

## Questions and Answers for RFP for Technical Assistance Providers for Alaska Small Cities EECBG

### Answers Provided on 7/23/10

Question 16: Who is the “subgrantee” responsible for the ARRA reporting requirements (Appendix J Pg 10)? Is that AEA, the Cities, the service provider, other?

Answer 16: The Service Provider.

Question 17: Is it possible to get AEA/DOE approval to proceed at the start of the project to allow for an efficient methodology of conducting energy efficiency upgrades on the same community visit as the site assessment visit where expensive equipment with high shipping charges such as a blower door could be used for assessing and immediate efficiency measures such as air sealing and post testing all in the same week? If not, how long do you anticipate work being on hold waiting for DOE approval of work plans once the request is submitted?

Answer 17: AEA will be unable to get prior approval from DOE. Projects must stay within the scope provided in the RFP.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Efficiency improvements to the building thermal envelope
- Efficiency improvements to the building heating, air conditioning and/or ventilation system
- Efficiency improvements to building lighting systems and controls, both indoor and outdoor
- Efficiency improvements to the building’s electrical load, including motors, pumps, water heaters, heat trace, control equipment (such as timers or occupancy sensors), exit signs, refrigeration, appliances, and other electric loads.

Past experience has shown to take 3-4 weeks. AEA continues to look for ways to streamline the process.

Question 18: Work plans may be formed via telephonic assessments and then our expert staff arrive and find a different than reported situation that may require some changes in work plans and measures. As long as these new measures would save energy or allow energy saving measures to go forward, would we be able to proceed?

Answer 18: No. The scope must be approved by DOE. See Answer 17 above.

Question 19: Is it possible to get DOE to approve the whole methodology of an approach to the project with pre-approval to proceed so the projects can move seamlessly ahead without pausing for DOE approval to proceed? Maybe something like; the service provider will work with communities to audit potential efficiency measures and proceed in accomplishing measures with the highest rates of return and onto the next measures as budgets allow.

Answer 19: No. See Answer 17 above.

Question 20: To allow for maximizing resources and leveraging other sources of funding or other planned projects a service provider has in a community, can individual communities be pulled out of a region and awarded to a different service provider that may be awarded the rest of the region?

Answer 20: AEA reserves the right to reassign communities if there is just cause. This is not likely to happen.