

A yellow school bus is parked on a paved road in a rural setting. Several children are standing near the front of the bus. In the background, there are trees, a building, and an American flag on a tall pole. The sky is blue with some clouds.

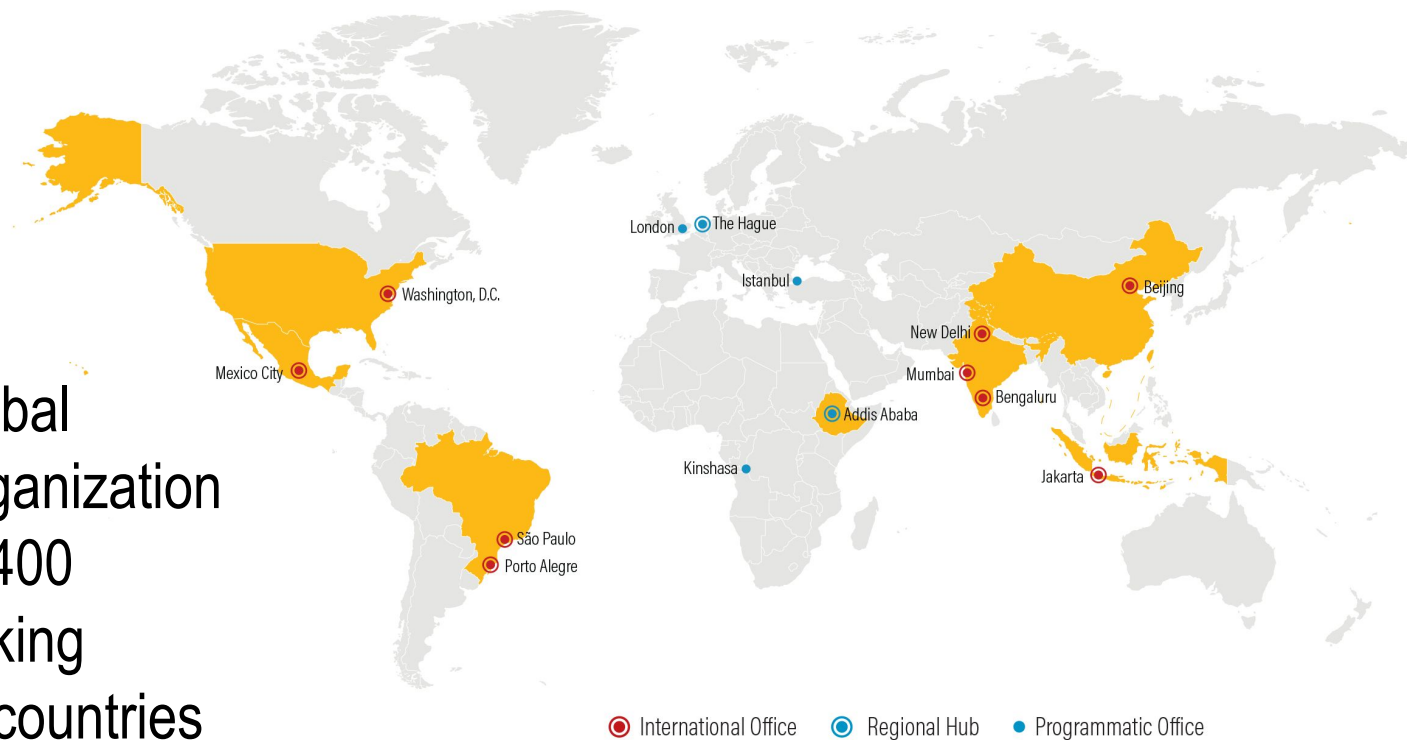
**Electric
School Bus
INITIATIVE**

CSBP REBATES IN EPA REGION 3

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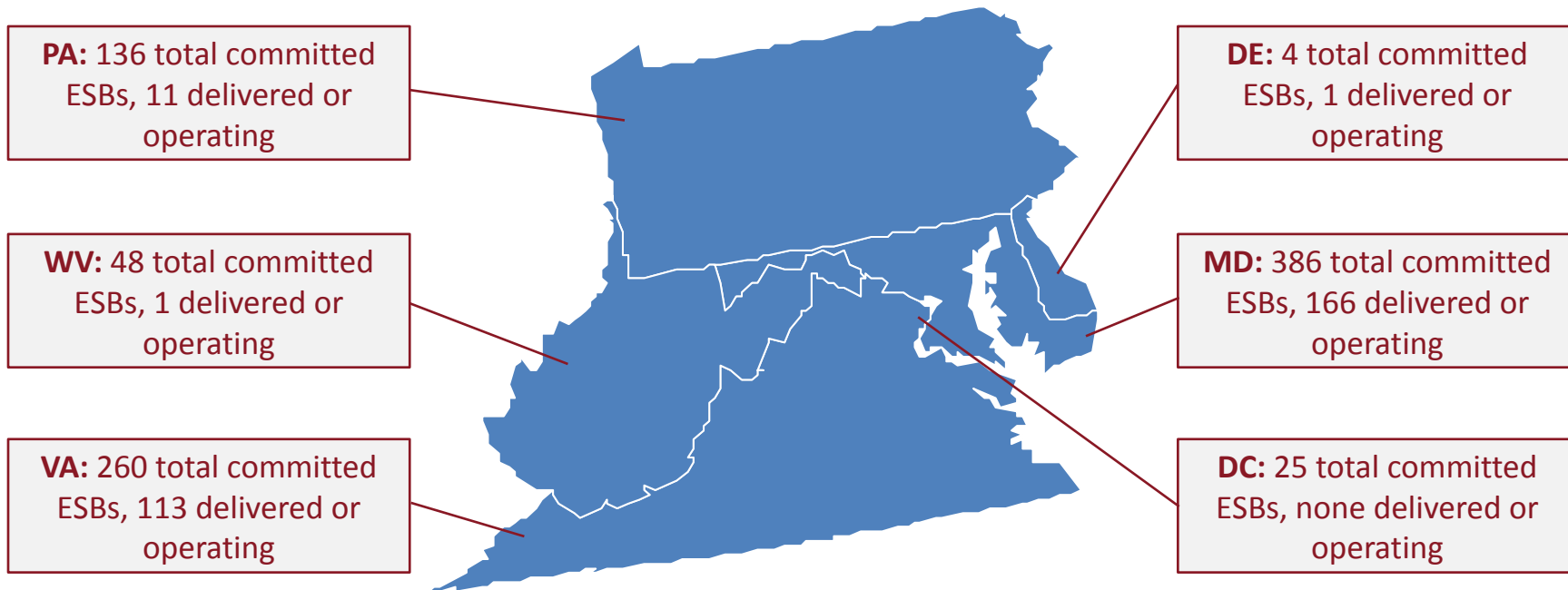


OUR AIM: ELECTRIFY THE ENTIRE U.S. FLEET BY 2030

- Partner with communities, school districts, industry experts, manufacturers, utilities, and policy makers to **transform and electrify** the school bus market
- Together, build unstoppable momentum to **electrify** the entire U.S. school bus fleet by 2030
- Ensure an **equitable transition** by focusing on underserved communities

