

Questions & Answers

Reducing Locomotive Emissions in the District

Q1: We have read the RFA but have not found any reference to the existing equipment. So in order to respond accurately, the locomotive manufacturers / remanufactures / repower companies need to know the type of equipment in which the proposed repower will occur and an equipment specifications detail. Is this information going to be forthcoming prior to the proposed deadline of May 28?

A1: This RFA is to propose coordination with Amtrak and DOEE for one Amtrak switcher locomotive at the Union Station yard during the initial project period. Amtrak indicated that they have six (6) old switcher locomotives at the Union Station yard that are eligible for repower or replacement under the DERA grants and/or VW settlement mitigation actions. In consultation with Amtrak, include information in the application as to which of those six would be repowered/replaced.

Q2: What nonregulated locomotive switcher type(s) [manufacturer / model / build date / bhp rating] will be replaced/modified by the Amtrak repower(s)?

A2: Applicants are required as part of the application process to make a recommendation of which of the candidate switchers is most appropriate to repower first and work with Amtrak to obtain any needed information to make that determination.

Q3: Who are the Amtrak contact(s) [names / titles / phone numbers / e-mails] for the switcher repower Project?

A3: Amtrak staff at DC Union Station would be the most appropriate to contact. No further information can be provided.

Q4: What is the anticipated timeline for this project?

A4: The RFA states “The project period will run from the date of the grant’s award through September 30, 2020,” however applications are encouraged to include more specific timelines in their application since it will play a role in one of the scoring criteria.

Q5: Will Amtrak be providing matching funds to the VWMTF grant allocation for the repower project?

A5: Amtrak will provide matching funds as mandated cost-share and the amount is determined based on the requirements laid out in the VW Settlement Appendix D DERA Option and is dependent on the type of technology employed in the repowering.

Q6: We would like to request a 30 day extension to the RFA deadline.

A6: Deadline for submitting proposals will remain May 28, 2019.