

Questions and Answers for RFA for Village Energy Efficiency Program (VEEP)

Answers Provided on 8/4/10

Question 1: It seems like the responses for the VEEP and EECBG are going to be very similar. Since you are encouraging service providers to respond to both requests, would it be possible to provide AEA with a joint response? One proposal that essentially addresses the requirements of both the VEEP RFA & EECBG RFP?

Answer 1: No, separate proposals are required for each opportunity, however much of the content may be the same.

Question 2: Proposal states that pricing must be valid for 90 days and later states 180 days. Which is correct?

Answer 2: 180 days.

Question 3: How many grant agreements (Appendix A) will be issued under VEEP? Will it still be one per village or one per region or one per energy service provider?

Answer 3: One per service provider.

Question 4: Appendix A is missing attachments #3 & 4. Are they necessary for provider response?

Answer 4: No. These documents will not be used for these grants.

Question 5: Appendix A.B1.10 requires prior to public notices of bidding on a construction project, Grantee must provide plans & specs to the Authority for review. Concurrence that plans & specs are consistent with the grant award is required before funds will be released. Typically retrofit work doesn't required engineered plans & specifications as this adds a tremendous amount of cost. Usually a select pool of contractors provide pricing off brief narratives and equipment schedules. Will submission of a scope of work and narratives be acceptable to meet this requirement? This is especially important as most contractors will not even have had a chance to walk the remote job-sites prior to providing a bid price.

Answer 5: Yes.

Question 6: Appendix A.B1.12 post construction certification requires as-built drawings. Typically these are not provided for retrofits since a consultant is not been hired to draft up formal modifications to the old project drawings (if existing). Can this requirement be removed to negate the requirement to hire consulting engineers for each project/location?

Answer 6: Yes. We will remove the requirement for as-built drawings prior to formalizing this agreement with the selected service provider(s).

Question 7: Appendix A.E .2 seems to indicate both State and Federal funding is incorporated into the VEEP project. Having to separate out State and ARRA funding for individual villages can increase administrative tracking costs. Can these funding sources be clarified?

Answer 7: VEEP is funded by ARRA only at this time, therefore this clause which does not apply to Federal funds will be removed prior to formalizing the grant agreements with the selected service provider(s).