



FY 2012 Biomass Energy Demonstration Grant Q&A

The following questions were sent to the Michigan Biomass Energy Program in response to the Biomass Energy Demonstration Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) released on 11/17/2011.

Wording of some questions was modified to respond to similar inquiries. This document will be posted on the Michigan Biomass Energy Program website at www.michigan.gov/biomass for the benefit of all applicants until the proposal deadline.

1. Q: I 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: Am I eligible to apply?

A: Public sector and 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. Applicants are encouraged to engage and partner with other entities in the public and/or private sectors to increase overall project impacts. (See RFP, Section I-A, Purpose, and I-B, Eligibility Requirements, page 4, and Part VI, Selection Criteria, page 21)

3. Q: Can a single department of a university submit multiple proposals?

A: No. While different departments within a university may each submit a separate proposal for consideration, a single department may not submit more than one proposal for the same solicitation as a primary applicant. However, participation as a subcontractor or partner in a project would not constitute a conflict as long as each project could proceed unaffected by the other. (See RFP, Section I-B, Eligibility Requirements, page 4)

4. Q: Would there be any preferential treatment for grants that include tribal partnerships?

A: There is no specific incentive for tribal partnerships. Applicants should provide documentation of project support and are encouraged to select partnerships that will result in the strongest project team and the greatest overall impact. (See RFP, Part V, Information Required from Applicants, pages 18-19, and Part VI, Selection Criteria, page 21)

5. Q: Is the project timeline/grant period negotiable?

A: Proposed project activities must fall between January 2, 2012 and August 31, 2012. Applicants should be prepared to implement projects upon notice of award. The exact beginning date for each project will be finalized upon execution of a grant agreement, with reporting deadlines established at that time. Time extensions will not be granted. (See RFP, Section I-A, Purpose, page 4, Section IV-B, Reports (Progress and Financial), pages 16-17, and Section V-F, Work Plan and Project Timeline)

The deadline for additional questions has closed; please refer to the full Request for Proposals (RFP) for submission guidelines. (Proposals must be received by 4 pm on Wednesday, 12/14/2011, in order to be considered.)

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Biomass_Energy_Demonstration_RFP_2012_368936_7.pdf

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