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OFFICE OF MANUFACTURING AND ENERGY SUPPLY CHAINS

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program – (Section 40209)

**DE-FOA-0002907**  
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FOA Webinar  
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- All applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully read the Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002907 (**“FOA”**) and adhere to the stated submission requirements.
- This presentation summarizes the contents of FOA. If there are any inconsistencies between the FOA and this presentation or statements from DOE personnel, the FOA is the controlling document and applicants should rely on the FOA language.



## Anticipated Schedule:

<b>FOA Issue Date:</b>	2/13/23
<b>Submission Deadline for Concept Papers:</b>	3/14/23
<b>Submission Deadline for Full Applications:</b>	6/8/23
<b>Expected Submission Deadline for Replies to Reviewer Comments:</b>	8/1/23
<b>Expected Timeframe for DOE Selection Notifications:</b>	Nov 2023
<b>Expected Timeframe for Award Negotiations:</b>	Jan – Mar 2024



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# FOA Description

The Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (MESC) is issuing this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The activities to be funded under this FOA support BIL section 40209 and the broader government-wide approach to:

- Reinvigorate and reinvest in the American industrial base;
- Establish secure, resilient domestic energy supply chains; and
- Revitalize economies in energy communities to maximize the benefits of the clean energy transition as the nation works to curb the climate crisis, empower workers, and advance environmental justice.



