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Low-Income Energy Efficiency Grants (Request for Proposal dated February 25, 2011)

Q. Define the differences between partnering organizations and sole source contractual agreements; what triggers a requirement for competitive bidding?

A. Please refer to the Request for Proposal (RFP) dated February 25, 2011. These sections address contractual agreements and bidding:

>Part II, General Provisions; Section II-I, Competitive Bidding, page 7;

>Part V: Information Required from Applicant, V-H Budget, page 22, (3) Personnel, Independent contractors; & pg. 23 (6)

Contractual Services;

>Part V: Information Required from Applicant, V-H Budget, page 23 (6) Contractual Services.

Partnering Organizations – The prime applicant and partnering organization (both)—please refer to the requirements in the Request for Proposal (RFP) dated February 25, 2011:

>Part I, Section I-O, Partner Responsibilities, page 4; Part V: Information Required from Applicant, V-H Budget, page 22 (4) Partnering Organizations.

Prime applicant and partnering organization:

1) A letter of commitment fully executed with the partnering organization must be included as part of the prime applicant's proposal.

2) In addition to the prime applicant's proposal, the prime applicant will also need to submit the partner's "Part V--Information Required from Applicant".

3) If the prime applicant is selected for a grant, the partnership agreement must be fully executed by all parties before any disbursement of funds will be allowed.

4) Partnering organizations shall comply with the same requirements, terms and conditions, of the RFP as the prime applicant and will be held to the same standards as the prime applicant. For example, the partnering organization must make available grant accounting records for audit. (See RFP, Part I, Section I-O, Partner Responsibilities, page 4).

Q. "I look forward to hearing back regarding our eligibility".

A. The eligibility clause refers to the applicant having public or nonprofit status. Please refer to the Request for Proposal dated February 25, 2011; Part V- Information Required from Applicant, Section V-F, Current and Prior Experience and Funding Disclosure. This should provide you the clarification you are seeking on eligibility.