

**California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program SFP PY 2009-10
Questions and Answers**

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Allowable Activities

1. A consortium of community colleges, WIBs, and other partners are interested in applying for Category 3 (AB 118) funding to expand automotive training programs to equip trainees to service alternative/renewable fuel vehicles. Would purchasing hybrid vehicles for the training programs' auto shops be considered "equipment" and not allowable?

Yes, purchasing hybrid vehicles for the training programs' auto shops would be considered "equipment" and is not allowable under this grant. However, applicants may consider using their cash/in-kind match to cover these costs.

Applicant Eligibility

1. Would Cal Poly Pomona, a CSU campus, qualify for Category I as a "lead" applicant?

No. Cal Poly Pomona, a CSU campus, would not be eligible to be the lead applicant. However, you most certainly can partner with the lead applicant in your area.

Certificate Training

1. Is the Building Operator Certification Program available as an option as one of the four required industry certified technical trainings (page 7 of the SFP)?

Yes, Building Operator Certification would be an appropriate addition to a program as one of the four.

2. A prerequisite for the Green Building Retraining Program indicates that the applicant must provide Certified Green Building Professional Training. Does the primary applicant have to provide this training, or can a partner (not the applicant) provide this training? For example, SMUD (a partner but not an applicant) might continue to provide Certified Green Building Professional Training, yet Los Rios Community College District may develop the more advanced Whole Building Energy Performance training program. Or if Los Rios chooses to be a primary applicant, do they also have to provide the Certified Green Building Professional Training?

Any partner can deliver the training. The important thing is that the partnership is delivering it.

Community Forum

1. Where do I mail the form to notify regional community forum?

You can access the online form on page 18 of the SFP or go to www.energy.ca.gov/greenjobs/ to notify the Energy Commission that you intend to conduct a community forum. The Energy Commission must be notified by Monday, August 17, 2009.

2. Does the Contact Name in the community forum notice need to be the Lead Applicant Contact Name on the Cover Signature Page?

No, the contact name on the Community Forum notice does not need to be the same as the lead applicant contact name on the Cover Signature Page as they may be different people from the same organization.

3. Does the Contact Name listed in the forum notice need to be the same as the contact name listed in the Community Forum Documentation form (SFP Form 6)?

Yes. The same person that signed up for the community forum should certify that the community forum actually took place.

4. If the Contact Name listed in the forum notice is not from/employed by the lead applicant (i.e., it's an employee from another partner who set up the forum) would that result in denial of bonus points?

The contact name listed in the Community Forum Notice should be from the lead applicant's organization as this is the means for partners to contact the lead applicant about this grant opportunity.

General

1. Will this program be re-solicited after the expiration of Recovery Act funds?

At this time, we do not foresee re-soliciting this program after the expiration of the Recovery Act funds.

2. I am unable to enter information into (fill in) the Category 1a and 1b Certificate Chart. Can you advise?

You will need to unlock the Narrative form in order to fill in the chart. Save the Narrative form onto your desktop and select the unlock feature on your Forms toolbar. This will then allow you to fill in the chart and move around the document.

3. On page 10 of the SFP it appears that Category 2b Clean Energy pre-apprenticeship training opportunities description duplicates the Category 1b description under retraining opportunities. Can you clarify ASAP please?

The description for both Clean Energy categories are the same, however one is for "retraining" and the other for "pre-apprenticeship" with a different target population. Category 1b – Clean Energy Retraining Partnerships will target adults 18 years of age or older who are unemployed or underemployed workers, with a

focus on workers with construction experience. Whereas, Category 2b–Clean Energy Pre-Apprenticeship Training Partnerships will target adults 18 years of age or older who are unemployed or underemployed workers, or new workforce entrants to the construction field.

4. Where can I go to read updates to the SFP and view the recorded summit?

You may find the CEWTP SFP related information on the EDD's Jobs and Training [Workforce Development SFP](http://www.energy.ca.gov/greenjobs/meetings/index.html) Web site. The PowerPoint presentations and the WebEx recordings from the Clean Energy Summits that took place on August 10 and 12, 2009, are available on the Energy Commission Web site at www.energy.ca.gov/greenjobs/meetings/index.html.

Match

1. Can wages paid to workers (employees) while in a training class at the worksite count as matching funds?

Yes, wages paid to participants (workers/employees) while in training classes at the worksite may count as matching funds. A commitment letter from the employer must accompany the application with specific match details (example: how many participants for how many hours of training, at \$___wages equals \$_____ in matching funds).

2. Can WIA ARRA funding be used to match the SFP opportunity?

Yes, you may use WIA Recovery Act funding as match.

Proposal Criteria

1. How many partners are we required to have? (We have a few close partners in mind, but would like to get a clarification on this.)

At a minimum, applicants are required to have the required partners as listed in the SFP page 13 under Section E.- Eligible Applicants and Partnerships. In addition, to receive full points possible on the Narrative Form, applicants should have a minimum of three partners listed on the Partner Roles, Responsibilities, and Resources Chart as outlined in the SFP Proposal Package Instructions under Section V – Local Partnership and Leveraged Resources.