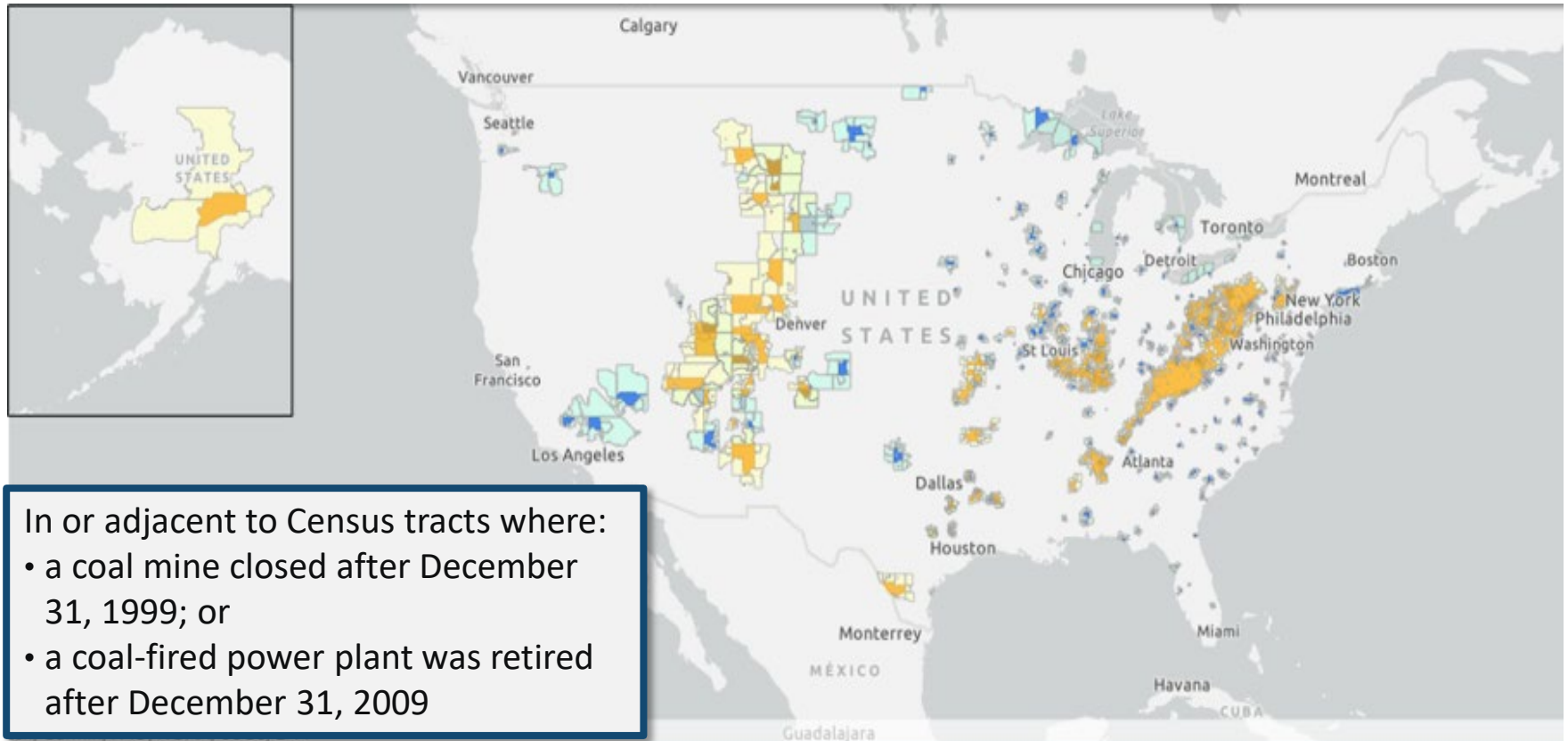
# Eligibility

- Only Small- to Medium-Sized Manufacturing Firms (SMMs), as defined by BIL Section 40209, are eligible as prime applicants to this Funding Opportunity Announcement.
- To demonstrate eligibility, applicant must provide evidence to demonstrate that they fall within North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31-33.
- The proposed project must be located in the identified census tract.
- Priority eligibility will be given to minority-owned firms in accordance with BIL Section 40209.





# Eligible Census Tracts



In or adjacent to Census tracts where:

- a coal mine closed after December 31, 1999; or
- a coal-fired power plant was retired after December 31, 2009



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## Topic Areas

Through this FOA, the Program will support projects by small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms (SMMs) to **establish new** or **re-equip** or **expand** existing industrial facilities in eligible energy communities to **produce** or **recycle** advanced energy property. Eligible advanced energy property is defined pursuant to BIL Section 40209(a)(1).



# Topic Areas/Technical Areas of Interest Continued...

<b>Topic Area 1: Building New Facilities</b>	The objective of this topic area is to build a new manufacturing or recycling facility for the production or recycling, as applicable, of advanced energy property.
<b>Topic Area 2: Re-Equipping or Expanding Existing Facilities</b>	The objective of this topic area is to re-equip or expand a manufacturing or recycling facility for the production or recycling, as applicable, of advanced energy property.



# Topic Areas Continued...

## Types of Advanced Energy Property

Property designed to be used to produce energy from the sun, water, wind, geothermal deposits (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 613 (e)(2)), or other renewable resources

Fuel cells, microturbines, or energy storage systems and components

Electric grid modernization equipment or components

Property designed to capture, transport, remove, use, or sequester carbon oxide emissions

Equipment designed to refine, electrolyze, or blend any fuel, chemical, or product which is renewable, or low-carbon and low-emission

Property designed to produce energy conservation technologies (including for residential, commercial, industrial applications)

Light-, medium-, or heavy-duty electric or fuel cell vehicles, as well as technologies, components, or materials for such vehicles, and associated charging or refueling infrastructure

Hybrid vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 14,000 pounds as well as technologies, components, or materials for such vehicles

Other advanced energy property designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as may be determined by the Secretary



# Partnering

- DOE is compiling a “Teaming Partner List” to facilitate the formation of new project teams for this FOA.
- The list allows organizations who may wish to participate on an application to express their interest to other applicants and to explore potential partnerships.
- Updates to the Teaming Partner List will be available on the OCED Exchange website.
- Interested parties should email the information to [mesc\\_foa2907@netl.doe.gov](mailto:mesc_foa2907@netl.doe.gov)
- Information to be submitted: Organization Name, Contact Name, Contact Address, Contact Email, Contact Phone, Organization Type, Area of Technical Expertise, Brief Description of Capabilities and Area of Interest.



# Non-Responsive Applications

The following types of applications will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be reviewed or considered for an award:

- Applications that fall outside the parameters specified in Sections I.A., I.B., or III.A. of the FOA, including applications from firms that do not qualify as eligible entities, applications for projects that do not take place in eligible energy communities, and applications that do not propose production or recycling of eligible advanced energy property as defined pursuant to BIL Section 40209.
- Applications that are based on research, development, or pilot-scale activities.
- Applications that propose the purchase or donation of land in the scope of the federal award or as part of the proposed cost share contribution.
- Applications that propose the value of previously acquired equipment as cost share.



