

2026-06-25 Voucher Opportunity 6 - Hydropower Testing Network (HyTN) (Recipients) - Round 2 Q&A's

Q: One of the eligibility requirements was that we must have a physical place of business, could you please expand on that?

A: To qualify as a domestic entity, applicants must be organized, chartered, incorporated, or otherwise formed under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States, have majority domestic ownership and control, and have a physical place of business in the United States. This is a DOE requirement that applies to all EnergyWerx opportunities and must be met in order to submit an application.

Q: So to clarify, those of us creating a technology that harnesses energy from currents aren't necessarily what HyTN is looking for?

A: EnergyWerx cannot speak to whether any specific project or technology is within scope. Applicants are encouraged to review the [eligibility and review requirements on the Voucher Opportunity page](#). Generally, if a technology is relevant to hydropower and meets all eligibility criteria, it would likely fall within scope.

Q: The Excel document link on the openei.org link only has 42 of the 85 capabilities listed on the website page. Can this please be fixed? Thank you.

A: This has been fixed. The downloadable Excel capabilities list on the [OpenEI page](#) now matches the webpage and the Excel format in the [Downloadable Files section of the Voucher Opportunity page](#).

Q: What's are the roles of providers and recipients in the project? As a National Lab, can we apply to receive funds to demonstrate a technology as a recipient?

A: The Voucher Provider is the test facility responsible for providing services and access to their capability. The Voucher Recipient is expected to provide a test article or concept for evaluation. The specific details of who is responsible for what are outlined in the test plan (Milestone 2) and are worked out between the Voucher Provider and Voucher Recipient once matched.

Unfortunately, National Labs are not eligible to receive in-kind support as a Voucher Recipient though there are National Labs included in the testing network as Voucher Providers. Also, it is important to note that funds are paid only to Voucher Providers; Voucher Recipients do not receive funds.

Q: We are a recipient of a DOE SBIR award. Can we use HyTN to do further research not currently funded?

A: Provided the proposed HyTN project is not duplicative of any other federally funded work, this would not be an eligibility issue. Applicants are encouraged to ensure their HyTN application addresses research that is distinct from and not currently funded through other means.

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Q: We have two different technologies we are developing. Can we conduct work on two HyTN awards at the same time? If so, will this require (2) applications?

A: Applicants may submit up to 3 applications to this opportunity, provided that each application describes a unique, problem statement as determined by DOE. If an applicant submits more than 3 applications, DOE will review only the first 3 submissions received.

Q: You mentioned that the recipient needs to provide the test prototype. Can we give the design to the voucher provider to construct it using the voucher funds?

A: The expectation is that the Voucher Recipient provides the test article or prototype. The specific details of how the project is structured are worked out between the Voucher Provider and Voucher Recipient. However, the responsibility for providing the test prototype remains with the Voucher Recipient.

Q: As Nat Lab can we apply as the recipient to demonstrate a technology for H2O as recipient and use funds from provider?

A: Unfortunately, National Labs are not eligible to receive in-kind support as a Voucher Recipient though there are National Labs included in the testing network as Voucher Providers.

Additionally, funds are disbursed directly to the Voucher Provider, not the Voucher Recipient. Voucher Recipients do not receive funds through this program.

Q: We received a voucher in round 1. for a variety of reasons, the work produced was not sufficient can we reapply now that we have learned more

A: Yes. Having received a voucher in Round 1 does not disqualify an applicant from applying to Round 2.

Q: So provider will do the work to demo the technology of the recipient?

A: Yes. The Voucher Provider is responsible for conducting the testing and evaluation. While the process is intended to be collaborative, the Voucher Provider is compensated to perform the work, and the Voucher Recipient is expected to provide the technology or test article being evaluated.