

Advanced Lighting Technology Demonstration Grant Kick-Off Webinar

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Questions and Answers

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Will the power point presentation be available for our reference?

- **Yes. It is currently on our website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,4611,7-122-25676-255811--,00.html>**

We would like to bid LED Lighting fixtures to wholesale firms but specify a specific Michigan Manufacturer of the fixtures. Is this acceptable or would it be considered a sole source bid?

- **To meet both state and federal competitive bidding requirements, grantees may not specify a single source for purchasing equipment or supply items.**

With the EECBG reporting directly to the DOE; they have eliminated the job metrics due to issues with standardized reporting - any indication of what will happen at the state level?

- **We will continue to collect the Jobs Creation/Retention Metrics.**

Is Davis-Bacon required even if the community is paying for the installation? To clarify, if the community is using City dollars, not EECBG dollars, to pay for a contractor to install the lighting, is Davis Bacon still required?

- **Yes, Davis Bacon reporting is required on all public projects when the labor is completed by an outside contractor, regardless of the funding that pays for the contractor. Davis Bacon is not applicable if the municipality has it's own employees providing the labor, or if the sole proprietor of a company is performing the work.**

Can we email the weekly timesheets to meet the timeline requirement and then mail the originals?

- **We do not need original timesheets. Electronic submissions are preferred.**

As this is a Demonstration Grant, what are the expectations related to outreach and education related to the grant?

- **It is a requirement of the ALTD grant that each community provides a public education component. It is the responsibility of the grantee to complete all components of your project as stated in your proposal. Failure to complete this or other parts of project, in whole or in part, without submitting justification and receiving prior written approval from the grantor, may result in the reduction of grant funds.**

If the vendor is paid with direct deposit, will only a copy of the direct deposit slip work in this situation?

- **No. You will need to provide further documentation showing that the funds were reconciled with/to the vendor/contractor's account.**

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Can we submit the printout of payments to vendors from our accounting system? It has dates and check numbers, vendor name, and transaction amount.

- ***Yes, however you also need to provide proof that the funds have been received by the vendor.***

Do we need cancelled checks for submission?

- ***Yes.***

Is there a standard/template Request for Proposal available for LED conversions?

- ***No.***

What is the difference between “Michigan made” and “Michigan based”?

- ***A Michigan made product is one that is manufactured and primarily assembled in Michigan. A Michigan based product is one that is sold from Michigan, but not necessarily manufactured or assembled in Michigan. The intent of the RFP was to encourage the use of lighting products that are manufactured and assembled in Michigan (ie: made in Michigan).***