

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL FAQS SECTION OF ARPA-E'S WEBSITE ([HTTP://ARPA-E.ENERGY.GOV/?Q=FAQ/GENERAL-QUESTIONS](http://arpa-e.energy.gov/?q=faq/general-questions)) FOR ANSWERS TO MANY GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ARPA-E AND ARPA-E'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS FOA ONLY ARE INCLUDED BELOW. PLEASE REVIEW ALL EXISTING GENERAL FAQS AND FOA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING NEW QUESTIONS TO ARPA-E.

I. Concept Paper Phase Questions:

Q1. WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS AND WE HAVE AN ELIGIBILITY QUESTION REGARDING THE DE-FOA-0003164 SOLICITATION, "SPURRING PROJECTS TO ADVANCE ENERGY RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE SWIFTLY (SPARKS) – CONCEPT PAPERS."

CAN A SMALL BUSINESS BE THE LEAD/PRIME OF A PROPOSED PROJECT OR ARE THEY ONLY ABLE TO BE A SUBRECIPIENT TO A NATIONAL LAB OR UNIVERSITY? THE SOLICITATION IS A LITTLE UNCLEAR AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME CLARIFICATION AS WE MAY BE INTERESTED IN APPLYING.

ANSWER: Please refer to Section III. Eligibility Information of the DE-FOA-0003164 funding opportunity announcement.

Q2. I AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SPURRING PROJECTS TO ADVANCE ENERGY RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE SWIFTLY PROGRAM. IS THERE A CONTACT I CAN SCHEDULE A QUICK 15-MINUTE MEETING WITH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UPCOMING TIMELINE FOR THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS?

I REPRESENT AN ENGINEERING FIRM WHO MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER SERVICES TO THE PROJECT RECIPIENTS IN ORDER TO HELP THEM HIT THEIR PROJECT GOALS. MY MAIN QUESTIONS ARE,

- **HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?**
- **WHEN ARE PROJECT SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED?**

ANSWER: Please refer to the DE-FOA-0003164 funding opportunity announcement for Technical and submission guidance, submission deadlines, "Concept Paper Review Information" and notification schedules. Also, Section VII. Agency Contacts provides guidance on how to communicate with ARPA-E about the content of this funding opportunity.