

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
RFP FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS
MAY 15, 2013

	Question	Answer
6.	<p>I am a Selectman for the Town of X and have been working with the SAU for changes in the town administration building as well as four school buildings in various towns within the SAU. We are looking at wood pellet systems as well as solar.</p> <p>Is the recently announced grant opportunity the one for us or is there another that would be more appropriate?</p>	<p>In addition to the current RFP, the Commission administers a commercial and industrial solar rebate program for solar systems of less than or equal to 100 kilowatts or thermal equivalent. If the proposed solar systems individually qualify for this rebate program, then they would be ineligible for funding under this RFP.</p> <p>Note that commercial and industrial solar systems are those that serve facilities that are non-residential. Businesses, towns, schools, non-profit organizations and other non-residential customers are classified as commercial or industrial.</p> <p>The PUC does not currently offer a rebate program for commercial and industrial wood pellet systems so the wood pellet systems you refer to would be eligible under the current RFP.</p>
7.	<p>It is our understanding that the only information to be submitted by June 07, 2013 is that which falls under Roman numeral section II "Proposal Submission Requirements" including subsections "A. Letter of Transmittal" through "H. Conflicts of Interest" and their respective numerical sub sections. It is our understanding that our Taxpayer Identification Number and all documents listed under Roman numeral section V "Certificates" including the Secretary of State's Office Certificate of Good Standing, Certificate of Vote/Authority, Certificate of Insurance, and Workers' Compensation are not to be submitted until a date later than the June 07, 2013 application deadline but prior to entering into a contract or agreement with</p>	<p>Your understanding is correct.</p>

	<p>the PUC.</p> <p>Can you please confirm this interpretation of the 2013 C&I RFP for Renewable Energy Proposals process.</p>	
8.	<p>According to a question and answer from 2012, multiple projects can only be combined to achieve the 100 kW requirement if they feed to the same meter. Could you please define ‘meter’ here? If several PV projects are installed on multiple buildings on a campus with individual sub-meters, but each building shares a common utility electric meter, can these projects be combined to achieve the 100 KW requirement?</p>	<p>Put another way, this question is asking whether multiple PV projects on separate buildings at a single site can be combined to exceed the 100 kW ceiling for the PUC’s Commercial and Industrial Solar Rebate Program, thereby rendering the projects eligible for funding under this RFP. As long as the individual systems have a combined capacity of more than 100 kW and have meters that feed into a common master electric meter for the site, the project would be eligible for this RFP.</p>
9.	<p>Our proposal will replace an oil fired hot water boiler with one that will be fueled by Biomass. However, the scope of the work will be broader than just a fuel substitution project, as it will involve the replacement of supplemental electric resistance heaters with hot water fan coil units.</p> <p>A) What is the maximum grant that a project can receive- is it possible to get a 100% grant?</p> <p>B) If there is some pipework (hot water) to be added to the perimeter zones along with terminal fan coil units, would that be considered for the grant for a renewable project?- In other words, if there are expenses apart from the boiler replacement, would they disqualify the project? (We can obtain more Greenhouse gas reductions by eliminating electric heat.)</p> <p>C) Can the proposal include a combination of 2 or more renewable energy sources for the project?</p>	<p>A) It is possible to get funding for 100% of a project but not preferred. See Question and Answer 2. C: projects that leverage additional funds or offer cost share by the applicant are generally considered to be more cost-effective.</p> <p>B) If the pipework and fan coil units are needed to effectively distribute useful thermal energy from the new biomass boiler, thereby resulting in the production of thermal RECs, then expenses for those items would be eligible for funding.</p> <p>C) Yes, but see the answer to Question 6 above. If the project individually would qualify for the rebate program, then that portion of the project would not be eligible for this grant.</p>
10.	<p>Will the grant program open a round in 2014, with similar funding available and no</p>	<p>The PUC anticipates offering another RFP in 2014. Funding levels, however, are hard to</p>

	maximum?	predict. In addition, the scope of an RFP as well as its terms and conditions may change from year to year.
11.	Is there a requirement that the project developer matches the funding awarded by the PUC or will the grant provide up to 100% of the project funding? If it matches 100%, would the application score better if the developer matched some percentage of the awarded grant?	Please refer to Answers 2. C and 9. A.
12.	Is it correct to assume that projects funded under the 2013 RFP must qualify to produce RECs under one of the four classes set forth in RSA 362-F:4?	Yes, but note that thermal RECs are a subcategory of Class I.
13.	Do you know when the grants will be awarded? We are planning on starting construction this July, and would need to know if we were successful by then.	The grant review process typically takes several months. Once projects are selected, there is an additional period of 6-8 weeks that is needed to have grants approved by the Governor and Executive Council. It is therefore not possible to have final approval by July.