Asia EDGE – Highlights
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Asia EDGE leverages the tools of nine government agencies to unleash the Indo-Pacific’s energy potential

Launched in July 2018, in support of President Trump’s vision for the Indo-Pacific region, Asia Enhancing Development and Growth through Energy (EDGE) is a U.S. whole-of-government effort to grow sustainable and secure energy markets throughout the Indo-Pacific. Asia EDGE seeks to strengthen energy security by increasing energy access, diversification, and trade.

Asia EDGE Partners

- Asia EDGE partners with more than 90 U.S. private sector businesses across 32 U.S. states
- Asia EDGE partners with multilateral development banks
- Asia EDGE partners with like-minded foreign governments

Asia EDGE supports a private-sector led growth model

Asia EDGE prioritizes partnerships with the private sector to open energy trade and investment opportunities across the Indo-Pacific.

Asia EDGE tailors its approach to respond to the needs of every country

Representing more than 30 individual countries across a wide range of opportunities, the Indo-Pacific region is one of the most diverse in the world. Asia EDGE acknowledges this challenge and responds with tailored approaches by market and by sub-region.
Asia EDGE is making progress towards a free and open Indo-Pacific

• **Mobilizing private sector investment:** Asia EDGE has 57 active energy sector advocacy cases in the Indo-Pacific valued at $191.5 billion, including an estimated $171.6 billion in U.S. exports. These efforts support hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs.

• **Helping to close the Indo-Pacific energy gap:** Asia EDGE, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank, is mobilizing $7 billion of investment for energy projects. It will increase the capacity of deployed energy systems by six gigawatts, and increase regional energy trade by 10 percent over the next five years.

• **Strengthening standards and best-value procurement practices:** Asia EDGE has been working with over 100 stakeholders on best-value procurement to unlock the potential of renewable energy in Vietnam. This has led to 20 Megawatts (MW) of advanced energy projects and secured Vietnamese Government support for 200-400 MW more through direct power purchase agreements.

• **Promoting regional energy security:** Asia EDGE supports South Asia in developing a competitive regional power market. By creating an enabling environment for power trade, transformative policy changes on cross-border power trade in India enabled Nepal and Bangladesh to use its transmission lines as a pass-through for electricity exchange. This cooperation is critical in South Asia, where intra-regional economic activity is roughly five percent of South Asia’s total trade and holds tremendous potential to spur growth.

• **Promoting U.S. exports:** Asia EDGE has leveraged a series of events called Access Asia to connect commercial officers and policy experts with U.S. companies in targeted sectors and cities. To date, the program has conducted events in more than 25 cities across the United States, reaching over 1,000 new companies.

• **Removing trade barriers:** Through a Federal Register Notice, private sector roundtables, and federal advisory committees, Asia EDGE is actively engaging the U.S. private sector to improve U.S. government understanding of private sector interests and policy needs. Asia EDGE has incorporated feedback into its commercial diplomacy engagements to promote free, fair, and reciprocal trading relationships.

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