

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications #2022-2119EA

Clean Energy DC Plan 2.0

Q1: How is the District planning to staff this project and work with other DC Government departments and agencies?

A1: DOEE has staff dedicated to the development of Clean Energy DC (CEDC) that will serve as a liaison between the grantee and District agencies and provide necessary data to the grantee as needed. DOEE subject matter experts are expected to play a role in the g process; however, the roles for DOEE staff will depend on the applicant's proposal and the process that is proposed for developing Clean Energy DC 2.0.

Q2: Who is the incumbent for this work from the 2018 and subsequent work?

A2: The Integral Group was the primary grantee for the development of first Clean Energy DC Plan.

Q3: The grant is scheduled to run until the end of Sept 2023, but the schedule says you want a final plan by spring--can you give more details on when you expect the bulk of the work to be delivered by?

A3: The goal is to have the final plan compiled by Spring 2023 so it can go through the approval chain and be published before the end of the grant period (Sept. 2023).

Q4: How does the transport electrification roadmap layer into this work?

A4: The [Transportation Electrification Roadmap](#) (TER), a plan currently under development, will outline specific strategies by which the District will transition from traditional gasoline and diesel vehicles to electric vehicle (EV) options. The TER has been developed to satisfy section 5 of the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018. Clean Energy DC 2.0 is expected to promote the goals and policies of the TER. Applicants are encouraged to take a broader approach addressing the energy and emissions that come from the transportation sector and consider options that leverage "naturally-occurring energy." Applicants may also review the [Sustainable DC Plan 2.0 Transportation Section](#), and the [moveDC Plan](#). CEDC2.0 is expected to be complimentary to, and not duplicative of, the plans mentioned above.

Q5: Can we use other platforms than Webex for engagement?

A5: Yes.

Q6: With regards to the design of the plan, is the applicant expected to complete the visual design of the plan, or will DOEE use a contractor for visual design services?

A6: *The grantee is expected to design the interactive website (in consultation with DOEE staff including our technology staff). The website will include visual design elements provided by the grantee. For the full text plan, DOEE intends to will work internally for design services.*

Q7: For community engagement, will DC Government provide spaces for public engagement events?

A7: *Yes.*

Q8: Does DDOE have access to translation and interpretation services or is the contractor expected to provide those?

A8: *Yes, the contractor does not need to provide those services.*

Q9: Do you see a role for climate resilience in the 2.0 plan in addition to mitigation?

A9: *Yes, CEDC is both the District's comprehensive energy plan and climate action plan, so resilience is expected to be a consideration in developing CEDC 2.0, Applicants may also review [Climate Ready DC](#), [Resilient DC](#) and a [Energy Assurance Plan](#). Clean Energy DC2.0 is expect to be complimentary to, and not duplicative of, the contents of the city's primary resiliency documents.*

Q10: What does a community-based process look like?

A10: *DOEE is seeking proposals that define what this process looks like. However, the process is expected to have meaningful engagement with residents, including in the early stages of plan development. As stated in the RFA, the engagement strategy needs to include low-income and marginalized communities. DOEE staff will play a role in all the engagement activities.*

Q11: Is it correct to assume that embodied carbon impacts are covered under the Carbon Free DC plans?

A11: *Yes, [Carbon Free DC](#), is still in draft form, introduces embodied carbon goals. The existing Clean Energy DC Plan covers operational carbon, but the next plan is expected to address embodied carbon.*

Q12: When do you anticipate published responses to any questions that might come in on March 11?

A12: *Responses will be published within two working days of the March 11 deadline.*

Q13: Are you able to share the budget for this work?

A13: *At least \$450,000 is currently allocated for this grant, as stated on the RFA website.*

Q14: Do you have an expected budget for how much of the \$450K would go towards community engagement? Or a sense of how much DOEE would have budgeted to support that effort?

A14: DOEE will look to the applicant for suggestions on budget allocation for community engagement.

Q15: Will this informational session be recorded?

A15: Yes.

Q16: Will further GHG Inventory data more recent than 2019 be available to the winning team?

A16: Yes, DOEE will publish a CY2020 inventory in summer 2022.

Q17: What is DOEE's perspective and plan on reporting annual GHG emissions reduction progress over the COVID-19 pandemic period?

A17: The District will continue to report annual citywide emissions and expects to have a 2020 inventory completed in summer 2022.

Q18: Will DOEE have a specific liaison with DC Public Service Commission (PSC) made available to the project team?

A18: Yes.

Q19: Should the team plan resource allocations for digital survey tools for community feedback, or does DOEE have paid access to any platform(s)?

A19: DOEE encourages applicants to provide suggestions on survey tools for community feedback.

Q20: Is it correct to assume that teams do not need to carry costs for hosting a digital tool on Tableau?

A20: Yes.

Q21: Are regional transportation impacts expected to be included or excluded in the upcoming plan?

A21: DOEE will look to the applicant for suggestions, but transportation is expected to be included within the plan.

Q22: Is the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) a tool that DOEE has or may consider for future GHG reporting and alignment with Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MwCOG) CAP?

A22: The District currently uses ICLEI's ClearPath tool to calculate its annual GHG inventories and works closely with MwCOG around the data and methodology for the inventories.

Q23: Does DOEE have a revised set of population growth projection data for a post-pandemic District?

A23: *DOEE's existing modeling is based on population growth projections from the Office of Planning calculated before the COVID-19 public health emergency. If needed, DOEE will work with OP to provide revised projections to the selected grantee.*