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ADDENDUM 1

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. ***"Energy assessments means a review of wastewater treatment equipment and process conducted by someone other than the facility staff that resulted in facility-specific written recommendation(s)".***

Can the "someone other than the facility staff" still work for "someone" who is not facility staff, but does work for the same government entity? I am an Engineer for Lee County Utilities and I manage our Energy Efficiency Initiative (EEI) and am the technical expert for our wastewater division. I work in our Engineering Department. I do not work at any of the WWTPs. Can I submit an energy assessment or facility-specific written recommendation?

No, the energy efficiency assessment must be completed by an unrelated third party.

2. **Can I apply for a grant for the \$1.4M portion of the project that already started construction? I ask because the maximum grant amount appears to be \$500K and I would still be under construction when the grants are awarded, and I would still have more than \$500K left of work to complete this portion of the project.**
 - 2.1. **If I cannot apply for the first part of the project, I would then apply for the connecting electrical infrastructure part. Under this scenario, I would be showing a grant request of \$350,000 and a match of the \$1.4M for the first part of the project. Can the match be already spent/used before the \$350K award or does it have to be after the award of grant?**

Funding (both grant and cost share) must be initiated and completed during the award period (Section X.) Therefore, the \$1.4 million project that has already begun construction would not be available for either grant or cost share.

3. **Is this funding expected to be offered on an annual or routine basis?**

This is a one-time funding opportunity. At this time additional funding has not been identified for this program.

4. Is facility size (MGD treated) irrelevant? Is rural vs. urban taken into consideration?

The focus of this program is to reduce the total energy consumption and costs of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities within the state. Therefore, the evaluation criteria is focused on energy aspects of wastewater treatment facilities (see Section XXII for further information on evaluation criteria). Examining capacity of a wastewater treatment facility that would evaluate the millions of gallons per day (MGD) treated and location (rural vs. urban) are not included as evaluation criteria for this funding opportunity.

5. May a single consultant assist more than one applicant in submitting applications?

Yes, there are no restrictions against consultants assisting more than one applicant. It should be noted that application preparation costs are not eligible for reimbursement or cost share, and administration costs are limited to ten percent of the total project costs, including the costs of reporting requirements for the program. Further, applicants are encouraged to use as much of the funding as possible for eligible projects and those applicants that use more funding for eligible projects are more likely to be funded (see Section XXII).

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.