# Award Information

Topic Area Number	Topic Area Title	Anticipated Number of Awards	Anticipated Minimum Award Size for Any One Individual Award (Fed Share)	*Anticipated Maximum Award Size for Any One Individual Award (Fed Share)	**Approximate Total Federal Funding Available for All Awards	Maximum Period of Performance (months)
1	Constructing new advanced energy manufacturing or recycling facilities	3 - 15	\$10,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$150,000,000	36
2	Re-equipping or expanding existing facilities to manufacture or recycle advanced energy property	3 - 20	\$5,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$200,000,000	36

\*Applications that propose a DOE share in excess of the maximum limits will not be evaluated and will be considered noncompliant to the FOA.

\*\*Subject to the availability of appropriated funds.



# Statement of Substantial Involvement

DOE has substantial involvement in work performed under awards made as a result of this FOA. DOE does not limit its involvement to the administrative requirements of the award. Instead, DOE has substantial involvement in the direction and redirection of the technical aspects of the project as a whole. Substantial involvement includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- DOE shares responsibility with the recipient for the management, control, direction, and performance of the project.
- DOE may intervene in the conduct or performance of work under this award for programmatic reasons. Intervention includes the interruption or modification of the conduct or performance of project activities.
- DOE may redirect or discontinue funding the project based on the outcome of DOE's evaluation of the project at the Go/No-Go decision point(s).
- DOE participates in major project decision-making processes.



