

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR RFP EM-002-2012
2/21/2012

1. *The schedule calls for work to be completed by June 1, 2012. Is this perhaps a typo and actually intended to be June 1, 2013? If not a typo, is Efficiency Maine willing to reconsider the schedule?*
 - a. This is not a typo and the Trust is not willing to reconsider the schedule.

2. *Efficiency Maine's purpose as stated in the RFP is to "promote efficient use of electricity." The RFP does not mention heating oil or liquid propane, but the Triennial Plan discusses these energy sources in detail. Does Efficiency Maine expect that the research and surveys in Tasks 2, 3, and 4 will cover heating oil/LP efficiency and usage (in addition to electric efficiency)?*
 - a. We are interested in electrical energy efficiency. (See Task 5 in the RFP.)

3. Are the utilities in Maine under any obligation to assist with Task 2? Will items such as surveys, load forecasts, and end-use data be available from the utilities?
 - a. From MRS Title 35-A §10104 4A(1);

"Transmission and distribution utilities and natural gas utilities shall furnish data to the trust that the trust requests under this subsection subject to such confidential treatment as a utility may request and the board determines appropriate pursuant to section 10106. The costs of providing the data are deemed reasonable and prudent expenses of the utilities and are recoverable in rates"

4. Are on-site survey visits required for Tasks 2, 3, and 4, or do these tasks simply require the design of the sample plan and survey instruments, which will then be used during on-site survey visits that are performed by a separate contractor? If the on-site visits are included in this RFP, is it acceptable to price them at a "per visit" rate instead of a fixed fee?
 - a. On site surveys are required. We would accept a per-visit rate in budgeting for the field work.

5. Is Task 6 looking for an assessment of Distributed Generation potential from the residential, C&I, or utility perspective, or all of the above?
 - a. Task 6 is looking for an assessment from the C&I perspective.

6. Are there specific Distributed Generation technologies that Efficiency Maine would like respondents to include or exclude in the technical potential evaluation in Task 6?
 - a. Our goal is an assessment of all cost effective distributed generation. As with all tasks outlined in the RFP, please detail costs for this task in the proposal response.