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Q: For a university Provider for field testing on existing energized distribution lines, can the cost cover measurement and data-acquisition & installation labor?

A: The cost submitted should be what is needed in order for your organization to perform the capability that you are submitting. DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on specific costs and what this opportunity can cover.

Q: Will National Laboratories who are FFRDC's be funded via an AOP or an IAG?

A: If it's for a DOE National Lab it will be through a standard AOP.

Q: As a National Lab we have many facility and capabilities we would like to provide. Is the expectation we submit an application for each or one for our lab?

A: One application should be submitted for each capability, so a lab could have multiple submissions. Providers should submit one application per capability. Providers can submit a max of 5 applications (5 capabilities).

Q: Thank you for having this call, can the cost cover funding for new advanced tensile testing equipment that will support R&D, for large corporation.

A: The cost submitted should be what is needed for your organization to perform the capability that you are submitting. DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on specific costs and what this opportunity can cover.

Q: Can this funding cover testing by NRTL's for product certification testing (UL..)?

A: The cost submitted should be what is needed for your organization to perform the capability that you are submitting. DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on specific costs and what this opportunity can cover.

Q: What is the timeline for the various stages of applications? In particular, when would Recipients submit the application?

A: The Recipient Opportunity for VO12 is expected to open late this fall.

Q: Does 16-20 vouchers mean there will be 16-20 recipients selected?

A: There will be 16-20 voucher matches

Q: Is cybersecurity vulnerability analysis for IEDs a valid Provider capability?

A: DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on whether a specific capability is eligible for this opportunity. We recommend you review the Rules Document and eligibility found on the Opportunity Page for additional information.

Q: How many vouchers can one company get, is there a limit?

A: There is not a limit. Providers should submit one application per capability. Providers can submit a max of 5 applications (5 capabilities).

Q: Are university faculty eligible to apply as Recipients (technology developers)?

A: If there is a technology you have that is at TRL6, then it would be in scope.

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Q: What if a "project owner" (Recipient) need multiple Providers to complete 1 project?

A: Recipients are eligible for one capability match per round and should apply for the capability that is most needed at that time.

Q: Can Recipient select the Provider for their testing? How you are matching those?

A: During the Recipient application you will have access to the capability catalog where you can review the capabilities and determine which would be the best fit for your organization. When you submit your application you can submit up to 3 requests for provider capability matches.

Q: Will geographic distribution and accessibility of services be considered when evaluating Voucher Providers?

A: When evaluating Voucher Providers this is not something that would be a factor, however, when it comes to the matchmaking process between the Recipients and Providers this may become a factor.

Q: As a NRTL- is it 16-20 vouchers for each capability? Or overall?

A: There will be up to 16-20 voucher matches selected for the Opportunity overall.

Q: Is grid integration testing of BESS or BESS controls covered by the voucher?

A: DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on whether a specific capability is eligible for this opportunity. We recommend you review the Rules Document and eligibility found on the Opportunity Page for additional information.

Q: Can simulation based testing be an eligible capability if it is performed without involving a physical test?

A: If it is a pure simulation activity that doesn't have a hardware component, then it would be out of scope. If it was simulation prep via hardware in the loop with a real-time digital simulator that evaluates a new relay, then yes, that would be in scope.

Q: Can you share the full presentation?

A: The [presentation](#), [transcript](#) and [Q&A](#) will be uploaded to the [EnergyWerx Opportunity Page](#).

Q: Do you have a template for the B2B Agreements?

A: Once Providers and Recipients are selected and the matches have been accepted by the Provider, the B2B agreement will be sent out.

Q: What's the rationale for starting with capabilities/Providers? Why not solicit the Recipient needs first?

A: The program model is built around speed, being able to quickly repeat new rounds, or quickly provide service for different recipients. When we have the menu of capabilities available and approved, we're able to get services delivered as quickly as possible. With past voucher programs we have had recipients receive support two weeks after selection. That happens because we're able to fund the providers up front rather than have to solicit the recipients, negotiate with new

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providers and then try to fund. With the current project we can move quickly and in a very scaled fashion.

Q: A software venture focused on Energy Storage's actual performance on real-time operations and resource adequacy. Are we eligible for this funding opportunity?

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Q: Our harmonic filter is in different facilities (datacenter, commercial). Is this program for established products also or technologies that are in test phases?

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Q: 2- In the application a test facility is required, are we able to have our manufacturing location under this, or would we need a client facility?

A: The Provider Capability should be in the facility that you're submitting.

Q: Would additional capabilities within an existing testbed covered within this opportunity - like a cost of a new hardware

A: The cost submitted should be what is needed for your organization to perform the capability that you are submitting. DOE and EnergyWerx cannot answer questions on specific costs and what this opportunity can cover.

Q: Can Providers also apply to be Recipients?

A: Yes

Q: How strictly is the storage exclusion enforced when evaluating broader grid integration capabilities?

A: If it was a test capability to evaluate a microgrid controller where you want to dispatch an asset that a provider already has, then that is ok. If you're looking for a test capability to mature energy storage specific chemistry or some new configuration, then that is out of scope.

Q: Can Providers get matched more than once?

A: Yes, depending on the throughput of the Provider, they could be matched with multiple recipients.

Q: Can the voucher be used to pay for testing at a National Lab or university or equipment we already have

A: Providers who are offering the capability are the ones actually being compensated for the work. If the capability selected is for testing work that is what would be funded. Recipients receive in-kind support.

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The agreement with EnergyWerx is a milestone based, firm fixed price agreement. As milestones are completed by the Provider, they will be paid out.

Q: Can a Recipient select a specific Provider based on its own criteria?

A: The Recipient can request a specific provider if they offer a capability that would be of benefit to their organization. The Recipient application allows the Recipient to select up to three capabilities in order of preference. DOE will review applications and after the recipients are selected, they will look at the throughput for each capability and determine what capability (if any) the recipient is matched with.

Q: What is your advice for TRL 4-5 companies who are looking for testbed access provided by this program?

A: There is a test bed inventory on the [Office of Electricity's homepage \(please add link\)](#) that has varying levels of testing capabilities across the TRL spectrum.