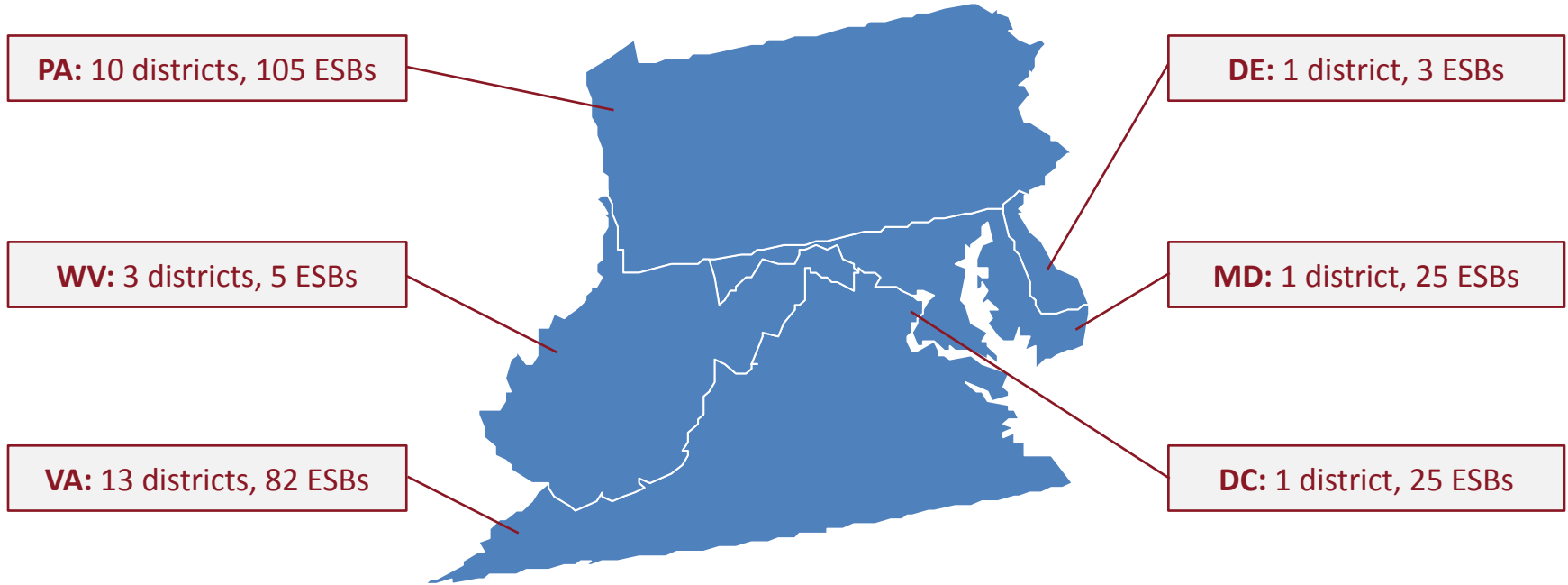


ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES IN EPA REGION 3



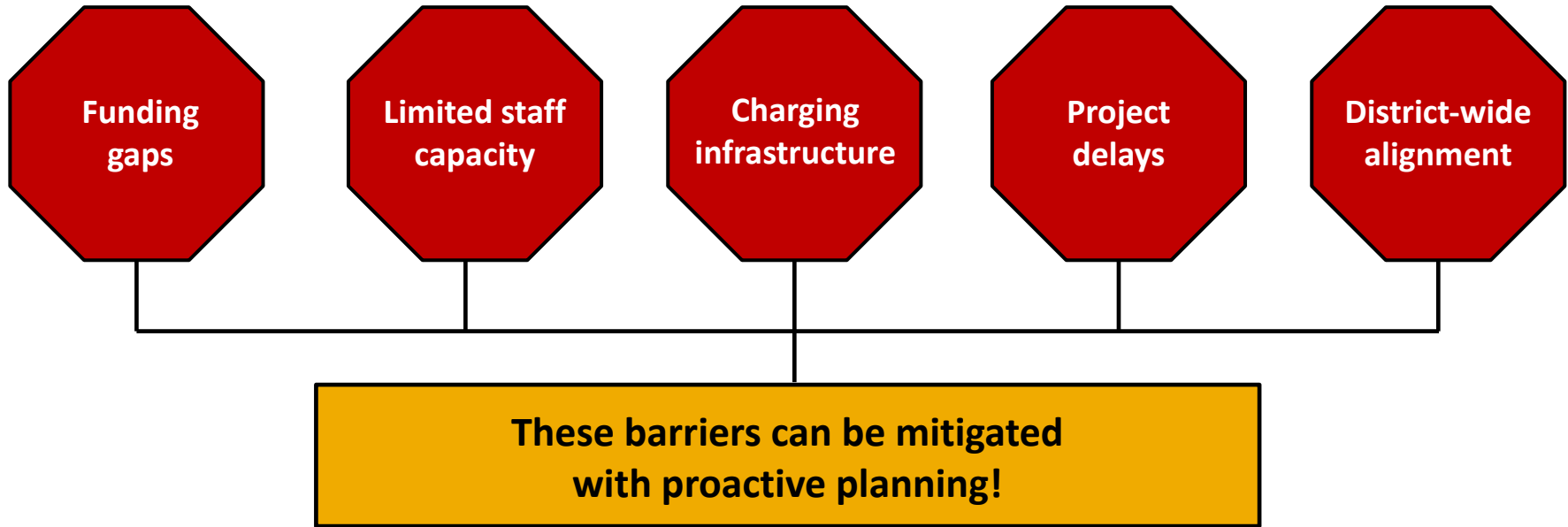
School districts in Region 3 have committed to 859 ESBs, with 292 delivered or operating

CSBP AWARDEES IN EPA REGION 3



29 school districts in Region 3 have been awarded funding for 245 buses under CSBP

BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL ESB DEPLOYMENT



LESSONS LEARNED FROM PREVIOUS CSBP ROUNDS

- Verify access to active SAM.gov account
- Coordinate across school district departments
- Prioritize planning for charging infrastructure
- Engage your school board and electric utility
- Center equity in community engagement and ESB deployment

Take these steps as soon as possible!

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2023 REBATES?

- Applications due January 31, 2024, at 4pm ET
 - Rebates available for 1-25 buses
 - Eligible third parties can apply on school districts' behalf, with permission
- Lower per-bus funding for ESBs and charging infrastructure
 - Up to \$345,000 for priority districts
 - Up to \$200,000 for non-priority districts
 - Up to \$20,000 in additional per bus funds for wheelchair lifts
- Self-certification for priority status
 - School districts not listed in U.S. Census Bureau's SAIPE database
 - Large school districts (35,000+ students or 45+ schools)
