

# **EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGY FUND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS / AEA -12-047 FAQs #1**

## **1. How will the State and Federal funds be granted or distributed?**

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) will make the determination about which source will be used to fund projects. AEA does not intend to mix funding sources; a project will either be funded with State or federal funds.

## **2. How do I plan for or budget for Davis-Bacon wage rates?**

If you believe your entity is subject to Davis-Bacon wage rates (either State or federal) then the budget should be developed to reflect these costs. However, before preparing the budget AEA encourages all entities to check with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Wage and Hour Administration for a determination as to whether they are subject to Davis-Bacon wage rates.

## **3. How do I know if I will be required to have to have a NEPA review or have to meet other environmental permitting requirements?**

If you believe your project will require a NEPA review; then budget for it accordingly. AEA and the Denali Commission will be responsible for the determination of NEPA review requirements.

The same is true for all other environmental permitting requirements, plan and budget for these if you believe the proposed project will have these requirements.

## **4. Are the Project Manager and Principal Investigator required to be employees of the applicant?**

Usually these would be employees of the applicant / grantee, and the budget must be developed to reflect these costs too. However, AEA will consider other arrangements on a case-by-case basis.

## **5. What is the allowable rate a grantee can receive from utilities purchasing energy produced by projects funded with Emerging Energy Technology Fund grants? Are the rates subject to PURPA?**

If energy is sold to utilities from EETF-fund projects, AEA will require that the tariff does not exceed the cost-based rate, whether or not PURPA applies. Cost-based rates take into account the revenue requirement for normal operating and maintenance costs, amortization of non-recurring costs, properly allocated administrative costs, depreciation of assets, taxes, interest expenses on debt, and return on equity/debt service coverage requirements. In the past, AEA has hired a consultant to help assess allowable cost-based rates for other projects and AEA **MAY** do this for Emerging Energy Technology Fund projects too.

## **6. What is the eligible date for expenditures to be charged to an Emerging Energy Technology Fund grant?**

The eligible date for grant expenditures is the date the grant agreement is signed by the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). The authority will, under certain conditions and for certain specific costs, consider an earlier eligible date; but these costs and the reasons must be approved by the authority and the grant agreement will have to be prepared to reflect these specific costs.

## **7. What if I need more than four pages for my abstract to adequately provide sufficient information?**

The 'Request for Applications' (page 4 of 15) states the maximum length of the abstract is four pages. The Alaska Energy Authority expects abstracts to be this length or shorter. However, if an applicant

submits a longer abstract, the authority will reserve the right to accept the abstract if the additional length does not give an applicant an unfair competitive advantage.

**8. If I have already submitted an abstract am I required to re-submit and new abstract?**

Yes. There have been several changes to the information requested in the abstracts. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to update any contact information and to refresh budgets and timelines.

**9. If I cannot provide a match am I still eligible for an Emerging Energy Technology Fund grant?**

Yes. Unlike the previous Request for Applications, we are no longer requiring a match for the Emerging Energy Technology Fund Program however; we will be giving priority to those applicants who provide a matching amount in accordance with AS 42.45.375(d).

**10. Why isn't land considered and eligible match?**

Land is not considered an eligible match because the Emerging Energy Technology Fund is focusing on technology development not project development. Rents and leases are still allowed as direct expenses.

**11. How will program funds be disbursed?**

Grant funds will be on a reimbursable basis.

**12. Am I limited to only one application for Emerging Energy Technology Fund?**

No. You may present as many abstracts as you would like.