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## **What is a Prize Competition?**

A problem-solving event where the public is invited to help solve perplexing mission-centric issues and drive innovation.

## **Why are Reclamation's Prize Competitions important?**

Established in 1902, Reclamation is best known for the dams and powerplants constructed in the 17 western states. Today, it is a contemporary water management agency leveraging prize competitions to help solve some of the most critical water resource problems.

Since 2015, Reclamation has launched 21 prize competitions in the areas of: Water Availability, Infrastructure Sustainability, and Environmental Compliance.

## **Upcoming Prize Competitions**

Reservoir Sediment Removal Techniques II
More Water, Less Concentrate II
Improving Snow Water Equivalent Estimation
Improving Canal Safety
Infrastructure Composites Condition Monitoring
No Outage Testing of Hydropower Plant Protection Systems
Water Delivery Canals - Extend Life and Reduce Seepage



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## Partner on a Prize Competition

### Who can partner?

Anyone! Other Federal agencies, private sector, non-profit, state, local organizations and individuals are eligible.

### Why partner?

To support finding resolutions for difficult issues, spur innovation, and advance technology.

### How to partner?

- Provide subject matter experts to design and judge competitions
- Provide financial support
- Contribute non-cash prizes
- Promote competitions
- Provide laboratory or field test facilities

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### Prize Theme Areas



### *Water Availability*



### *Infrastructure Sustainability*



### *Environmental Compliance*

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