- New required forms
 - School Board Awareness form
 - Utility Partnership Agreement form
- Tax credits for school districts
 - Elective pay/direct pay provision for tax-exempt entities – yes, you are eligible!
 - Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit (Section 45W) – up to \$40,000 per ESB
 - Alternative Fuel Refueling Property Credit (Section 30C) – up to \$100,000 per charging unit in “low-income communities” or “non-urban areas”

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR CSBP APPLICANTS

- General
 - [Step-by-Step Guide for School Bus Electrification](#)
 - [All About Working with Your Electric Utility](#)
 - Electric School Bus Initiative's [weekly "office hours"](#)
 - Electric School Bus Initiative's [email updates](#)
- CSBP
 - [How to Apply for CSBP Funding](#)
 - [Cheat Sheet: 2023 CSBP Rebates](#)
- Funding
 - [Clearinghouse of ESB Funding and Financing Opportunities](#)
 - [EV Make-Ready Programs](#)
 - [ESB Market Study and U.S. Buyer's Guide](#)
- Procurement
 - [RFP Template for ESBs](#)
 - [All About Service Level Agreements for ESBs and Chargers](#)
- Equity
 - [Electric School Buses Can Fight – or Further— Inequity in the US](#)
 - [How School Districts Can Include Equity When Choosing Where to Deploy ESBs](#)

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