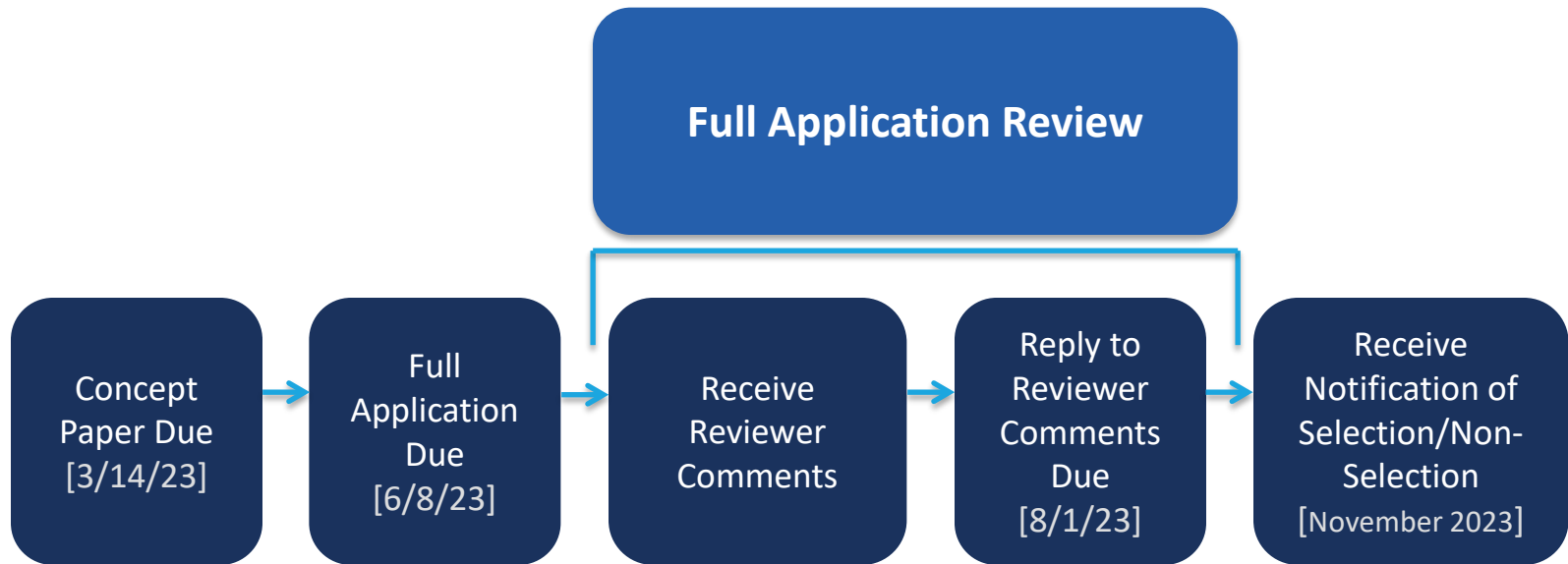


# Cost Sharing Requirements

- Applicants are bound by the cost share proposed in their Full Applications if selected for award negotiations.
- The cost share must be at least 50% of the total project costs for demonstration projects.
- The cost share must come from non-federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law.
- Cost share may come from project participants, state or local governments or other third-party financing.
- Federal financing, such as DOE Loan Guarantees, cannot be leveraged by applicants to provide the required cost share or to otherwise support the same scope that is proposed in response to this FOA.
- Applicants are encouraged to refer to **2 CFR 200.306** and **2 CFR 910.310** for additional cost sharing requirements.



# FOA Timeline



MESC anticipates project negotiations during  
January to March 2024



# Concept Papers

- Each Concept Paper must be limited to a single project.
- The Concept Paper must comply with the content and form requirements of Section IV of the FOA.
- The applicant must enter all required information and click the “Create Submission” button in OCED eXCHANGE by the deadline stated in the FOA.
- DOE makes an independent assessment of each Concept Paper based on the criteria in Section V of the FOA.
- DOE will encourage a subset of applicants to submit Full Applications. Other applicants will be discouraged from submitting a Full Application. See Section VI.A of the FOA.
- DOE will not review or consider submissions submitted through means other than OCED Exchange, submissions submitted after the applicable deadline, or incomplete submissions.



## Content and Form of the Concept Paper:

Cover Page	1 page maximum
Project Description	4 pages maximum
Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity	1 page maximum
Addendum	1 page maximum



## Technical Review Criteria

Concept Paper Criterion: Overall FOA Responsiveness and Viability of the Project (Weight: 100%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The applicant clearly describes the SAEP (Specific Advanced Energy Property) to be produced, the anticipated annual targeted manufacturing / recycling capacity of the proposed project; the relevant market and business plan for the proposed project; the impact the proposed project is anticipated to have in supporting secure, resilient domestic clean energy supply chains; any innovative aspects of the proposed project; and any substantial impact the proposed project is anticipated to have in reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- The applicant clearly describes the geographic region and preliminary site selection for the project, as well as anticipated alignment with economic development planning for that region and the approach to be taken in developing a community benefits plan for the proposed project;
- The applicant clearly describes the approach to be taken with the Community Benefits Plan for the project, addressing the four core elements: (i) community and labor engagement leading to negotiated agreement (ii) investing in job quality and workforce continuity; (iii) advancing diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility; and (iv) contributing to the Justice40 Initiative goal that 40% of the overall benefits of climate and clean energy investment flow to disadvantaged communities;
- The applicant has identified risks and challenges of the project, as well as strategies for mitigating and managing those risks;
- The applicant has the qualifications, experience, capabilities and other resources necessary to complete the proposed project; and
- The proposed work, if successfully accomplished, would be commercially viable and clearly meet the objectives as stated in the FOA.



# Full Applications

The Full Application includes:

- **Technical Volume**
- **Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity**
- **Environmental Considerations Summary**
- **Resumes**
- **Letters of Commitment (includes Offtake Arrangement)**
- **Community Partnership Documentation**
- **SF-424 and Budget Justification Workbook**
- **Summary for Public Release**
- **Summary Slides**
- **Locations of Work**
- **Administrative Documents:** e.g., subrecipient budgets, FFRDC (Federally Funded Research and Development Center) Authorization (if applicable), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, etc.



## Technical Volume: The key technical component of the Full Application

Content of Technical Volume – 30 pages
Cover Page
Project Overview, Including Innovation & Impact (Approximately 30% of the Technical Volume)
Business Development & Management Plan (Approximately 20% of the Technical Volume)
Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Operations (Approximately 15% of the Technical Volume)
Risk Analysis and Mitigation (Approximately 10% of the Technical Volume)
Workplan (Approximately 25% of the Technical Volume)



# Full Application Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must submit a Full Application by 6/8/2023.
- Full Applications are eligible for review if:
  - The Applicant is an eligible entity pursuant to Section III.A of FOA;
  - The Full Application is compliant pursuant to Section III.C of FOA;
  - The proposed project is responsive to the FOA Section III.D of FOA; and
  - The Full Application meets any other eligibility requirements listed in Section III of the FOA.





