

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

RFP EM-010-2018: Renewable Energy Community Demonstration Projects In Affordable Housing

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Q1: Can you provide some clarification on the following regarding eligible bidders?

Eligible bidders are limited to Maine-based nonprofit organizations that qualify under the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities, community-based nonprofit organizations, community action programs, municipalities, quasi-municipal corporations or districts as defined in Title 30-A, section 2351, community-based renewable energy projects as defined in Title 35-A, section 3602, subsection 1 and school administrative units as defined in Title 20-A, section 1.

Specifically, does this mean that 3rd Party Implementers that are not non-profit cannot be considered for this project? Also, does the non-profit have to be Maine based?

A1: The *lead* bidder must meet the criteria outlined in Q1 and in Section 3.1 of the RFP. That entity must be Maine-based, and the project itself must be installed in Maine. Additional members of the bid team (including subcontractors or other third-party implementers) do not have to meet the “eligible bidder” criteria.

Q2: Are you looking for projects in multifamily housing, single family housing, or any other kind of housing in particular? And in any particular counties or towns in Maine?

A2: This RFP is targeting renewable energy projects in affordable housing (including single-family and multifamily properties) anywhere in the state of Maine. Section 3.1 of the RFP provides the following detail:

For purposes of this RFP, the definition of affordable housing will be as provided in Maine Revised Statutes Title 30-A MRSA, section 5002, subsection 2 which states:

"Affordable housing" means decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations for low-income and moderate-income households. Affordable housing includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Government-assisted housing;*
- B. Housing for low-income and moderate-income families;*
- C. Manufactured housing;*
- D. Multifamily housing; and,*
- E. Group and foster care facilities.*