

Competitive FOA Grant Application Workshop Questions

Q: Would code compliance work be eligible under this area of interest (not LEED or stretch codes)

A: Code compliance work would fall outside the technical parameters of the FOA. (Section I.B of the FOA). Proposals specifically not of interest are also listed on page 7 of the FOA.

Q: Can we obtain a copy of the slide deck? Will this presentation be available for use?

A: The slide deck is available via the EERE Exchange website as a PDF. The presentation recording is also available via the EERE Exchange website. Please note that this link will take you to Go-To-Webinar's website and require signing in before access is granted to view the recorded presentation.

Q: Are there special rules for NGO's working with and under a state program?

A: Only State Energy Offices can submit applications to the FY16 Competitive FOA, but collaboration or partnerships with NGO's are allowable.

Q: Is there a way for States to find out what other States are looking to submit as multi-state proposals, so that they could potentially join on as a sub-recipient, rather than a Prime?

A: State Energy Offices do not let DOE know about their proposals prior to the application deadline due to proprietary reasons. DOE suggests reaching out to peers, NASEO or the Regional Energy Efficiency Organizations (SEEA, NEEP, SWEEP) for more information on possible partnerships.

Q: How competitive is this program typically, in terms of number of applications received and percentage that are funded?

A: Out of 42 applications submitted, the FY 15 Competitive FOA funded 12 awards. Competitiveness is based on several factors including the number of applications received, the funding amounts requested on applications that are selected for award, and the budget available.

Q: How many State Energy Offices are eligible to apply under Area of Interest 3?

A: If a State Energy Office has not submitted or not been selected for a competitive award from years FY12-FY15, then they are eligible to apply for Area of Interest 3. DOE found that there are 22 State Energy offices eligible to apply under this Area of Interest.

Q: Are there any examples of past proposals available for dissemination.

A: No, the information is proprietary, but DOE encourages reaching out to past successful States to see if they are willing to share their application.

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Q: If a state is a sub-recipient in a multi-state SEP competitive grant (but not a direct grantee), are we considered to have been selected to receive a competitive award for limitation purposes?

A: No. If a state has been listed as a sub-recipient on a past successful application during years FY12-15, they would be eligible to apply for Area of Interest 3. There is no limit on how many times a State can serve as a subrecipient/Key Partner on applications under Areas of Interest 1 and 2.

Q: Where can I view a recording of this webinar and get the latest documents for the FOA?

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Q: Can you please clarify if an SEO currently funded under Area of Interest 1 is eligible to apply this year under Area of Interest 2? I heard the presenter note that, if an SEO has been awarded SEP funds since 2011, it is not eligible to apply. The FOA states that this is the case for Area of Interest 3 but not for 1 and 2 - just wanting to clarify.

A: A State Energy Office that has won an award during years FY12-15 is only eligible to submit one application as a Prime Recipient to either Area of Interest 1 or Area of Interest 2. They would not be eligible to submit under Area of Interest 3. However, there is no limit on how many times a State can serve as a subrecipient/Key Partner on applications under Areas of Interest 1 and 2.

Q: Can a state apply as the prime recipient under both areas 1 and 2? Please clarify.

A: No, a State Energy Office may only submit one application as a Prime Recipient to either Area of Interest 1 or Area of Interest 2. There is no limit on how many times a State can serve as a subrecipient/Key Partner on applications under Areas of Interest 1 and 2. If a State Energy Office is eligible for Area of Interest 3, that applicant may submit up to two applications, one in Area of Interest 3 and one in either Area of Interest 1 or Area of Interest 2.

Q: Can a national industry association submit with state letters of support?

A: No, a national industry association cannot apply for this competitive FOA. Only State Energy Offices can apply for this FOA. However, a national industry association could be a partner on a submitted application from a State Energy Office.

Q: Can a national lab submit, partnering with a national association with state letters of support?

A: No, a national lab cannot apply for this competitive FOA. Only State Energy Offices can apply for this FOA. However, a national lab or associated partnership could be a partner on a submitted application from a State Energy Office.