# Multiple Applications

- An entity may submit more than one Concept Paper and Full Application to this FOA, provided that each application describes a unique, distinct project and provided that an eligible Concept Paper was submitted for each Full Application.



# Community Benefits Plan

- To support the goal of building a clean and equitable energy economy, BIL-funded projects are expected to:
  - Support meaningful community and labor engagement
  - Invest in America's workforce
  - Advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA)
  - Contribute to the Justice40 Initiative
- Applicant is encouraged to provide specific detail on how to ensure the delivery of measurable community and jobs benefits. See Section IV.D of the FOA.



# Merit Review and Selection Process (Full Applications)

- The Merit Review process consists of multiple phases that each include an eligibility review and a thorough technical review.
- Rigorous technical reviews are conducted by reviewers that are experts in the subject matter of the FOA.
- Ultimately, the Selection Official considers the recommendations of the reviewers, along with other considerations such as program policy factors, to make the selection decisions.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria

## Criterion 1: Technical Merit, Innovation, and Impact (25%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The technical feasibility of the proposed project, including the ability to complete the facility and to deliver market-ready SAEP at the stated annual attributable manufacturing / recycling capacity;
- The extent to which the project resolves current or projected gaps in secure, resilient domestic clean energy supply chains by (i) increasing domestic availability of the SAEP through recycling; (ii) increasing domestic production capacity of the SAEP; or (iii) onshoring production capacity of the SAEP;
- The extent to which the project supports the security and resilience of domestic clean energy supply chains by (i) using materials sourced from domestic suppliers, (ii) prioritizing materials sourced using high environmental and social standards, (iii) securing binding offtake agreements and Letters of Commitment with domestic entities, (iv) relying on North American intellectual property, and/or (iv) where contracts with non-domestic entities are required, working with reliable foreign partners to the greatest extent possible and excluding participation of any foreign entities of concern;



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 1: Technical Merit, Innovation, and Impact (25%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The technical innovation of the project, including the extent to which the project will, as compared to the current baselines, (i) reduce production cost of the identified SAEP, (ii) reduce recycling cost or increase recycling yield of the identified SAEP, (iii) enhance performance of the SAEP, including by reducing the levelized cost of energy or storage in the clean energy market relevant to the SAEP; and/or (iv) address legacy pollution and result in a net environmental benefit;
- The extent to which the project has the potential to make a measurable impact in avoiding or reducing air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases at an existing facility; and
- The degree to which the proposed project is likely to lead to increased high-quality jobs for (i) workers from disadvantaged communities and (ii) dislocated workers previously employed in manufacturing, coal power plants, and coal mines.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 2: Financial and Market Viability (25%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The degree to which the application justifies the proposed project's economic viability, sustainability, and potential growth beyond DOE funding, including achieving market liftoff and follow-on investments;
- The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the SAEP produced will be competitive on a sustainable basis based on a data-based market assessment, including with respect to average selling prices, competition, and forward-looking market trends;
- The extent to which the proposed project is integrated into long-term, place-based, coordinated, and collaborative regional economic development strategies;
- The extent to which the proposed project utilizes and leverages available regional resources to meet the FOA objectives;
- The reasonableness of the proposed project budget and spend plan for the proposed project and objectives, including the level of contingency proposed to address risk;



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 2: Financial and Market Viability (25%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The ability to leverage state and local incentives and private financing in addition to DOE funding, including the availability, credibility, capability, strength, and risk/terms of non-federal cost share sources to meet ongoing needs; and
- The extent to which the business plan adequately develops key project agreements such as financing, acquisition strategies, power purchase agreements, offtake (sales) agreements, and other relevant project documents, as well as the extent to which the business plan shows potential to capture growing and enable new and expanding market segments.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 3: Project Workplan (15%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The overall reasonableness of the IPS and proposed Workplan to complete all project objectives within the proposed time period while considering the complexity and risks of the proposed project;
- The adequacy of proposed project management systems including the ability to track scope, cost, and schedule progress and changes;
- The degree to which the task descriptions are clear, detailed, timely, and reasonable, resulting in a high likelihood that the proposed Workplan will succeed in meeting the project goals;
- The adequacy, reasonableness, and soundness of the project metrics, project schedule, IPS, and Go/No-Go criteria to further funds disbursement, interim milestones, and track process;
- The strength of deliverables, metrics, and milestones as defined in the application, such that DOE will be able to review key technical, financial, regulatory, permitting, and community benefit milestones at appropriate project Go/No-Go decision points to mitigate project risk and enable the successful design, procurement, construction, and operation of the proposed project;





