

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### I. Concept Paper Phase Questions:

**Q1. Should the estimated project cost on the cover page be for Phase I only or the whole project (Phase I, II and IIS)?**

**ANSWER:** As set forth at FOA Section II.A, applicants must apply for a Combined Phase I/II/IIS Award. The estimated project cost must reflect the total for the entirety of the proposed project.

**Q2. We have three ideas to propose and would like to choose the two which are most responsive to the ARPA program requirements. It would be a great assistant if you provide us with your comments on them:**

- Down-hole flatjack fo in-situ stresses measurements in geothermal wells
- Down-hole rock property measurement tool for real-time characterization of mechanical properties of geothermal reservoirs
- High temperature down-hole dynamic sensor for real-time geothermal drilling optimization

**ANSWER:** ARPA-E will review compliant and responsive Full Application submissions. Full Application submissions are compliant if they meet the requirements of "Compliant Criteria" of the FOA, and are responsive if they meet the Program Overview and Objectives of the FOA and ARPA-E will only review applications that are scientifically aligned with the Targeted Topic(s) open at the time the application is submitted. Applicants must review the technical requirements of the FOA and independently determine whether their proposed concept warrants a submission.

**Q3: Does ARPA provide a mentoring program similar to SBIR/STTR phase 0 to help the first time applicant?**

**ANSWER:** No. ARPA-E sponsors an SBIR/STTR program separate from the Department of Energy's SBIR/STTR program. Prospective applicants are not eligible for assistance through the Department's SBIR/STTR Phase 0 Assistance Program. Refer to <http://www.dawnbreaker.com/doephase0/> for additional information on the Department of Energy's assistance program.