

Notice of Intent No. DE-FOA-0001672

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The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) intends to issue, on behalf of the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled “Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies (AFFECT) 2017”.

This FOA will provide grants to Federal agencies for projects that are incorporated into a privately financed performance contract, such as an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) or Utility Energy Service Contract (UESC), or as part of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Applications for projects that are financed through appropriations will also be considered. A key merit review criterion will be how much private and/or agency funds are leveraged against the FEMP AFFECT grant funding. Also, Applicants will be asked to show how the proposed project results are conducive to broader adoption at other Federal facilities and will impact the direction, strategy, and thinking of the agency to engage in similar efforts at other Federal facilities.

It is anticipated that the FOA may include the following Areas of Interest:

Areas of Interest

There are three topic areas to which an application may be submitted under this FOA:

- (1) Combined Heat and Power (CHP),
- (2) Renewable Energy (RE), and
- (3) Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofits.

For purposes of this FOA, CHP and RE will be defined as follows: Combined heat and power (CHP) is an efficient and clean approach to generating electric power and useful thermal energy from a single fuel source. Renewable energy (RE) includes electric or thermal energy generated from solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, and hydropower/ocean energy. Energy Efficiency Deep Retrofits are energy efficiency projects shown to be innovative and creative in moving beyond standard energy efficiency projects,

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which may include but will not be limited to the use of advanced technology, novel processes, exceptional energy savings or the application of integrated design. Integrated design is an approach to the design of a building which brings together design specialties that are usually considered separately such as architecture, structural engineering and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

The AFFECT 2017 FOA will provide direct funding, subject to appropriations, to Federal agencies for the development of capital projects to initiate, supplement, improve or otherwise increase the viability and deployment of the three topic areas at U.S. Federal government-owned facilities. Using the authority provided in 42 U.S.C. §8256(b), funding under the AFFECT 2017 FOA will implement FEMP's continuing efforts to promote widespread energy efficiency and renewable energy technology deployment in the Federal sector.

EERE envisions awarding multiple financial assistance awards in the form of Interagency Agreements (IAA). The estimated period of performance for each award will be approximately one to three years.

This Notice is issued so that interested parties are aware of the EERE's intention to issue this FOA in the near term. All of the information contained in this Notice is subject to change. EERE will not respond to questions concerning this Notice. Once the FOA has been released, EERE will provide an avenue for potential Applicants to submit questions.

EERE plans to issue the FOA on or around December 2016 via the EERE Exchange website <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. If Applicants wish to receive official notifications and information from EERE regarding this FOA, they should register in EERE Exchange. When the FOA is released, applications will be accepted only through EERE Exchange.

In anticipation of the FOA being released, Applicants are advised to complete the following steps, which are **required** for application submission:

- Register and create an account in EERE Exchange at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. This account will allow the user to register for any open EERE FOAs that are currently in EERE Exchange. It is recommended that each organization or business unit, whether acting as a team or a single entity, use only one account as the contact point for each submission.

Questions related to the registration process and use of the EERE Exchange website should be submitted to: EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov

- Register in Grants.gov to receive automatic updates when Amendments to a FOA are

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