

PON-08-011

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Cost Share PIER

Questions submitted in writing following the June 26, 2009 Geothermal Workshop

NOTE: It is suggested that interested persons also read the Questions and Answers from both Workshops held on June 26 2009 from 9-11 and 1-3 pm, as some questions posed are general in nature and likely to be of value to all applicants for PON-08-011.

(1) Would it be acceptable if the project budget that we show in the California Energy Commission's Pre-Application changes somewhat in the Final Application? We may only have an estimate of the budget by the Commission's Pre-Application deadline for the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for which we are applying, and the exact budget may become known only as we develop our Final Application for the USDOE deadline for that FOA.

A: Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of the Application Manual and Attachment B in the solicitation, where the requirements for the California Energy Commission's Pre-Application are specified. If you don't know for certain what your final budget will be, provide the best estimate that you can, with explanation.

(2) In addition to sites in California, which will comprise about $\frac{3}{4}$ of our proposed work, our proposal will include sites in another state. In such a case, shall the California Energy Commission's match funds be applied only to the part of the proposal concerned with California, or can they be applied to the project as a whole?

A) The California Energy Commission's PON-08-011 states on page 5 that "Projects must be based in California," and provides our criteria and priorities concerning projects that will benefit California. Therefore, we will only consider funding the portion of your work that is to be done in California, and your proposal to us should reflect that. You will still be able to propose a broader scope to the USDOE. Please carefully review the requirements and discussion on pages 6-7 of the Application Manual and Attachments B and C of the Application Manual.

(3) The minimum match funds required by DOE are 20% of the total budget, but the FOA says that larger match funds will be considered more favorably. As long as the maximum California Energy Commission match funds are not exceeded, is it possible to apply for more than 20% of the USDOE budget?

A) Applicants may ask for funding up to the maximum amounts specified in Table 2 on page 5 in PON-08-011. Again, please review the Scoring Criteria for geothermal projects, listed on pp 23-26 in the Application Manual.