

Request for Proposals (RFP) Bid Number P2018-06
Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Is there a minimum/maximum contract amount?*

No.

2. *Can I submit more than one proposal?*

Yes.

3. *Will the funding under this RFP be allowed to cover administrative cost?*

Yes.

4. *Is there a cost effectiveness threshold?*

No. However, cost effectiveness is one of the project evaluation criteria. Cost effectiveness is calculated and expressed in a dollars requested per ton of reductions achieved. The lower the number, the more cost effective a project is.

5. *My proposal cost includes co-funding and in-kind contributions. How does that effect the cost effectiveness calculation?*

Cost effectiveness is calculated based on SCAQMD funds only (requested for the project) for overall project emissions reductions. The amount of co-funding and in-kind contribution should not be included in the cost effectiveness calculation. Therefore, the use of co-funding or in-kind contribution will improve the cost effectiveness of the proposed project. Please be sure to provide the total project cost and list all funding sources.

6. *Is there a page limit for the proposals?*

While there is no limit on the number of pages, to streamline the project evaluation process, the Technical Proposal (Volume I) is recommended to be less than 30 pages, excluding attachments or technical supplemental materials.

7. *Are the forms within Attachment B required with the grant proposal?*

Yes, forms in Attachment B must be included with the proposal as stated at the bottom of page 12 of the RFP, Section VII – Volume III Certifications and Representations.

8. *When will projects be selected?*

Staff intends to provide recommendations on project awards to the SCAQMD Governing Board for consideration and approval in Fall 2018.

9. *Will there be another round of funding from this solicitation?*

Staff does not anticipate a second round of funding from this solicitation at this time.

10. *My proposal is about infrastructure / clean technology demonstration / new technology development. How to quantify emission reductions?*

You may quantify emission reductions through (a) immediate emission reductions from the proposed project and / or (b) potential emission reductions of the project. For proposals

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related to clean technology demonstration or new technology development, the long term emission reductions and air quality benefits could include the projected emission reductions from the potential applications associated with technology commercialization. For infrastructure projects, the estimated emission reductions may be based on potential vehicles/equipment expected to be fueled/charged. Infrastructure projects coupled with commitments from customers or users would produce more certain emission reductions. Please list the emissions reductions generated from (a) and (b) separately.

11. How to check if my project is located in Environmental Justice (EJ) areas?

There are two approaches to determine EJ project areas for this RFP. First is through CalEnviroScreen, a mapping tool developed by OEHHA. Disadvantaged communities (top 25% scoring areas from CalEnviroScreen along with other areas with high amounts of pollution and low populations) identified using this tool can be found here:

<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535>

Alternatively, EJ areas, as defined by SCAQMD for funding distribution purposes, may also be used. A link to the map can be found [here](#). A shapefile can also be provided upon request.

12. My project is located outside SCAQMD jurisdiction. Does it qualify?

Projects that aid in achieving SCAQMD's regional air quality goals are eligible to apply. As discussed in the bidders conference and described in the project summary sheet, projects generating emission reductions within SCAQMD that could be credited towards compliance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) would be given higher scores since these projects provide direct air quality benefits. Emission reductions from projects occurring outside our jurisdiction cannot be credited towards the SIP, and may not directly contribute to SCAQMD air quality goals. Yet, this does not preclude projects in areas outside our jurisdiction from submitting a proposal. For example, a new technology demonstration project taking place outside our jurisdiction would be eligible and could be competitive considering its long term potential air quality benefits (through more extensive application once commercially available) in our jurisdiction.

13. My proposal contains confidential information. How can I protect this information?

When submitting the proposal, please indicate that confidential or proprietary information is included as part of the proposed package in the cover letter, and label the pages that contain confidential information "confidential" in the footer. However, all submitted proposals are subject to public record request. If the records the public requested have been marked confidential, the SCAQMD legal department will review the request and ensure proper protection is provided.

14. Can my proposal include actions (e.g., upgrades needed to install cleaner technology) that do not generate emission reductions?

Yes, but more points will be given when the project is coupled with specific emission reduction actions.