

Implementing an Agrivoltaics Project

Description: This cohort will support community-based organizations, local nonprofit organizations, and Tribal governments in navigating the challenges and opportunities associated with implementing successful agrivoltaics projects. Participants will be able to identify and refine their project goals; evaluate suitable technology options; discuss zoning, licensing, land use, and ownership considerations; explore funding and financing approaches; and learn about market and policy considerations that may affect project viability, scale, and economics.

Participants will develop strategies to establish or strengthen partnerships with local utilities, rural development agencies, and university agricultural extensions to unlock implementation pathways and increase impact. Participants will also examine opportunities to partner with organizations that could assist in education, outreach, training, research, or other community-supporting activities through the agrivoltaics installation. Cohort members will work with peers and facilitators to develop strategies to overcome their unique implementation challenges. The strategies documented during this cohort will be shared externally to improve implementation pathways for other agricultural practitioners across the United States.

General Applicant Information (required)

1. Entity name
2. Location (city/town/county & state)

Primary Cohort Representative (required)

3. First name
4. Last name
5. Email address
6. Position/Job title
7. Organization
8. Organization headquarters address
9. Organization type
 - a. City, Town, or County (Local Government)
 - b. Tribe, including Alaska Native Villages, Alaska Native Corporations, and State Recognized Tribes
 - c. Municipal Utility
 - d. Other Public Entity
 - e. Other
10. Is this primary cohort representative willing and able to commit approximately 5 hours per month to cohort participation and supporting activities?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
11. Does this primary cohort representative have sufficient local authority and influence to inform decision-making and implement learnings and suggestions from the cohort? Please explain. (50-200 word count)
12. Would you like to provide an additional contact at this time? This may be either a cohort-specific subject matter lead or a secondary administrative contact.
 - a. Yes, I will provide an additional representative or administrative contact
 - b. No, the primary representative will be available for communication

Secondary Representative or Administrative Contact (optional)

13. Cohort Representative or Administrative Contact?
 - a. Cohort Representative
 - b. Administrative Contact
14. First name
15. Last name
16. Email address
17. Position/Job title
18. Organization
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Cohort-Specific Application Questions (required)

21. What is your organization's level of experience related to agrivoltaics?
 - a. We are just getting started.
 - b. We are familiar with the technologies and have started to develop plans.
 - c. We are very familiar with the technology and/or have started to deploy agrivoltaics projects.
 - d. We have significant experience deploying agrivoltaics projects.
22. How would participation in this cohort support your goals related to agrivoltaics? What would be your ideal outcome from your cohort participation? (100-300 word count)
23. Do you currently partner with agricultural producers or operate an agricultural production yourself? Please describe. (100-300 word count)
24. Do you currently own the land or work with a landowner to lease the land you work with? (50-100 word count)
25. What stage of your project planning or implementation are you currently at, and what are the specific challenges are you facing? (100-300 word count)
26. How do you intend to prioritize community benefits throughout the implementation of your agrivoltaics project(s)? (100-300 word count)
27. Please describe any upcoming opportunities or decision points related to your agrivoltaics project(s) (e.g., developing or updating a plan, applying for or receiving funding, etc.) that you expect in the 18 months. How could this cohort help you better take advantage of those opportunities? (100-300 word count)
28. How do you see your primary representative participating in this cohort?
 - a. Listening to experts and peers to learn from their experiences
 - b. Discussing local challenges and opportunities with others and identifying paths forward
 - c. Serving as an advanced participant to support other cohort participants that are earlier in their efforts
29. Please provide any additional relevant information about existing efforts related to agrivoltaics, how your entity and your partners could benefit from your participation in this cohort, or the suitability of your primary representative.

Closing Questions

30. Where did you learn about C2C peer-learning cohorts? Please be specific.
31. What other energy-related topics would you be interested in discussing with peers through a future cohort? Submitted topics may be considered for future C2C peer-learning cohorts.
32. Would you like to subscribe to the C2C mailing list to receive information about future opportunities for support in your clean energy transition?