

2026-07-15 Voucher Opportunity 6 - Hydropower Testing Network (HyTN) (Recipients) - Round 2 Q&A's

Q: Can a company submit more than one application if an innovative technology has more than one application for hydropower operation?

A: Companies are not limited to one application. However, if submitting multiple applications, each application must clearly demonstrate how it is distinct from the others.

Q: Does the application require a formal letter of support, confirmation email, or other documentation from the testing lab before July 23, sufficient?

A: No supporting documentation from a Voucher Provider is required to submit an application. If an applicant has contacted a facility, that information may be included in the appropriate section of the application.

Q: What maturity level TRL should be considered?

A: Projects should have a starting TRL of 3 to 7 at the time the project begins.

Q: How many providers can the recipients choose to work with?

A: Voucher Recipients may list up to three preferred Voucher Providers on their application. However, each Voucher Recipient will ultimately be matched with one Voucher Provider.

Q: Is that fact that Recipients do not need to cost share in the award to the Provider new for Voucher - 6 Round 2

A: No, this is consistent with Round 1 of HyTN. No cost share is required of Voucher Recipients. It is also important to note that Voucher Recipients do not receive any funding through this opportunity. Recipients receive in-kind support only. Funding is paid directly to the Voucher Provider for the capability they are providing.

Q: If an applicant selects multiple capability slots, must each lab be contacted and confirmed separately, or is a single application treated as one engagement?

A: Contacting Voucher Providers in advance is strongly encouraged but not required. Applicants may list up to three preferred Voucher Providers within a single application. If selected, the applicant will be matched with one Voucher Provider.

Q: Should a budget justification or something of that nature be submitted?

A: No. Since funding is paid directly to Voucher Providers, a budget justification is not part of the Voucher Recipient application.

Q: Does pump storage hydro qualify? So, primary use of water is for storage, and secondary for power generation.

A: Yes. Pumped storage hydropower falls within the scope and is an eligible technology for HyTN.

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Q: Does the program give preference to technologies that align with specific DOE or ENERGYWERX priority areas — such as distributed generation, grid resilience, agricultural water or municipal water infrastructure — and if so, which areas are prioritized for this round?

A: Applicants are encouraged to review the evaluation criteria listed on [the HyTN Voucher Opportunity page](#).

Q: How many recipients will be awarded?

A: A predetermined number of awards has not been established. Selections will be made based on merit.

Q: Is there an opportunity for applicants to receive feedback on their applications if not selected?

A: Specific feedback on individual applications is not provided. However, general information outlining the top reasons applications were not selected may be made available to unsuccessful applicants.

Q: Is there the possibility of getting UTC Sim Center as a voucher recipient?

A: Organizations interested in participating as a Voucher Recipient may [submit an application](#) by Thursday, July 23rd at 3:00 PM EST.

Q: If a company has a prior relationship with a national lab that is a participating HyTN institution — for instance, prior technical meetings or co-development discussions — is it appropriate to reference that relationship in the application, and does it carry any weight in evaluation?

A: It is at the applicant's discretion what information to include in their application. The application includes a section for preferred Voucher Providers and rationale, where any relevant information, including prior relationships, may be noted.

Q: Our technology is a hydrokinetic system that shares design elements with both hydropower turbines and wind turbine drivetrains. Does the program evaluate alignment between technology type and capability category, and is a technology that spans multiple categories at a disadvantage compared to one that fits cleanly into a single category?

A: Neither EnergyWerx nor DOE can provide guidance on whether a specific technology qualifies or would be at an advantage or disadvantage in evaluation. Provided the technology is related to hydropower and meets all [eligibility criteria](#), applicants are encouraged to submit an [application](#).

Q: My technology makes turbines obsolete. Where could I get that new tech appraised? It is Articulated and reciprocates

A: If the technology is relevant to hydropower applications, applicants are encouraged to submit an application. If the technology is not relevant to hydropower, [other opportunities](#) through DOE or ENWX may be more appropriate.

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Q: Is there a place for interested application recipients to post publicly, like a teaming list, for voucher providers to view and evaluate the fit?

A: A public teaming list for Voucher Recipients is not offered for Round 2 of HyTN. Matches are determined by DOE based on submitted applications and [available capabilities](#). Voucher Providers may review and accept or decline a match before being introduced to the Voucher Recipient, but do not have input into the matching process itself. Applicants interested in a specific capability are encouraged to reach out to that Voucher Provider directly prior to [submitting an application](#), though this is not required.