## Criterion 3: Project Workplan (15%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The soundness of a plan to address environmental, siting, and other regulatory requirements for the project in a timely manner, including evaluation of resilience to climate change; and
- The extent to which the Community Benefits Plan is integrated into the project management schedule and provides mechanisms with measurable actions that enable impacts to project direction in a timely manner.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 4: Management Team and Project Partners (15%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- The capability of the project team to address all aspects of the proposed work with a high probability of success, including the qualifications, relevant experience and expertise, and time commitment of the individuals on the team;
- The extent of evidence of the project team's and key personnel experience and success in industry and/or in similar projects;
- The extent to which the proposed site and facilities are suited for the proposed project;
- The level of participation by project participants as evidenced by letter(s) of commitment and how well they are integrated into the Workplan; and
- The degree to which the application defines a project management structure and plan, including clear and appropriate roles for team members, that gives confidence in a high likelihood of success.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 5: Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity (20%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

### Community and Labor Engagement

- The extent to which the applicant demonstrates community and labor engagement to date that results in support for the proposed project;
- The extent to which the applicant has a clear and appropriately robust plan to engage—ideally through a clear commitment to negotiate an enforceable Workforce & Community Agreements – with labor unions, Tribal entities, and community-based organizations that support or work with disadvantaged communities and other affected stakeholders;
- The extent to which the applicant has considered accountability to affected workers and community stakeholders, including those most vulnerable to project activities with a plan to publicly share SMART community benefits plan commitment; and
- The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that community and labor engagement will lead to the delivery of high-quality jobs, minimal environmental impact, and allocation of project benefits to disadvantaged communities.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 5: Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity (20%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

### Job Quality and Workforce Continuity

- The quality and manner in which the proposed project will create and/or retain high quality, good-paying jobs with employer-sponsored benefits for all classifications and phases of work, with a particular focus on job training and job creation for workers from Justice40 communities and dislocated workers previously employed in manufacturing, coal power plants, and coal mines;
- The extent to which the project provides employees with the ability to organize, bargain collectively, and participate, through labor organizations of their choosing, in decisions that affect them and that contribute to the effective conduct of business and facilitates amicable settlements of any potential disputes between employees and employers, providing assurances of project efficiency, continuity, and multiple public benefits; and
- The extent to which applicant demonstrates that they are a responsible employer, with ready access to a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled labor, and an effective plan to minimize the risk of labor disputes or disruptions.



# Technical Merit Review Criteria (Continued)

## Criterion 5: Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity (20%)

This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

- The extent to which the Community Benefits Plan includes specific and high-quality actions to meet DEIA goals, which may include DEIA recruitment procedures, supplier diversity plans, and other DEIA initiatives; and
- Quality of any partnerships and agreements with apprenticeship readiness programs, or community-based workforce training and support organizations serving workers facing systematic barriers to employment to facilitate participation in the project's construction and operations.

### Justice40 Initiative

- Extent to which the Community Benefits Plan identifies: specific, measurable benefits for disadvantaged communities, how the benefits will flow to disadvantaged communities, and how negative environmental impacts affecting disadvantaged communities would be mitigated; and
- Extent to which the project would contribute to meeting the objective that 40% of the overall benefits of climate and clean energy investments will flow to disadvantaged communities.



# Replies to Reviewer Comments

- MESC provides applicants with reviewer comments.
- Applicants are not required to submit a Reply - it is optional.
- To be considered by MESC, a Reply must be submitted by 8/1/2023 at 5:00 pm ET and submitted through OCED eXCHANGE.
- The Reply must not exceed three (3) pages.



# Selection Factors

The Selection Official may consider the technical merit, the Federal Consensus Board's recommendations, program policy factors, and the amount of funds available in arriving at selections for this FOA.



