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Question:

Do you anticipate any involvement of your organization in the matching between the company and a host environment?

Answer:

No

Question:

Do you have to approve the host site?

Answer:

The appropriateness of the host site for demonstration of the unit is one of the primary considerations in the evaluation process. The selection of a poor host could negatively impact the evaluation of the proposed demonstration and lead to CCEF's denial of the project.

Question:

Regarding the following paragraph, that describes very well our current situation: "The Program's focus is therefore on technology products that have already been successfully demonstrated in a research environment but not yet introduced into commercial sales. The Program intends to help technology companies to bridge what has often been referred to as the commercialization "Valley of Death", i.e. the period in the product development cycle that has proved hardest to finance for clean energy companies. As such, successful Applicants will be those that can show a strong focus on, and good prospects for, near-term commercialization."

Please let us know if, from the viewpoint of this opportunity, a term of up to two years can be construed of as "Near-term Commercialization".

Answer:

CCEF has defined "Near-term Commercialization" as products with a strong likelihood of commercialization (i.e., earning commercial revenues) within 1-3 years.

Question:

I am a project developer with an application of a novel renewable technology at a Connecticut site. How do I participate in this program?

Answer:

Funding is only available to technology companies or OEM technology integrators who have a demonstrated long-term interest in creating a marketable product from the demonstration vehicle. As a project developer, you should coordinate with the technology manufacturer and have them submit an Application to the Operational Demonstration program.

Question:

Will multiple applications (for very different products/applications) from the same company be accepted and evaluated?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

The draft solicitation notes that eligible technologies include:

"Usable electricity from combined heat and power systems with waste heat recovery systems."

Does this mean that a CHP system operating on natural gas that produces electricity and then uses the waste heat to produce absorption chilling or heat/steam for thermal on-site thermal loads would be an eligible project?

Answer:

No. Only the waste heat when used to generate further electricity would fall into this category -- i.e. a sterling engine.

Question:

Will applications be approved or denied based on the amount of funds requested, or will CCEF approve applications at amounts below the requested funding? For example, if \$600,000 of funding is requested, and CCEF would be willing to fund the project with \$500,000, would the project be denied in total or approved at the \$500,000 funding level?

Answer:

The budget for the project will be scrutinized for reasonableness. CCEF may offer a lesser amount of funding than that requested if costs appear excessive. Funding amounts over \$500,000 must be justified by the unique nature of the project or compelling benefits to Connecticut ratepayers.

Further questions can be submitted to cefinfo@ctinnovations.com