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## Greetings,

I am pleased to invite you to the third Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program (RMUC Program) listening session on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT. Hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER), this session will build on the excellent feedback from our RMUC Program launch and first listening session held August 18, 2022, and the second listening session that is scheduled for September 15, 2022.

On September 29, we will spotlight the unique priorities and challenges faced by **electric municipal and small investor-owned utilities** (**IOUs**). It is an opportunity for you to provide input to help us develop and design a program that meets the priority goals of electric municipal utilities and small IOUs. Your involvement in this listening session will help CESER develop an RMUC Program plan that is relevant to the challenges and priorities of electric cooperatives.

The RMUC Program listening sessions are free to attend and will be closed to the press. Registration is required, and you can register <a href="here">here</a>.

## **RMUC Program Launch Session**

The CESER RMUC Program is focused on facilitating and accelerating improvements in the cybersecurity posture of eligible utilities. The first listening session focused on providing an overview of the RMUC Program and initiating discussions on key priorities for eligible utilities. For those who were unable to attend, a recording and presentation slides from the RMUC Program launch are available on the RMUC Program Listening Session webpage (RMUC Program).

Thank you to all of you who attended the first listening session and those of you planning to attend our second session. This program is made possible by leveraging \$250 million made available in Section 40124 of the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)</u>. The BIL is an investment in our nation's infrastructure that will ensure our clean energy future is resilient and secure.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with you and hearing your ideas and opinions on September 29.

Sincerely,

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