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Sean Esterly: Hello, everybody. Thank you for joining us on today during Veterans Day. And just like to start off by thanking anyone that has served for your service. We are going to get started here with our webinar. And once this--yep, there we go.

All right, so yeah, thank you for joining us for our "Community Microgrid Assistance Partnership" overview webinar. This program, also known as C-MAP. And my name is Sean Esterly. Kicking things off here, I'm a project manager with NREL and helping to support the C-MAP program.

A couple housekeeping items for you as we go to the next slide. So just some Zoom tips for you. If you're having any trouble hearing anything, make sure you check your audio settings first. If you're having any connectivity issues, you can always try a different browser. You can try quickly logging out and back in.

Or feel free to send a chat to us, and we can try to walk you through how to fix that. You'll notice at the bottom you have two options for interacting with us. There is a chat feature that's going to be for any directions, like how to fix audio if you're having issues, and any discussion.

We do have a separate Q& A panel. And would ask that if you have any questions you'd like to submit to us, please use that Q& A panel. We're going to be monitoring that very closely. And we'll address those questions during the Q& A session.

As you join, please feel free to enter your name, location, and organization into the chat. Love to hear who's joining, where you're joining from, and who you're representing. Also, there is a full link for the request for proposals or RFPs on the C-MAP website.

We will be dropping that link into the chat for everybody. So, you can click on that to access that page. We will also be copying all questions that do accidentally find their way into the chat, into the Q& A.

So, we will release that with the recording as well, so you'll be able to go back and see what questions were asked and how we responded to those. And so, with that, I will turn it over to Ian Baring-Gould, my colleague here, for the next few slides.

Ian Baring-Gould: Great, thank you, everybody. Thank you so much for being here. I want to give a quick introduction to the program. Dan Ton was going to be able to do this but was called away. And so, I'm filling in for him.

So, we'll do a quick overview of the C-MAP effort, what we're doing. We'll dive into the program a little bit to give you an overview of the program. And then Sean will be back to dive a little bit more into the specific



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solicitation that's on the street.

And then Kyndall, at the end, will talk a little bit about the actual contracting, the application process, and some things to think about as you're looking at pulling together a solicitation. So really quickly, for all of you, this will not be any new information. Isolated communities all over the United States but certainly in Alaska, Hawaii, the Southwest, Midwest, islands along the East Coast, anyplace where you're not connected to the grid or are connected through a very tenuous grid, the energy costs are amazingly high.

And so, part of the microgrids effort within the Department of Energy under the Office of Electricity is really to look at how we can improve microgrid systems, especially for islanded and remote communities. And that's really the big focus of this larger C-MAP effort. Going to the next slide, please. And one of the things that C-MAP is really trying to get into, is trying to address, is that we've had very piecemeal deployment of microgrid technology over the years.

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