

Questions Received February 17-18

1. I am formally requesting information on the length of the entire CCS Program.

- a. Is there a minimum time requirement on the Demonstration portion of the project?

There is no specific minimum duration for the Demonstration Phase. However, projects will be evaluated on their ability to meet DOE's target of capture and sequestration of one million tons of CO₂ per year. Another objective of the program is to demonstrate geologic sequestration options in a variety of geologic settings in order to evaluate costs, operational processes, and technical performance. Excessively short Demonstration Phase durations will not assist DOE in meeting its objectives, and will be taken into consideration during the evaluation.

- b. Will there only be one additional phase to the project?

The project will be divided into Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 2 will be divided into sub-phases, each with a corresponding decision point.

- c. What is the time frame for the entire project? Does the Demonstration Phase have to be completed by September 30, 2015 when the ARRA money must be disbursed?

Applications will be evaluated on the ability of the project to capture and sequester amounts of CO₂ approaching or exceeding DOE's target of one million tons per year by 2015 as an integral component of commercial operation.

Applications will also be evaluated on the ability to meet Recovery Act schedule requirements including fully expending Federal funding by September 30, 2015.

Applications will also be evaluated on the ability to contribute to programmatic metrics, which include,

- Number of tons of CO₂ emissions avoided,
- Megawatt equivalent of project facilities integrated with CCS capacity
- Total number of tons of CO₂ captured and stored per year by 2015,
- Incremental barrels of oil produced by EOR,
- Number of geologic reservoirs characterized in detail and incremental storage capacity verified as available for commercial development in preparation for long term storage and Monitoring, Verification and Accounting, and
- Number of barrels of oil consumption displaced.

DOE will evaluate projects on their ability to meet these goals. To the extent any project proposes to operate the Demonstration Phase beyond September 30, 2015,

DOE will likely seek contractual remedies to ensure that the project operations beyond September 30, 2015 are consistent with requirements of the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

2. Is there any guidance available on what the Davis-Bacon (DB) Reporting Requirement will look like? We are trying to get our team in the proper mindset. I know DB will be required weekly. Is there an Excel file, similar to the one we currently submit for ARRA or like the RLS?

Recipients should refer to the following clauses of the cooperative agreement for guidance on compliance with the Davis Bacon Act: “Davis Bacon Act Requirements” and “Recipient Functions”.

Pursuant to the “Recipient Functions” clause of the cooperative agreement, the Recipient is required to perform certain functions on behalf of the Department of Energy. Such functions include but are not limited to obtaining, maintaining, and monitoring all DBA certified payroll records submitted by Subrecipients and Contractors at any tier under the Award. Such payroll records shall be maintained by the Recipient and not be submitted to DOE unless requested by DOE or DOL, or in the event that the Prime Recipient employs laborers or mechanics who are subject to the Davis Bacon Act wage rates.

Recipients can refer to the paragraph entitled “Payrolls and Basic Records” of the “Davis Bacon Act Requirements” clause for information regarding maintaining payroll records. The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site.