

ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER LOG

DE-LC0000120 - AMMTO Data, Analysis, and Modeling Tools Lab Call

Question #	Submission Date	Topic	Question	Answer
1	4/11/2024	Eligibility	Is there a way to partner with the labs who can apply to this funding opportunity? Other thoughts for us to participate?	As stated in the lab call under Section B.i. Key Considerations, "Labs partnering with industry, academia or other non-lab entities to perform work under this Lab call must enter into CRADAs with those partners within time parameters set forth by the funding program." It is up to the labs and external partners to connect and develop any partnerships in response to this lab call.
2	4/16/2024	Cost Sharing	If non-lab partners are involved in the lab call proposal, is cost share required?	There is no cost share requirement for applications submitted to this Lab Call.
3	4/24/2024	Application Content/Format	We are interested in forming a consortium with several other labs. Could we propose, as a consortium, a work plan that is responsive to several topic areas and request a budget that is a sum of the budgets allocated for each area?	Per section B(i) of the lab call, "AMMTO strongly encourages projects that bring together multiple labs in a consortia-based approach to meet a high-level strategic goal, leveraging multiple lab capabilities with strong, centralized leadership." However, each topic requires a separate application and will be considered separately in selecting awardees. The same group is allowed to submit applications to multiple different topics as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for each topic.
4	5/13/2024	Application Content/Format	Are DOE FFRDCs required to provide a DOE Work Proposal? The Lab Call shows this as a requirement but the EERE Exchange submission shows this as not required.	Work proposals and authorizations are marked "if applicable" in the lab call; in Exchange these are optional items and not required for submission.
5	5/13/2024	Application Content/Format	Are DOE FFRDCs required to complete the SF-LLL form?	Prime recipients, including DOE FFRDCs, and subrecipients are required to complete and submit SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities."
6	5/17/2024	Application Content/Format	[Topic 5] What mapping data should be leveraged for the follow section: "Geographic mapping of critical materials and circularity industry and related innovation ecosystem overlaid with historic U.S. EJ zones; as well as those global EJ hotspots that are driven by US clean energy demand for materials to support the above industries."	Applicants can use any relevant mapping data. Two sources are, though others exist and can be used: (1) U.S. EJ zones – US EJ zone data is found within the CEJST (2) Global EJ hotspots – applicants would need to research what exists and if the data is reliable
7	5/20/2024	Application Content/Format	Is the Data Management Plan required for all Topic Areas? How many page(s) are required for the Data Management Plan?	Per the Lab Call document, p. 45, "Data Management Plan", "Each proposal under this lab call must have a data management plan (DMP)." Please refer to this section for details regarding requirements for the Lab Call overall; for Topic 3 please also see page 22, which states, "Proposals must include details in their data management plan describing how they will address openness and/or accessibility of the resulting code." The data management plan should be limited to 1 page (see page the table on page 39-40).
8	5/21/2024	Application Content/Format	The instructions on p. 45 state that "The Project Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Implementation Plan should be integrated into the technical volume," but the list of components on p. 40 makes it look like this is a separate component with a 2-page limit. Should the information requested for the DEIA plan all be included in the technical volume, or is this a separate document with the expectation that DEIA milestones, activities etc. are also addressed in the technical volume?	A separate, 2-page, DEIA plan is required for all applications. The suggestion of integrating the DEIA plan into the technical volume is to encourage applicants to weave DEIA components into the project itself, and not relegate DEIA activities solely to the separate DEIA plan.
9	5/24/2024	Application Content/Format	Is the Cover Page part of the 15-page count? The description of the technical volume on Pg 41 includes cover page, but adding the remaining percentages in the table (project overview, technical description, workplan, qualifications), we get 100% of the technical volume, without the cover page.	Per page 40 of the Lab Call, "the Technical Volume to the Full Application may not be more than 15 pages, including the cover page, table of contents, and all citations, charts, graphs, maps, photos, or other graphics... the applicant should consider the weighting of each of the evaluation criteria when preparing the Technical Volume." The percentages listed in the table on page 41 are approximate. They are meant as a general guide and not a strict requirement.
10	5/28/2024	Other	Given the need to leverage significant existing capabilities and subject matter expertise from two labs currently doing work related to Topic 7, we believe it would be prudent from both a technical and project management standpoint to have two researchers, one from each of these two labs, serve as co-PIs on the proposal. If this is an acceptable arrangement, please advise how and where we should indicate the 2 co-PIs on the proposal and how we should go about submitting the proposal in EERE Exchange.	Generally, labs are encouraged to coordinate to submit joint applications with multiple PIs (for Topic 7 and others) when their joint capabilities and expertise will serve to improve the outcome of the project. In the case of a joint application, one lab will apply in Exchange as the prime applicant and all submitted application documents should clearly state which labs and personnel are supporting the application, including roles and budget allocation. If selected, each lab will be funded through separate, but connected AOPs.
11	5/29/2024	Application Content/Format	If the Prime is a National Lab and the Partner is also a National Lab what are the required financials documents? Does the Prime cost the Partner National Lab in their costing estimate and submit the FWP with the total proposal amount or does the Prime show cost for themselves and the Partner National Lab sends their FWP to attach with the Prime's FWP?	All financials for both labs should all be part of the same application (one budget, see page 54 of the Lab Call). However, each national lab will be funded directly by AMMTO, and so the financial plan should not include overhead for going through the prime national lab. In other words, the prime lab will not be responsible for providing funds to the partner lab.
12	6/5/2024	Application Content/Format	The FOA says that support letters from industry will be considered for Topic 3. I don't see a way to upload these letters with the Exchange submission. How should we provide these letters with our application?	Letters of Support for Topic 3 can be attached to the Technical Volume. They will not count toward the page limit for that document.
13	6/5/2024	Application Content/Format	Who should be listed as the DOE Program Manager on the FWP?	For now, applicants can list "TBD - AMMTO" as the DOE Program Manager in the FWP.
14	6/6/2024	Application Content/Format	Will National Labs need to submit DOE Work Proposals (FWPs) during the negotiation stage if their proposal is selected since they are not required for the proposal submission based on Q&A response 4? How can we submit the DOE Work Proposal for FFRDC if it cannot be uploaded into exchange?	Yes, a work proposal will be required during the negotiation stage but is not required for submission. The DOE Work Proposal (FWP) should be uploaded under "DOE Work Proposal for FFRDC."
15	6/7/2024	Eligibility	I am a start up founder and currently enrolled in a program which involves a university based entrepreneurial project [NSF I-Corps]. I am interested in pursuing grant support for the technology transfer detail involved in our initiative and wanted to verify that we were eligible to apply for the Department of Energy call for applications such as the aforementioned mechanism [Data call for DATA, ANALYSIS, AND MODELING TOOLS]	Only National Labs are eligible to submit proposals as prime awardees for the Data, Analysis, and Modeling Tools Lab Call. Non-lab entities may contact a national lab to express their interest in participation as a non-lab partner. Please refer to the Key Considerations section on page 9 of the Lab Call document for information on eligibility and non-lab partners.