



State Energy Program
Energy Efficiency Projects for Commercial, Industrial
and Large Nonprofit Sectors

Solicitation No. 2010SEPComIndNonprofit1

The purpose of this Addendum # 2 is to post Responses to Questions
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Questions and Answers
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Solicitation can be found at:

http://www.energync.net/resources/docs/press/Commercial_Industrial_Nonprofit_Solicitation_07-09-2010_final.pdf

12. Question:

Do tax credits to third parties count as leverage for nonprofits?

Answer: No, tax credits to third parties will not count as leveraged funds.

13. Question:

Can we apply for a grant for a project that has already been approved by our company? Or do we have to submit a project that we might not otherwise have been able to fund.

Answer: Yes, you can apply for a project that has been approved internally. You do not have to submit a proposal for a project that you otherwise might not have been able to fund.

14. Question:

Looking at the points system for evaluating projects, what exactly does leveraged funds mean? We understand the concept but do not see exactly how this applies to this project.

Answer: The goal of Leveraged Funds is to determine if other resources are being used to support the proposed project. See Question #9 in Addendum 1, Questions and Answers for Solicitation No. 2010SEPComIndNonprofit1.

15. Question:

We are considering a potential project that will reclaim heat energy from our plant wastewater discharge of heated water. This project will reduce our consumption of natural gas on our boilers and will reduce the emissions associated with the natural gas. Would this potential project be excluded for the ARRA funds under the “Prohibited Project Activities” which include “steam systems and waste process systems (page 56 of the program)?”

Answer: Yes, projects requiring a NEPA review will be categorically denied. See the additional information from Question #2 in Addendum 1, Questions and Answers for Solicitation No. 2010SEPCoIndNonprofit1.

16. Question:

Can the M&V for this grant be provided by a SEO technical provider? If not, will the M&V have to be done by a third party?

Answer: The M&V will not be provided by a SEO technical provider. The M&V does not have to be performed by a third party. The method of your M&V should be documented within your proposal. See the Monitoring and Verification Section on Page 11 of the Funding Opportunity.

17. Question:

I would like to call your attention to an issue on page 12 of the document. At the bottom of page 12, there is an internet link that appears to be broken. The internet link is in reference to “Expenditure prohibitions and limitations.” Is there a way you can provide me an alternative link?

Answer: The information on “Expenditure prohibitions and limitations” can be accessed from the GPO Access website at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>.

1. On the GPO Access main page: In the middle panel entitled “GPO Access Resources by Branch/Executive Resources,” under the heading of “Executive Resources,” select “Code of Federal Regulations”
2. On the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Main Page: In the left sidebar under the heading “Database Features,” select “Retrieve by CFR Citation.”
3. On the “Code of Federal Regulations: Retrieve by CFR Citation” page: Enter the following in each respective search field:
 - a. Revision Year: Select “Most Recent Available”
 - b. Title – Enter (without quotations) “10”
 - c. Part – Enter “420”
 - d. Section – Enter “18”

18. Question:

I have a question about the definition of “leveraged funds.” I am wondering if we plan to match funds using our own budget if that would be considered leveraged funds? Also, if our project includes energy efficient upgrades that fall outside the scope of funding (ie. New boilers) if those upgrades can be considered as an in-kind leveraged fund?

Answer: See Question #14 and Question #9 in Addendum 1, Questions and Answers for Solicitation No. 2010SEPCoIndNonprofit1. Also, projects outside the scope of this Funding Opportunity would not be considered in-kind leveraged funds.

19. Question:

We’re not entirely sure how the energy saved calculations work. It’s the “per \$1,000 grant funds” that seems confusing. If we had an energy savings of 7,000,000 BTUs and applied for the minimum grant of \$100,000, would that put us above the maximum 30 points? Also, do you have a similar formula for kWh savings?

