**Questions and Answers Document**

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# **General/Administrative**

Q1. I understand the deadline for CEC proposal submittal is March 1. Is CEC's plan then to make decisions and send a letter of cost share commitment fast enough for the proposal teams to include in the federal proposal submittal by March 13?

**CEC:** Yes. Proposals are due to the CEC on March 1. We intend to complete our review of all proposals prior to March 13. Passing proposals will get a letter of commitment for the funding amount specified in the proposal.

Q2. I see the application process is ongoing.  A) Is there a priority or consideration given to application submission order?  B) In other words, does award depend upon the timing of the application such that submitting early creates an advantage - or does that not matter in the process?

**CEC:**

1. No.
2. No. All applications received by March 1 will be evaluated.

Q3. We have two questions for you regarding GFO-22-901 Cost Share for Federal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities, Carbon Removal Innovation Support Program (CRISP).

1. Do we qualify for a grant in this program? CarbonCapture Inc. is applying as the Prime Recipient for a TA-2 direct air capture (DAC) hub that will be developed in Wyoming. However, most of our employees live, work, and pay state income taxes in California at our Los Angeles-based facility. Furthermore, we are doing our Pre-FEED research and development (R&D) work in California and will manufacture a lot of the components that will go into our FEED study at our California headquarters. I understand the project must be in California, and to be clear, our actual FEED will be deployed in Wyoming, but since we have most of our R&D and initial activities generating benefit to California, we weren’t sure whether we qualify for these CRISP funds.
2. If CEC is not able to spend its $15M allocated for this program to benefit DAC hubs in CA, how do they plan to spend these appropriations to benefit DAC companies based in CA? Would there be new funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for other types of DAC support in CA?

**CEC:**

1. The DAC Hub must be in California. The goal of this solicitation to fund a hub that would benefit California. We appreciate that many of your researchers and manufacturing will be in California. However, the hub must be in California to be eligible.
2. This federal cost share solicitation is on-going. We’ll add other FOAs in the future for direct air capture projects that support California. This federal cost share solicitation is part of our Carbon Removal Innovation Support Program (CRISP) that was funded by Assembly Bill 209.

Q4. A) Can a subcontractor on a DAC Hub application be the prime applicant for the CRISP program? B). If the DAC Hub is located outside California but the activities of the CRISP applicant occur in California, are those costs eligible?

**CEC:**

1. No. The applicant for this solicitation must also be the applicant to the federal FOA. If your application ranks high and we provide a commitment letter that indicates our funds would be available if you receive the federal award, the company on the commitment letter must match the name of the federal awardee.
2. No. The DAC Hub must be in California, including all related costs. See response to Q3.