

Michigan Biomass Energy Grant RFP

Question and Answer

The following questions were sent to the MI Biomass Energy Program in response to the Demonstration Grants Request for Proposals (RFP) released on 8/20/09. Wording of some questions was modified to respond to similar inquiries. This document is being sent to all requesting the RFP from the DELEG Bureau of Energy Systems.

- 1. Q: I have looked over the RFP and am considering using the following idea for my proposal...Can you tell me if this is a fundable project?**
A: Once the RFP has been released, we are unable to comment on the merit of a specific proposal idea or provision.
- 2. Q: Are feasibility studies of fully commercialized technologies eligible for funding?**
A: Yes, per the RFP, these types of projects are eligible for funding. (See RFP, Page 2)
- 3. Q: Am I eligible to apply?**
A: In general, public sector/local govt/non-profit entities are eligible to apply. For-profit businesses and individuals are ineligible to apply directly, but may partner or subcontract with an eligible applicant. (See RFP, Page 2)
- 4. Q: Is this an ARRA grant? What is the funding source for this grant?**
A: No. (See RFP, page 3)
- 5. Q: When do you expect to have funds available?**
A: (See RFP, Page 17)
- 6. Q: Would money spent on an earlier phase of my project qualify as match?**
A: No. Match should be contributed during the same period as the grant would be in effect.
- 7. Q: What are criteria for determining whether a technology/product is “fully commercialized”?**
A: The RFP gives a few examples of acceptable projects. The project should demonstrate applications of biomass energy/fuel technologies that are available for sale/purchase/use on a large scale by the public and/or public entities in the commercial marketplace.

(For further clarification, please refer to definitions of related terms “Commercially available off-the-shelf item” and a “commercial item”, contained in 41USC § 403 and 431.)