

Michigan Renewable Energy Demonstration RFP Q&A

PART I-U, Matching Funds (pg. 10)

Q: May we count any of our recent-past-funded or in-progress energy demonstration installations toward the required 1:1 matching?

A: No, previous efforts may not be counted. All project costs, including match, must be for activities that occur during the grant period.

Q: May we count future volunteer instructional time toward the required 1:1 matching?

A: Yes. In-kind hours that fall within the grant period may be used.

Q: May we propose matching from “future fundraising” if we have not established 100% of funding sources by the November 26th proposal deadline?

A: No. Future fundraising does not meet the definition of “secured match” for the purposes of this RFP.

PART I-U, FODFC Funds (pgs. 10-11; PART VI, SELECTION CRITERIA (pg. 32)

Q: “The project we have in mind will improve cost efficiency, but is not a “product” that can be sold; it is more of an improved Best Management Practice. Will we still need someone to provide FODFC? Will we be at a disadvantage if we don’t have an FODFC partner?”

A: Projects will be scored according to the criteria in Part VI. Projects that score equally well based on overall program criteria/scope will then be compared based on FODFC status. If the FODFC requirement does not make sense for a particular type of project, that will be taken into consideration as proposals are reviewed by the evaluation committee. In the event of two similar projects having a similar score, the one with a stronger FODFC would more likely be favored.

PART III-E, Ineligible Projects (pg. 23)

Q: “With regard to NEPA renewable energy system size guidelines, the units for solar thermal systems are expressed in kW, as opposed to BTUs; is this correct?”

A: Yes. The guidelines in this RFP were taken from [U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program Notice \(10-001\)](#) which expresses solar thermal system sizing in kW. However, this equates to approximately 68,240 BTU/hr.

PART V (pg. 26)

1. Attachments A-1, A-2, NEPA Checklist, and the SHPO Review information (if applicable) will not count towards the 20 page limit. (The Executive Summary, Letters of Support, and Resumes also do not count towards the page limit.)