



## Michigan SBV Assistance Program

### Small Business Voucher (SBV) Pilot Michigan Company Cost Share Matching Funds (Round 3)

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) is funding up to \$12 million worth of vouchers to eligible small businesses under the Small Business Vouchers (SBV) Pilot program to help advance the clean energy economy (see <https://www.sbv.org>). These vouchers allow small businesses to access world-class researchers, facilities and expertise at participating DOE national laboratories across the country. The Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE) is providing matching funds for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover the SBV Pilot program cost share requirement. Applications for the MAE matching funds are due by November 4, 2016.

#### **How much funding is available for the national SBV Pilot program?**

A total of up to \$20 million in funding is available as vouchers under the SBV Pilot program in up to four (4) rounds of requests. The maximum amount available under Round 3 is \$12 million. The funding is in nine technical areas: advanced manufacturing, biofuels, buildings, fuel cells, geothermal, solar power, vehicles, water power, and wind power.

#### **What are the dates for the four rounds of requests under the national SBV Pilot?**

Round 1: September 23, 2015 through October 23, 2015 (CLOSED)

Round 2: March 10, 2016 through April 10, 2016 (CLOSED)

Round 3: October 10, 2016 through November 10, 2016

Round 4: Expected later in Fiscal Year 2017

#### **What is the value of individual vouchers?**

Individual vouchers will be worth between \$50,000 and up to \$300,000. A 20% cost share of the total project cost is required (i.e. cost share divided by cost share plus voucher amount must be > than 20%). The cost share can be in-kind.

#### **How much funding is available through MAE for SBV cost share support?**

For Round 3, the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE) is making available up to \$150,000 in matching funds as cost share support for eligible Michigan businesses to partially cover the SBV Pilot program cost share requirement. The MAE requires a minimum dollar for dollar match for the cost share support, with individual awards not to exceed \$37,500 per Michigan company. MAE allowable expenses for cost share support include design, engineering, prototyping, testing, equipment shipping to national labs, contracted services, etc. directly associated with SBV Pilot project costs. MAE cost share expenses that are not allowable include food, travel, lodging, per diems, entertainment, and expenses incurred outside the anticipated twelve month project agreement period.

### **Who is eligible for the national SBV Pilot program?**

For-profit businesses with no more than 500 full-time-equivalent employees worldwide are eligible for the SBV Pilot program. Businesses must be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned. Additional requirements of the SBV Pilot program are detailed in the U.S. DOE National Laboratory Network Notice of Opportunity: SBV Request for Assistance, which is available at <https://www.sbv.org/process.html>

### **Who is eligible for the MAE cost share support?**

Applicants for the SBV Pilot program that are Michigan based companies located in Michigan are eligible to apply for the MAE cost share support. Eligible Michigan companies must be in good standing with the State of Michigan, be able to enter into a grant agreement with MAE, and products embodying intellectual property developed under MAE cost share support must be substantially manufactured in Michigan.

### **How do eligible Michigan companies apply for the MAE cost share support?**

Eligible Michigan companies interested in applying for the MAE cost share support must use the [Michigan SBV Assistance Program Request for Information application](#). To be considered you must apply by November 4, 2016, which is six (6) days before the SBV Pilot program request for assistance deadline (November 10, 2016). Applications received by the November 4, 2016 deadline will undergo a merit review process, with approved applicants receiving a Letter of Support indicating the approximate MAE cost share support for the company's SBV Pilot project.

### **How will Michigan companies receive their MAE cost share support?**

Michigan companies that received a Letter of Support for the MAE cost share support will need to enter into a [grant agreement](#) with MAE. The grant agreement process will be initiated when companies receive Notification of Selection under the SBV Pilot program. The grant agreement will be executed shortly after execution of the company's DOE agreement. The signed DOE agreement and finalized statement of work, budget, and cost share requirements, minus any proprietary information, are required sections of the MAE grant agreement. On execution of the grant agreement, the cost share support is made available on a [cost reimbursement basis](#) using standardized MAE progress and financial reporting practices. Applicant must incur the cost and MAE will then reimburse the applicant for the [incurred cost](#) as required by all MAE grant agreements.

### **Will the Letter of Support apply to future SBV Pilot program funding rounds?**

No. The MAE Letter of Support received in the current round of SBV Pilot program funding (i.e. Round 3) will not apply to future funding rounds. However, MAE may issue another Request for Information for SBV Pilot program cost share support should funds remain uncommitted after executing Round 3 grant agreements. See the SBV Pilot program website for dates and deadlines for each funding round <https://www.sbv.org>

Click [here](#) to download the Michigan SBV Assistance Project Request for Information application (Word version) for Round 3