

# **DOE's Rebate Tracking System:**

## **Overview of 50121 Workflows**



- Purpose of today's webinar
- DOE's Rebate Tracking System
- Workflow walkthroughs
- Discussion/comments

## **Overview of 50121 Home Efficiency Rebates**

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## **Primary Goals in Developing DOE Rebate Tracking System**

- Simplify the process for rebate stakeholders
  - States, homeowners, retailers/vendors, contractors, others
- Minimize reporting burden
- Ensure consistent data for tracking & evaluation

- Leverage private sector expertise
  - Rebate processing
  - Income verification
  - User interfaces
  - Other

## **DOE Rebate Tracking System: Primary Functionality**

- Accessible via API by states, implementers, vendors, others
- Tracks and assists with rebate initiation (coupons)
- Facilitates interactions with retailers, distributors, others
- Puts in place safeguards to ensure adherence to individual household rebate limits (e.g., \$14K/household in 50122)
- Enforces rebate reserves
  - Maintains sufficient funds in cases where a state sets a floor for the amount of rebates that must go to specific targeted use cases such low-income, multifamily, DACs
- Simplifies state reporting (e.g., tracks total rebates; types of rebates; rebates to low-income, DACs, multifamily)
- Provides capability to conduct AMI search engine by zip code & number of occupants
- Provides mapping capability to identify if homes are in disadvantaged communities (still TBD)
- Provides administrative portal to assist states in monitoring and analyzing rebate-supported projects

## **Related State Responsibilities**

- Verify income
- Process rebate payments to retailers, contractors, aggregators
- Apply DOE data specifications
- Fulfill DOE documentation requirements
- Fulfill rebate-specific<sup>1</sup> data reporting requirements through one of the following methods
  - 1) Use DOE workflows (via API)
  - 2) Use API to submit data but do not use the DOE Rebate Tracking System
  - 3) Use a DOE-provided standardized spreadsheet to provide required data (that would otherwise be sent via API)

<sup>1</sup>States must report additional programmatic data via a separate DOE portal; however, these are not rebate-specific transactional data points.

## **Previous Webinars on Rebate Tools**

### June 22, 2023 – Introduction to DOE Rebate Tracking System

- Introduction to IRA Rebates
- Guiding Principles for Development of Rebate Tools
- Basic Needs to Process & Track Rebates
- Roles: DOE/PNNL & States
- State-led Income verification
- Workflows/API overview
- PNNL webpage details

## July 25, 2023 – Draft API

- Roadmap for IRA Rebate API
  - Review of the OpenAPI specification

Meeting recordings and presentations can be viewed here:



https://www.pnnl.gov/projects/rebate-tools

PRE-DECISIONAL

## **Introduction to 50121 Workflows**

- Modeled
  - Single-Family, Owner Occupied
  - Single-Family, Tenant Occupied
  - Multi-Family, Tenant Occupied
- Measured
  - Single-Family, Owner Occupied
  - Single-Family, Tenant Occupied
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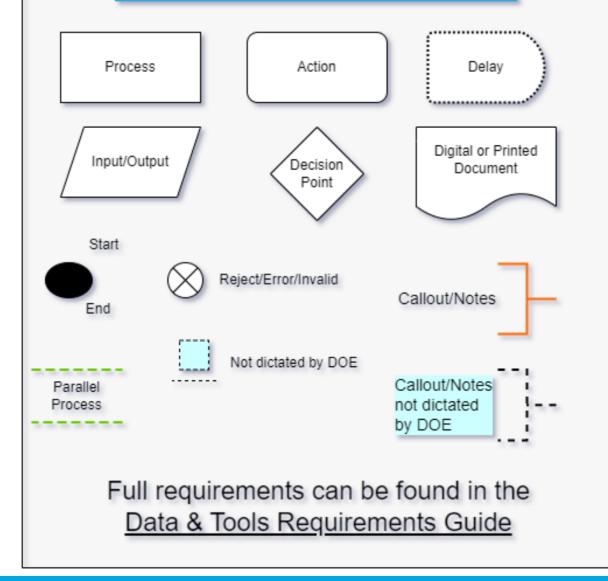
## **Workflow: Relevant Actors**

Title

Tenant	Building Owner	Installer	Vendor	State	3rd Party Back End	DOE Back End

## Key

Columns indicate the entity performing the task described and all associated IT buildout necessary to complete the task.



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## **Modeled Workflows**

## Workflow <u>Number</u>

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## **Measured Workflows**

## Workflow <u>Number</u>

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## **Next Steps**

- Finalize workflows
- Complete API development
  - Beta testing
- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders & API users

# **Thank You**

## **Answer Questionnaire**



https://forms.gle/UNPGzJ3rZxf48NcWA

**Technical Questions? Contact PNNL Team** RebateTools@pnnl.gov

**Programmatic Questions?** https://www.energy.gov/scep/hom e-energy-rebates-frequently-askedquestions

## **MORE TO DISCUSS:**

- How do workflows relate to program design & implementation
- The workflows provide a path for successful program implementation, outlining the design decisions and buildout necessary for the relevant actors.
- Who's doing what jobs? What software (DC) is needed?
- What elements in the requirements are "taken care of" by the API and workflows

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