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ADDENDUM 2

TO: Vendors

FROM: Reflacher Maddox, Purchasing Agent III

**RE: GRANT OPPORTUNITIES: DE-FOA_0000052
FLORIDA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ENERGY PROGRAM**

This addendum is to provide all potential applicants with answers to questions received in reference to the above notice of funding opportunity.

Question / Answer

- 1. It is understood per Section XXIX that costs incurred prior to execution of the grant agreement will not be reimbursed by FDACS. Will it complicate reimbursement in any way if a solicitation for construction bids is posted prior to execution of any grant agreements?**

The solicitation of bids for projects proposed under this Notice may be advertised prior to the execution of the Subrecipient Agreement, however, the costs of the solicitation will not be eligible for reimbursement.

- 2. Please confirm whether all requirements of executed grant agreements are contained within the Notice of Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Request for Applications for Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA_0000052. Is draft language of the grant agreement available for review?**

Recipients of grant funds must comply with the State of Florida and Federal regulations as applicable to this program and described in the Notice and the Subrecipient Agreement. For a copy of the current Subrecipient (Grant) Agreement template, please go to: fdacs.gov/Energy/Florida-Wastewater-Treatment-Plant-Energy-Program.

- 3. Is there a general go-by for how much power savings we need to qualify? Is it based on a savings per dollar or overall power savings at the facility, etc.?**

There is not a minimum energy savings requirement. See Section. XXII. Evaluation Criteria for details.

- 4. Numeral XV of the Notice of Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Request for Applications lists several pieces of required information under the "Budget Plan Narrative" bullet point. The corresponding application sheet (FDACS-02032 06/16, page 11 of 25) does not have an area that can accommodate the required information, as the sheet is completely covered with a budget table. While the application instruction sheet (FDACS-02032 06/16, page 10 of 25) specifies that 2 single sided pages are allowed for the "Budget Plan Narrative", numeral XV of the Request for Applications specifies that FDACS forms must be used and that substitute forms will not be reviewed. Please clarify where the information required under numeral XV – "Budget Plan**

Narrative” shall be provided in the application package.

The bulleted list of required information under the “Budget Plan Narrative” may be submitted under the “Scope of Work” section.

- 5. Could the grant funding in your program be used to reinstate some of the solar energy scope reduced due to the budget cut? Would it be possible to get an opinion regarding the District’s eligibility based on the energy studies and reports available?**

Awards will be granted on a competitive basis, therefore FDACS OOE cannot comment on proposed projects during the application submission period. FDACS OOE will prioritize and select the most impactful projects, ranked according to multiple factors, including, but not limited to, energy savings resulting from each award dollar funded (kWh/\$) and considerations such as the energy rate paid by the facility and the energy cost per million gallons of water treated. Please see Section V. Eligibility Information and Prohibited Use of Funds under Section VII Statutes and Regulations.

- 6. Would a third-party feasibility study be deemed an eligible project such that a WWTP could seek funding under this program to pay for such service?**

No, third-party feasibility studies or assessments are not considered eligible projects under this program. Please see Section V. Eligibility Information.

- 7. If a WWTP does not currently meet the criteria of having had an energy efficiency audit within the past five years, but commits to having an energy efficiency assessment conducted (by someone other than facility staff) prior to award of funds pursuant to this program, could that WWTP apply for funding for an eligible project?**

No, eligible projects must be identified in an energy efficiency assessment within the previous five-year period.

- 8. Are there any special licensing requirements for the staff who may be installing the equipment?**

All equipment installed must adhere to all applicable state and local codes.

- 9. With a 15% match required for the Florida Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Program can a county or state funded grant, not derived from federal funding serve as the 15% matching requirement?**

Match funding must have a direct link to the project.

This Addendum is hereby incorporated into, and made a part thereof, the above noted Notice of Funding Opportunity. All other terms, conditions and specifications of this Opportunity will remain unchanged. For questions regarding this Addendum, please contact this Purchasing Office at (850) 617-7181 or email at Bids@FDACS.gov.