**Questions and Answers**

**Private Fleet Diesel Electrification and Low-NOx (PFDEAL)**

RFA - FY23-AQD-800

**Q1**: Applicants are required to provide a full budget for their organization as a part of their application, is a budget for the department applying sufficient if the entire organization’s budget is not available?

**A1**: Yes, though DOEE may request more information from an organization if the provided budget is insufficient in scope.

**Q2**: In preparing our online submission, we realized that some content requested in the RFA document does not have a clear location to enter answers as text or to upload as an attachment on the online submission form:

1. Where should the Goals and Objectives as well as the Project Outcomes, Outputs and Deliverables be placed on the online submission?
2. Would it make sense to attach a proposal document under the "uploads" section on the online submission form?
3. Should the proposal document, if needed, include the information from the online submission form like the "Narrative" section?

**A2**: Please see the corresponding answer below:

1. These can be placed in the narrative section with the scoring criteria that most closely applies.
2. The “uploads” section is reserved for supplemental information, such as résumés, letters of support, maps, photos, an agency annual report, an addendum to the narrative, etc.
3. No. Please note there is no character limit in the “Narrative” section.

**Q3**: The RFA references Appendix 7 “Selections from DOEE’s DERA State Grant Application”, where can I find Appendix 7?

**A3**: Appendix 7 was not published as a part of this RFA. DOEE has since determined that these selections would not add substantively to the RFA therefore, will not be published.

**Q4**: What is the expectation for a scrappage plan? It seems like in the guidance, we only need an EPA approved scrappage plan if we scrap a different vehicle than the one being replaced. Is this correct?

**A4**: While it is true that an *EPA approved* scrappage plan is only required if the vehicle being replaced is newer than engine MY 2010 and an older than engine MY 2009 is being scrapped in its place. DOEE would like to see that an entity has a clear plan to scrap the replaced vehicle regardless of engine MY. A plan might include what entity would disable the vehicle and where it would be scrapped/disposed.

**Q5**: Are applicants allowed to request zero-emission vehicles that will replace class 5+ medium- or heavy-duty diesel-powered buses in the budget, reflecting the actual cost at 45% at time of application?

**A5**: Yes, vehicles are an allowable project cost under this grant. While “most” equipment is not an allowable cost, this is an exception to that situation.  Applicants should both document the full purchase price of equipment and budget for 45% cost reimbursement.