



Local Government Challenge Pre-Application Workshop

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Agenda

- Policy drivers and goals
- Funding availability
- Eligibility and Requirements
- Submission and Scoring Criteria
- Schedule
- Q&A



Policy Drivers

- Senate Bill 350
- Assembly Bill 802
- Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan
 - Strategy 1.7: Local Government Leadership



Local Government Challenge Goals

- Help meet state energy and climate targets
- Climate planning
- Increase existing building efficiency
- Provide opportunities to small local governments and disadvantaged communities



Purpose of the Solicitation

- \$10.2 million ARRA federal grant funding to local governments
- Develop and implement climate action plans
- Fund innovation in building energy efficiency



Funding Available

- \$10.2 million total
- \$3 million for Small Government Leadership Challenge
- \$7.2 million for Energy Innovation Challenge
- Based on applications received



Small Government Leadership Challenge

- Local governments with populations less than 150,000
- \$3 million available
 - Min grant \$250,000
 - Max grant \$1 million
- Planning activities, i.e., Climate Action Plan, strategies within Plan



Energy Innovation Challenge

- All local governments and local government consortia eligible
- \$7.2 million available
 - Min grant \$1 million
 - Max grant \$2 million
- Implementation of innovative efficiency deployment projects
- Share best practices and implementation templates to other local governments



Eligible Applicants

- Small and large local government entities, specifically cities; counties; joint powers authorities; councils of governments; housing authorities; consortia; and special districts
- Small local governments can apply independently or as part of a local government consortia



Eligible Projects

- Located in CA
- Reduce energy use and/or energy purchased from the grid in buildings
- Create a plan to reduce energy use in buildings
- Create an Action Plan or meet Action Plan goals



Additional Requirements

- Energy Commission must approve proposed awards at a business meeting prior to June 30, 2017
- Energy Commission must complete CEQA and NEPA review by encumbrance deadline
- Agreement end date March 31, 2021



Federal Flow-down Requirements Apply

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Davis Bacon Act
- National Historic Preservation Act
- Waste Management Plan
- Single Audit Act
- Buy American Act



Evaluation and Award Process

- Administrative screening
- Technical screening
- Technical evaluation
- 70.00 point minimum score to be considered for award
- Grants awarded until funding exhausted



Attachments (1 of 2)

- Attachment 1- Application Form
- Attachment 2- Scope of Work
- Attachment 3- Scope of Work Instructions
- Attachment 4- Schedule of Products
- Attachment 5- Budget Forms
- Attachment 6- Contacts
- Attachment 7- Project Narrative
- Attachment 8- CEQA Compliance Form
- Attachment 9-NEPA Compliance Form



Attachments (2 of 2)

- Attachment 10- DBA Prevailing Wage
- Attachment 11- State Law Prevailing Wage Compliance
- Attachment 12- National Historic Preservation Act
- Attachment 13- Waste Management Plan Certification
- Attachment 14- Guidance on Waste Management Plans
- Attachment 15- Single Audit Act Compliance
- Attachment 16- Budget Detail and Payment Provisions
- Attachment 17- General Terms and Conditions
- Attachment 18- Special Terms and Conditions



Proposal Submission

- Applications due March 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm
- Energy Commission Grant Solicitation System: <https://gss.energy.ca.gov/>
- OR hard copy
 - U.S. mail, in person, courier service
- No exceptions to deadline!



Grounds for Rejection

- Application contains false or intentionally misleading information
- The application is intended to erroneously and fallaciously mislead the State in its evaluation
- It does not literally comply or contains caveats that conflict with the solicitation
- The applicant has previously received funding through a Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) agreement and is not in compliance with repaying royalties



Scoring Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
1. Demonstrated Need or Value	20
2. State Energy Goals	20
3. Technical Approach	20
4. Project Plan	20
5. Team Qualifications	10
6. Budget and Cost Effectiveness	10
TOTAL	100
7. Bonus: Disadvantaged Communities	5



Schedule

Activity	Action Date
Deadline for Written Questions	1/25/2017
Q&A and Addenda posted	2/8/2017
Deadline to Submit Applications (by 5:00 pm)	3/6/2017
Anticipated Notice of Proposed Award Posting Date	4/11/2017
Anticipated Energy Commission Business Meeting Date	6/14/2017
Anticipated Agreement Start Date	7/10/2017
Agreement Termination Date	3/31/2021



Solicitation Documents

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/GFO-16-404/>



Questions?