

The purpose of this modification is to remove the eligibility restriction prohibiting Tier 2 awardees under the prior Photovoltaic Technology Incubator Program & Sunshot Incubator Program from applying for an award under the Sunshot Incubator Program - Soft Cost Reduction Funding Opportunity Announcement (the current FOA). DOE has determined to remove the eligibility restriction in order to attract a wider pool of applicants for the current FOA.

Please note that any awardee that received a Tier 2 award under the prior FOA that would like to apply for a Tier 2 award under the current FOA must submit an application for a new product and meet all other eligibility criteria. Products that received funding under the Photovoltaic Technology Incubator Program & previous Sunshot Incubator Program are not eligible for funding under the current FOA.

Accordingly, the following language from FOA Pages 7 and 29 is deleted:

“However, Applicants are not allowed to apply for funding if they received a Tier 2 award under the prior Photovoltaic Technology Incubator Program.”

	<p>are eligible to apply for funding as Standalone Applicants.¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Teams: Only Project Teams led by small businesses incorporated in the United States are eligible to apply for funding. The small business designated as the Prime Recipient must incur at least 60% of expenditures under the project, as measured by the Total Project Cost. Expenditures incurred for the use of facilities, including FFRDCs, by Prime Recipient personnel count towards the Prime Recipient's share of the Total Project Cost. 	
Cost Share Requirement	Tier 1 awards	≥ 20% of the Total Project Cost
	Tier 2 awards	≥ 50% of the Total Project Cost
Number of Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Applicant may submit a single application for a Tier 1 award and a single, separate application for a Tier 2 award. Each application must have a different Principal Investigator (PI) and be for a completely different project/solution. • Applicants may submit an application for a Tier 2 award even if they did not receive a Tier 1 award previously. • Applicants may apply for funding if they received a Tier 1 award under the prior Photovoltaic Technology Incubator Program. 	
Agency Contact	<p>Applicants may contact DOE through the following email addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SunShot.Incubator@ee.doe.gov for questions regarding this FOA. Insert FOA name in subject line of emails. Answers will be posted at: https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FAQ.aspx. Select the SunShot Incubator FOA in the dropdown menu. • EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov for questions regarding EERE eXCHANGE. Insert FOA name in subject line of emails. Answers will be sent directly to Applicants. <p>See Section VII.A of the FOA for guidance on submitting questions to DOE. DOE will not accept or respond to communications received by other means (e.g., telephone calls, faxes). Emails sent to other email addresses will be disregarded.</p>	
Application Forms	<p>Required forms for Full Applications are available at https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FAQ.aspx?Foaid=9b0fa116-6f34-4078-9891-a3421679962e.</p>	

¹ The term "small business" is defined as a for-profit entity with less than 500 employees. For questions about small business size standards, please refer to the Small Business Administration's "Guide to SBA's Definitions of Small Business," available at <http://www.sba.gov/content/guide-size-standards>.

Applicants are required to disclose in their Full Applications if any of the following conditions exist:

- The Applicant (or a member of the Project Team) is under investigation for or has been convicted of fraud or similar acts, violations of U.S. export controls laws and regulations, or violations of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701, et seq.);
- The Applicant (or a member of the Project Team) is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or otherwise declared ineligible from receiving Federal contracts, awards, and financial assistance and benefits; and
- The Applicant (or a member of the Project Team) is insolvent.

The DOE Contracting Officer may reject a Full Application if any of the above conditions exist. If the DOE Contracting Officer rejects the Full Application, it will not be considered for award.

Please refer to Sections IV.D.13 and VIII.C of the FOA for guidance on submitting a full and complete disclosure of the requested information.

4. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

An Applicant may submit a single application for a Tier 1 award and a single, separate application for a Tier 2 award. Each application must have a different Principal Investigator (PI) and be for a completely different platform and product family.

Applicants may submit an application for a Tier 2 award even if they did not receive a Tier 1 award previously.

Applicants may apply for funding if they received a Tier 1 award under the prior Sunshot Incubator Program.