

Notice of Intent No. DE-FOA-0001573

Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement “Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies (AFFECT) 2016,” DE-FOA-0001574

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to issue, on behalf of the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled “Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies (AFFECT) 2016”.

No FOA Applications will be accepted through this Notice.

The FOA will provide grants to federal agencies for establishing a program that provides an effective agency process to utilize the ENABLE Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) and subsequently applying the process to identified energy savings projects. The ENABLE contract is a streamlined ESPC for small sites that is limited to the following five types of energy conservation measures: lighting; water; controls for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); replacement of HVAC equipment and solar photovoltaics (PV).

This FOA supports EERE FEMP’s work with key individuals to accomplish energy change within organizations by bringing expertise from all levels of project and policy implementation to help federal agencies to meet energy-related goals and to provide energy leadership to the country. The intent of the AFFECT 2016 FOA is to help facilitate the wider adoption of the ENABLE ESPC contract at federal facilities. Using the authority provided in 42 U.S.C. §8256(b), funding under the AFFECT 2016 FOA will implement FEMP’s continuing efforts to promote widespread energy efficiency and renewable energy technology deployment in the federal sector. Projects selected for funding under the AFFECT 2016 FOA will support FEMP’s ongoing effort to build agency capacity through program development.

It is anticipated that the FOA may include the following Area of Interest:

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- To establish a program that provides an effective agency process to utilize the ENABLE-ESPC and subsequently apply the process to identified energy savings projects.

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The ENABLE-ESPC is a standardized and streamlined procurement process for small federal projects (that typically range from \$200,000 to \$5 million) to install targeted energy conservation measures (ECMs) in six months or less. The ENABLE-ESPC is limited to five types of ECMs that can accommodate the streamlined procurement and measurement and verification processes including: lighting; water; controls for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); replacement of HVAC equipment and solar photovoltaics (PV).

Unique parameters of the AFFECT 2016 FOA will include:

- The applicant must demonstrate that personnel have been identified as part of a comprehensive core team to support a multi-project ENABLE program effort.
- The applicant must demonstrate that the standard ENABLE contract has been vetted through agency management, contracting and legal to develop consensus that the contract would be valid for use across the organization.

The estimated period of performance for each award will be approximately one (1) to four (4) years.

This Notice is issued so that interested parties are aware of the EERE's intention to issue this FOA in the near term. All of the information contained in this Notice is subject to change. EERE will not respond to questions concerning this Notice. Once the FOA has been released, EERE will provide an avenue for potential Applicants to submit questions.

EERE plans to issue the FOA in April or May 2016 via the EERE Exchange website <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. If Applicants wish to receive official notifications and information from EERE regarding this FOA, they should register in EERE Exchange. When the FOA is released, applications will be accepted only through EERE Exchange.

In anticipation of the FOA being released, Applicants are advised to complete the following steps, which are **required** for application submission:

- Register and create an account in EERE Exchange at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. This account will allow the user to register for any open EERE FOAs that are currently in EERE Exchange. It is recommended that each organization or business unit, whether acting as a team or a single entity, use only one account as the contact point for each submission.

Questions related to the registration process and use of the EERE Exchange website should be submitted to: EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov

- Register in Grants.gov to receive automatic updates when Amendments to a FOA are

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