

## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES FOR CSI RD&D SMALL GRANT SOLICITATION

Q1. Is solar thermal technology for single family SWH system eligible under this grant?

A. This appears to be an appropriate topic area for CSI RD&D funds.

Q2. I am not a California resident and currently live in Virginia. I will be moving to California at the end of this year. Am I still eligible for this grant?

A. You do not need to be a resident of California in order to be eligible, however the research must be focus on a topic that is relevant for California and the research products are of value to California ratepayers.

Q3. Are current PIER EISG awardees (grant period ends Feb 2014) eligible to apply for this grant? If not, under what conditions are these eligible?

A. Yes, PIER Energy Innovations Small Grant awardees are eligible to apply for CSI RD&D Small Grant funding.

Q4. We have a cross cutting technology that brings an integrated PV (for lighting) and solar thermal to provide more efficient heating, cooling and other process needs. Could we apply to demonstrate this technology as we would be based out of Irvine, California?

A. Since the CSI RD&D program has a focus on solar technologies, only the solar portion of the project is eligible for funding.

Q5. What preference will past or current CSI funding recipients have over applicants who are applying, albeit with a demo or near-commercialization project, for the first time?

A. As covered on page 6 of the grant solicitation, all proposals should include a discussion of the need for the project; however a past or current funding recipient must also discuss why the follow-on or added task is needed.

Q6. Must a first-time applicant show that their application "leverages other publically funded research"?

A. The solicitation requires a minimum of 25% match funding for projects to be eligible for CSI RD&D funding. The match does not need to come from a public entity, and can originate from the applicant and team members, non-governmental organizations, industry stakeholders or private firms.

Q7. If a for profit company is installing a measure, but does so at cost, is it allowed to claim the profit it would normally charge as an in-kind contribution?

A. In-kind contributions can include discounts on products or equipment. Letters of commitment or other documentation is required from each entity that is providing match funding.

Q8. If a California municipal or publicly owned electric utility is interested in participating in our research project and is willing to contribute funds towards the budget as a match, could test site installations be located in their service territory and still qualify for the CSI RD&D program?

A. Yes.

Q9. In terms of demonstrating need, can a letter from interested investors be included as verification that a near market ready product/application is attractive, and that only an external validation is needed in order to allow deployment of the technology to begin moving forward in the marketplace?

A. Yes, a letter of interest from an investor or other similar party can be used to demonstrate need.

Q10. If we haven't participated in a past or current research project, are we ineligible to apply for a grant under this solicitation?

A. No, you do not need to be a past or current recipient of funds to participate in this solicitation. This solicitation is open to all interested parties.