

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL FAQs SECTION OF ARPA-E'S WEBSITE ([HTTP://ARPA-E.ENERGY.GOV/?Q=FAQ/GENERAL-QUESTIONS](http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/general-questions)) FOR ANSWERS TO MANY GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ARPA-E AND ARPA-E'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS FOA ONLY ARE INCLUDED BELOW. PLEASE REVIEW ALL EXISTING GENERAL FAQs AND FOA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING NEW QUESTIONS TO ARPA-E.

### I. General Questions from the ARPA-E Website.

**Q. If I have questions about this funding announcement, who do I contact?**

**ANSWER:** If a question is not answered in General Q&A section of ARPA-E's website (<http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/general-questions>), applicants may submit questions regarding an ARPA-E FOA to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov (link sends e-mail). Due to the volume of questions received, ARPA-E will only answer questions that have not yet been answered and posted at the above link. All emails must include the FOA name and number in the subject line. The cover page of each FOA states the deadline to submit questions to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov. ARPA-E will not accept or respond to communications received by other means (e.g., fax, telephone, mail, hand delivery). Emails sent to other email addresses will be disregarded.

**Q. I have developed a technology that may be a good for this ARPA-E FOA. Will ARPA-E review my idea and let me know if it is responsive to the FOA?**

**ANSWER:** No. ARPA-E will review compliant and responsive concept paper submissions and provide feedback either encouraging or discouraging submission of a Full Application. See the "Application Process Overview" section of the FOA for the Concept Paper review process. Compliance criteria may be found in the "Compliant Criteria" section of the FOA. Similarly, responsiveness criteria may be found in the "Responsiveness Criteria" and "Submissions Specifically Not of Interest" sections of the FOA.

**Q. Our project team includes several team members. Does each team member need to contribute cost share equally?**

**ANSWER:** Although the cost share requirement applies to the Project Team as a whole, the funding agreement makes the Prime Recipient legally responsible for paying the entire cost share. Each Project Team is free to determine how much each team member will contribute towards the cost share requirement. The amount contributed by individual Project Team members may vary, so long as the cost share requirement for the project as a whole is met.

### II. Full Application Phase Questions:

**Q1. Is the duration of the program 3 years or 18 months? And is one preferred over the other?**

**ANSWER:** The FOA states in Section II.A (Award Overview): *The period of performance for funding agreements is targeted for 18 months but may not exceed 36 months.* The reasonableness of the proposed project schedule is an element considered in the merit review process (see the fourth criterion in the Criteria for Full Applications in FOA Section V.A.1.).