

Questions and Answers
Alternative Fuel Readiness Plans
PON-13-603

November 1, 2013

Eligibility	
Q1	The City of Davis is considering a partnership proposal with UC Davis in response to PON-13-603. Are campus funds generated locally by the UC Davis Transportation and Parking Services through the sale of parking permits eligible as non-state matching funds? Will a proposal with a preferred local match funding strategy with an equal contribution from the City and the UC Davis Transportation and Parking Services <u>and</u> an alternate local matching fund only from the City be considered un-responsive in the Administrative Screening Criteria? In other words, would an either/or local match funding strategy be acceptable as long as one was clearly an eligible match?
A1	Only funds from the Energy Commission (e.g., awards from other Commission programs) cannot count towards the match share requirement. Please refer to the section, Match Funding Requirements, in Addendum 5.
Q2	The California Center for Sustainable Energy is working with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District as a partner on their proposal under the 13-603 solicitation. Given that it is a first come first served process we were wondering if there is any way to see real time fund availability for this solicitation. I know that the Energy Commission will be issuing NOPA's but is there any way to see how many proposals are pending approval (submitted but not yet awarded) and the corresponding amount?
	The District's proposal is likely to require board approval which is predetermined by their meeting calendar so wanted to know if there was any way to know exactly how much funding remains before we go through the board approval process.
A2	Since applications are funded on a first-come, first-served basis, potential applicants are encouraged to submit applications as quickly as possible. Once the solicitation has been fully subscribed, the Energy Commission will notify stakeholders that the solicitation is closed.
	Public agencies that receive funding under this solicitation must provide an authorizing resolution approved by their governing authority to enter into an Agreement with the Energy Commission and designating an authorized representative to sign (page 22 of PON-13-603).
Application	
Q1	In the Scope of Work there is a task for data collection and analysis. Because this project is a plan and no data collection will be done, is this task required to submit an application?
A1	Attachment 2, Exhibit A, "Scope of Work", includes an example of a discretionary Technical Task for data collection and analysis. The task for data collection and analysis is not required.

Q2	I am seeking clarification regarding solicitation Section III, "Required Documents" Element G.9. (Page 12 of 22), which reads: "The Budget must NOT include any profit from the proposed project, either as a reimbursed item or as match share. Please review the Grant Terms and Conditions for additional restrictions and requirements." Am I correct to assume that an eligible public entity can include a private sector organization as a subcontractor, however, the private sector organization / subcontractor cannot be paid a fee/profit for any work completed under this PON? Is that a correct interpretation of the budget requirements under this PON?
A2	The applicant (referred to as "Prime" on the budget sheets) shall not include a category for profit or bill for profit in an Energy Commission grant (please refer to Attachment-05-Budget_Forms_9-03-2013.xls). Subcontractors (private sector organizations or others) may charge profit and this may be incorporated in the application. The Prime may use their bidding/contracting process to determine if the profit charged by a subcontractor is reasonable.