

DE-FOA-0001599: Request for Information:

Teaming Partner List for Upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement: Scaling up the Next Generation of Building Efficiency Packages

DATE: June 6, 2016
SUBJECT: Request for Information (RFI)

Description

The United States (U.S.) Department of Energy (DOE) Building Technologies Office (BTO) strongly encourages the development of innovative project teams including deployment entities (states, local governments or Regional Energy Efficiency Organizations), efficient building hubs (such as Innovation or Incubator hubs), utilities, technology providers and/or building energy analysis professionals. These project teams will foster a faster path to scalability by bringing together experts from a set of diverse organizations representing technical and scientific knowledge, the ability to support demonstration project management, an understanding of market segmentation and energy savings opportunity across multiple systems, pilot size and design, success metrics and the pathway to regulatory approval.

Background

BTO is compiling a Teaming Partner List to facilitate the formation of new project teams for the anticipated *Scaling up the Next Generation of Building Efficiency Packages (Scaling Up Packages)* Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The Teaming Partner List will be available as an attachment to this RFI on EERE Exchange at <https://eere-Exchange.energy.gov>, and moved to FOA DE-FOA-0001518 when available. The Teaming Partner List will be updated monthly until the close of the Full Application period for the FOA, to reflect new Teaming Partners who have provided information. Any organization that would like to be included on this list should submit the following information to CBITeaming@ee.doe.gov:

1. Organization Name
2. Generic Organizational Contact Email (to receive queries related to this Teaming RFI)
3. Organization Type
4. Area of Technical, Market or Building Science Expertise
5. Brief Description of Capabilities
6. A statement of consent acknowledging that you permit DOE to share the above-provided information with other entities as part of this teaming list for the purpose of facilitating teaming arrangements for the anticipated *Scaling Up Packages* FOA.

By submitting a response to this Notice, you consent to the publication of the above-referenced information. EERE requests that each organization create a general e-mail address to receive queries related to this Teaming RFI. Direct personal e-mails will not be posted. By facilitating this Teaming Partner List, EERE does not endorse or otherwise evaluate the qualifications of the

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entities that identify themselves for placement on the Teaming Partner List. EERE will not pay for the provision of any information, nor will it compensate any respondents for the development of such information. Responses submitted to other email addresses or by other means will not be considered.

Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is to identify interest from industry, non-profits, building consultants, public agencies, utilities, program administrators and other stakeholders on demonstrations of building technology packages that will scale to national reductions in building energy consumption. EERE is particularly interested in teams that demonstrate technology packages that build off of the current High Impact Technology Priority List, <http://energy.gov/eere/buildings/high-impact-technology-catalyst>, and/or outcomes of previous demonstration projects, simulation analyses and/or existing BTO research and development (R&D) investments in envelope retrofits and multi-system, interoperable controls. EERE prefers strategic teams including a technology provider, utility, and deployment lead that represent large portfolios of buildings. These teams will be able to rapidly initiate and complete the demonstrations in less than three years with a clear, strategic path to broad adoption (including regulatory approval where appropriate).

Disclaimer and Important Notes

This RFI is not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA); therefore, EERE is not accepting applications at this time. EERE may issue a FOA in the future based on or related to the content and responses to this RFI; however, EERE may also elect not to issue a FOA. There is no guarantee that a FOA will be issued as a result of this RFI. Responding to this RFI does not provide any advantage or disadvantage to potential applicants if EERE chooses to issue a FOA regarding the subject matter. Final details, including the anticipated award size, quantity, and timing of EERE funded awards, will be subject to Congressional appropriations and direction.

Any information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development; this RFI does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. Your response to this notice will be treated as information only. EERE will review and consider all responses in its formulation of program strategies for the identified materials of interest that are the subject of this request. EERE will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to this RFI. Respondents are advised that EERE is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind EERE to any further actions related to this topic.

Proprietary Information

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Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future programs and FOAs and/or otherwise be made available to the public, **respondents are strongly advised to NOT include any information in their responses that might be considered business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential.** If, however, a respondent chooses to submit business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential information, it must be clearly and conspicuously marked as such in the response.

Responses containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be conspicuously marked as described below. Failure to comply with these marking requirements may result in the disclosure of the unmarked information under the Freedom of Information Act or otherwise. The U.S. Federal Government is not liable for the disclosure or use of unmarked information, and may use or disclose such information for any purpose.

If your response contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information, you must include a cover sheet marked as follows identifying the specific pages containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information:

Notice of Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data:

Pages [List applicable pages] of this response may contain confidential, proprietary, or privileged information that is exempt from public disclosure. Such information shall be used or disclosed only for the purposes described in this RFI DE-FOA-0001599. The Government may use or disclose any information that is not appropriately marked or otherwise restricted, regardless of source.

In addition, (1) the header and footer of every page that contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be marked as follows: “Contains Confidential, Proprietary, or Privileged Information Exempt from Public Disclosure” and (2) every line and paragraph containing proprietary, privileged, or trade secret information must be clearly marked with double brackets or highlighting.

Evaluation and Administration by Federal and Non-Federal Personnel

Federal employees are subject to the non-disclosure requirements of a criminal statute, the Trade Secrets Act, 18 USC 1905. The Government may seek the advice of qualified non-Federal personnel. The Government may also use non-Federal personnel to conduct routine, nondiscretionary administrative activities. The respondents, by submitting their response, consent to EERE providing their response to non-Federal parties. Non-Federal parties given access to responses must be subject to an appropriate obligation of confidentiality prior to being given the access. Submissions may be reviewed by support contractors and private consultants.

Request for Information Response Guidelines

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Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically to CBITeaming@ee.doe.gov . It is recommended that responses be submitted no later than 5:00pm (ET) on September 15, 2016. However, responses will be accepted up to the Full Application deadline for FOA DE-FOA-0001518. This deadline date has not been determined at this time. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (i.e., zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) attachment to the email, and be no more than 2 pages in length, 12 point font, 1 inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted.

In Summary: The Teaming Partner List will be available on EERE Exchange at [https://eere-Exchange.energy.gov](https://eere-exchange.energy.gov) under this RFI initially, and moved to FOA DE-FOA-0001518 when available. Any organization that would like to be included on this list should submit the following information to CBITeaming@ee.doe.gov:

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