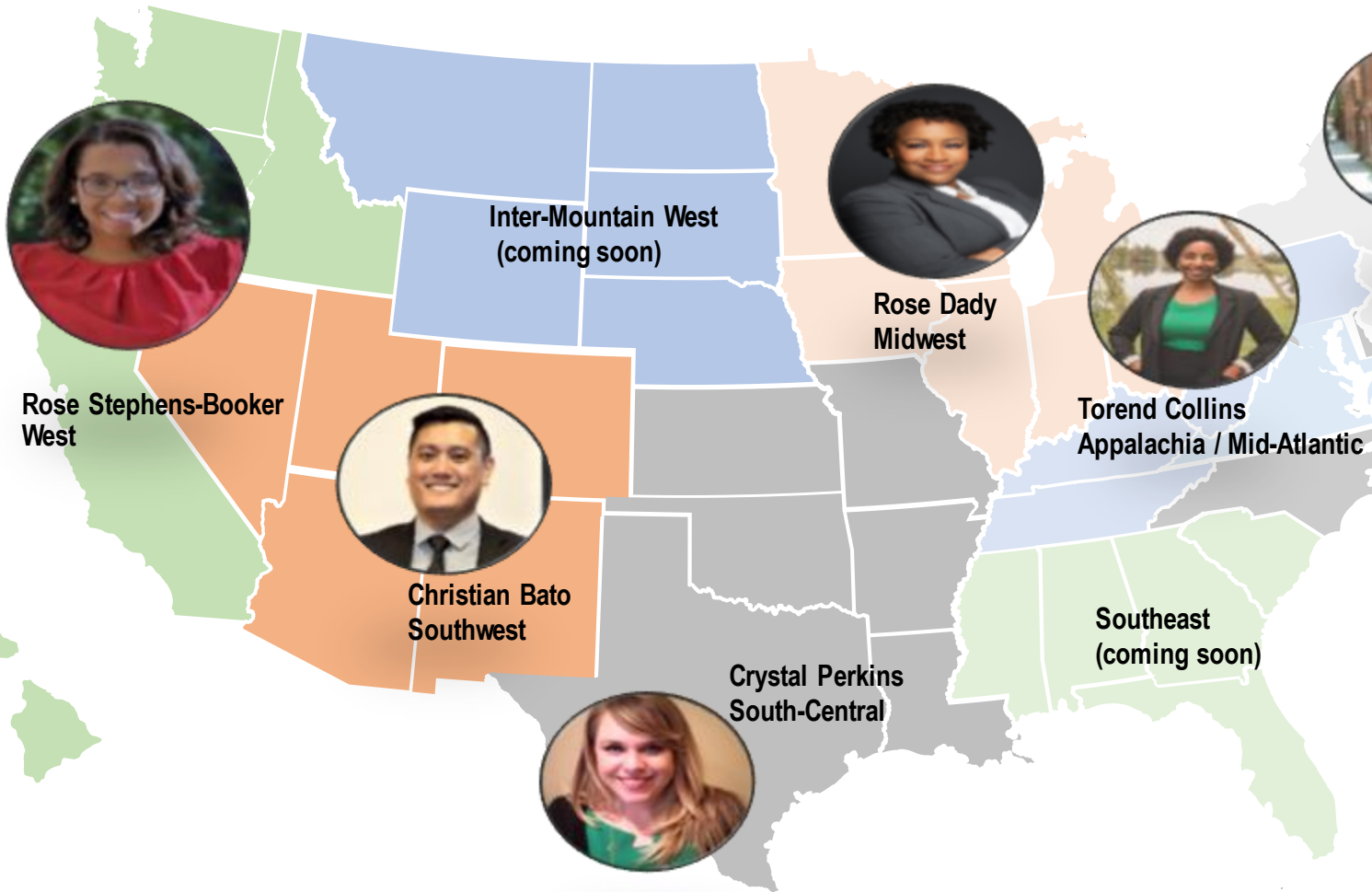
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Intergovernmental & External Affairs – Priorities and Functions

Relationships

Alignment & Activation

Convening

- **Build** strong relationships with local and state public office holders, tribes, associations, non-profit organizations, universities, businesses, and foundations.
- **Be a conduit** between external groups and DOE to make sure resources are flowing, technical assistance is provided, projects are deployed.
- **Promote** the Department of Energy’s accomplishments, resources, and programs in local communities.
- **Develop** and activate supporter voices.
- **Align goals** of external stakeholders with DOE goals to maximize impact in local communities.
- **Build** a stable of evangelists with buy-in for DOE initiatives borne of their shared interests, equitable access to the policymaking and funding processes, and ability to provide input.
- **Convene** regular meetings with relevant stakeholders, plan events, build campaigns to advance the Build Back Better agenda locally.
- **Incorporate and empower diverse voices** to help shape and improve our strategy, considering race/ethnicity, gender, education, country of origin, etc.

Where to Go for More Information

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law page for updates on events, Requests for Information (RFIs), and Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs):

<https://www.energy.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-programs>



Questions?