Answer: See the example on Page 16 of the solicitation under the Energy Saved Section. A savings of 7,000,000 BTUs per \$1,000 grant funds for a project would provide the project with 4 points. A project with energy savings of 7,000,000 BTUs requesting \$100,000 in grant funds would provide the project 0 points (less than the 5,000,000 BTU per \$1,000 grant fund threshold). See also Question #3 in Addendum 1, Questions and Answers for Solicitation No. 2010SEPCoIndNonprofit1.

20. Question:

We have 23 buildings and over 800,000 square feet of buildings on main campus. Each building totals between 10,000 square feet and 127,000 square feet. We are interested in replacing Natural Gas Hot Water Heaters in two of our buildings with Solar Hot water Heaters, however each of the buildings are 10,000 square feet. The two buildings total 20,000 square feet. We will have other buildings in the project over 20,000 square feet. Can we include this Thermal Solar Project in our scope?

Answer: Yes. Only Nonprofit Organizations need to meet the 20,000 square feet or larger criteria.

21. Question:

Is Retro-Commissioning Covered under this Funding?

Answer: Yes

22. Question:

What percentage of each submitted project Cost is covered under the funding? Is this program Cost-Share or is the cost 100% covered under the funding?

Answer: Approved projects can receive 100% funding. Leveraged funds are optional but will be considered in scoring Proposals. See Page 3 of the solicitation Leveraged Funds Section, Page 13 Leverage Funds Section and Page 16 Funds Leveraged Section for additional information.

23. Question:

I own a building that is 64,000 Sq. Ft. I am interested in the energy grant but I would like more details or facts on this and how it could benefit altogether.

Answer: Please review the Funding Opportunity. Examples of projects can be found on Page 13, #3 of the Required Forms Section.

24. Question:

I was forwarded your e-mail for solicitations concerning energy efficiency projects but when I tried to access your website, it said the web site was not longer accessible.

Answer: The solicitation can be found at www.energync.net under Announcements. Solicitation can be found at: http://www.energync.net/resources/docs/press/Commercial_Industrial_Nonprofit_Solicitation_07-09-2010_final.pdf

25. Question:

Are equipment retrofits and modifications to improve the thermal efficiency of an existing industrial combined heat and power (CHP) system included in the scope of the solicitation? The specific project involves improved capture of waste process heat to reduce steam required for process heating at other locations inside the manufacturing facility.

Answer: See Question #15.

26. Question:

Would a public school qualify as an eligible project? The building is operated by a County School System. The heating and air condition system is extremely old and no longer operates efficiently. Neither the County nor the School System is a 501 (c) (3) entity.

Answer: See Question #1 in Addendum 1, Questions and Answers for Solicitation No. 2010SEPComIndNonprofit1. A public school may be eligible for another funding opportunity under Energy Efficiency in Governmental Buildings at the following link: <http://www.energync.net/wdocs/GovtEfficienciesRound2.pdf>

27. Question:

The grant states that the project must have a minimum scope of \$100,000. Does this mean the project must have a minimum requested funds of \$100,000 or just the total cost of the project (requested funds + leveraged funds= \$100,000).

Answer: The minimum funds requested must be \$100,000.

28. Question:

We are interested in applying for this grant for our building, but we're wondering if we would be an eligible applicant if we're in a triple net lease?

Answer: As a lessee, you would not be eligible for this Funding Opportunity. Only building owners are eligible. See the Introduction of the Funding Opportunity. Further guidelines can be found in the Eligibility Requirements Section on Page 8 of the Funding Opportunity.

29. Question:

Do you have any programs for smaller (less than 20,000 sq ft) 501C3?

Answer: See Question #20. Retrofits for small buildings owned by non-profits will be implemented by a third party administrator to be announced by September 30, 2010.

30. Question:

Is this grant linked to job creation? The company is in the process of updating to energy efficient equipment but not hiring any additional people.

Answer: Jobs created is one of the criteria that will be used to score submitted proposals. Projects will be scored on various criteria. See the Evaluation Criteria section starting on Page 15 of the Funding Opportunity for more information.

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