# Program Policy Factors

The Selection Official may consider the following program policy factors in determining which Full Applications to select for award negotiations:

- The extent to which the project advances the objective set forth in Section 40209(c)(2)(B) that, in selecting eligible entities to receive grants under the Program, priority be given to eligible entities that are minority-owned;
- The degree to which the proposed project incorporates applicant or team members from Minority Serving Institutions (e.g., Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)/Other Minority Serving Institutions); and partnerships with Minority Business Enterprises, Minority Owned Businesses, Woman Owned Businesses, Veteran Owned Businesses, or Tribal Nations;
- The degree to which the proposed project produces property that is critical to supporting DOE's overall demonstration and deployment goals across clean energy pathways;
- The degree to which the proposed project, or group of projects, represents a desired geographic distribution;
- The degree to which the proposed project is likely to contribute to a long-term, place-based, coordinated, and collaborative regional economic development strategy;





## Program Policy Factors (Continued)

The Selection Official may consider the following program policy factors in determining which Full Applications to select for award negotiations:

- The degree to which the proposed project, when compared to the existing DOE project portfolio and other projects to be selected from the subject FOA, contributes to the total portfolio meeting the goals reflected in the Community Benefits Plan criteria;
- The degree to which the proposed project optimizes the use of DOE funding to address existing gaps or weaknesses in priority supply chains in a timely manner;
- The degree to which the proposed project, including proposed cost share, optimizes the use of available DOE funding to achieve programmatic objectives;
- The degree to which the proposed project contributes towards local, regional, or national greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- The degree to which the proposed projects will accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake because of technical or financial uncertainty;
- The degree to which the proposed project exhibits technological diversity when compared to the existing DOE project portfolio and other projects selected from the subject FOA;
- The level of industry involvement and demonstrated ability to accelerate demonstration and commercialization and overcome key market barriers;
- The degree to which the proposed project will employ procurement of U.S. iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials.



# Registration Requirements

- To apply to this FOA, Applicants must submit application materials through OCED eXCHANGE:
  - Applicants must have a Login.gov account to access [OCED eXCHANGE](#). Please ensure that the email address associated with Login.gov matches the email address associated with your eXCHANGE account.
- Obtain a “control number” at least 24 hours before the first submission deadline.
- Although not required to submit an Application, the following registrations must be complete to receive an award under this FOA:

Registration Requirement	Website
SAM	<a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>
FedConnect	<a href="https://www.fedconnect.net">https://www.fedconnect.net</a>
Grants.gov	<a href="http://www.grants.gov">http://www.grants.gov</a>



# Means of Submission

- Concept Papers, Full Applications, and Replies to Reviewer Comments must be submitted through OCED eXCHANGE at <https://oced-eXCHANGE.energy.gov>
  - MESC will not review or consider applications submitted through other means.
- The Users' Guide for Applying to the Department of Energy MESC Funding Opportunity Announcements can be found at <https://oced-eXCHANGE.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>



# Key Submission Points

- Check entries in OCED eXCHANGE.
  - Submissions could be deemed ineligible due to an incorrect entry.
- MESC strongly encourages Applicants to submit 1-2 days prior to the deadline to allow for full upload of application documents and to avoid any potential technical glitches with OCED eXCHANGE.
- Make sure you hit the submit button.
  - Any changes made after you hit submit will un-submit your application and you will need to hit the submit button again.
- For your records, print out the OCED eXCHANGE page at each step, which contains the application's Control Number.



# Applicant Points-of-Contact

- Applicants must designate primary and backup points-of-contact in OCED eXCHANGE with whom MESC will communicate to conduct award negotiations.
- It is imperative that the Applicant/Selectee be responsive during award negotiations and meet negotiation deadlines.
  - Failure to do so may result in cancellation of further award negotiations and rescission of the Selection.



# Questions

- Questions about this FOA? Email [mesc\\_foa2907@netl.doe.gov](mailto:mesc_foa2907@netl.doe.gov)

All Q&As related to this FOA will be posted on OCED eXCHANGE.

- You must select this specific FOA Number in order to view the Q&As.
  - MESC will attempt to respond to a question within 3 business days, unless a similar Q&A has already been posted on the website.
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