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**Offshore Wind Works: 2023.2 Offshore Wind Workforce Grants  
Response to Questions**

- 1. Is an organization allowed to be the lead on one application and a subcontractor or partner on another application?**

Yes, an organization may be the lead on one application and a partner on another application for a separate project.

- 2. Depending on awards made after Batch 1 applications are reviewed, is it possible that the total funding amount will be expended and no awards will be made to Batch 2 applicants?**

Due to the timeline requirements for the federal funds, Track 2 may have the full funding amount expended after Batch 1 applications are submitted. Applicants interested in Track 2 are encouraged to submit proposals on the Batch 1 due date. Track 3, with a total funding amount of \$1 million and maximum award amount of \$1 million may also be expended after the Batch 1 due date.

Track 1 funding will not be fully expended prior to the Batch 2 deadline. Applications that are received for the Batch 1 deadline may have their funding decision held until after the Batch 2 deadline.

- 3. How are you evaluating cost-effectiveness for Track 1 proposals? Is there a rubric or methodology you could share?**

There is not a defined rubric or methodology we will be using to evaluate proposals for their cost-effectiveness. We will look at the detailed budget breakdown requested in the Application Form. To clarify further, MassCEC will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria as identified in Section IX. Selection Criteria, starting on **page 17** of the Solicitation:

1. Program Summary and Scope
2. Team Experience and Qualifications
3. Work Plan
4. Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Environmental Justice, and/or Priority Groups
5. Budget

## 6. Value Demonstration

Within the Budget criterion, MassCEC will review proposals on the “extent to which the project demonstrated a cost-efficient approach to each of the proposed tasks, completion of the overall project at a reasonable cost... efficient use of MassCEC funds, amount of cost-share, and the extent to which other funds are leveraged.” To this end, please see the table on **page 15** of the Solicitation for further clarification on the minimum level of cost-share commitment required for the relevant track your organization is applying to.

### 4. **Can you submit an application for multiple project types as described in Track 1?**

Yes, you could submit a proposal that spans multiple project types. For instance, a proposal could start with a Phase 1 study looking at worker safety best practices and then expand in Phase 2 into an implementation project putting the identified best practices into place.

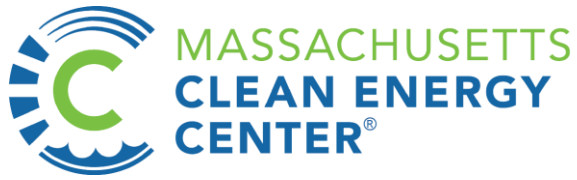
### 5. **Would a Massachusetts-based 501(c)(3) qualify as a community-based organization eligible to be a lead for this funding opportunity? (Edited for anonymity)**

A Massachusetts-based 501(c)(3), regardless of whether it is considered a community-based organization, is eligible as a lead applicant under the Offshore Wind Works program. Please note that public entities such as registered non-profit organizations will be required to meet a 25% cost-share requirement.

### 6. **With regards to hiring turbine technicians and other trades-based occupations, are there any restrictions, reservations, or special considerations for formerly incarcerated citizens?**

This is ultimately up to the hiring entity to decide. MassCEC encourages applicants to reach out to employee partners to better understand their hiring requirements and restrictions when developing their proposal and associated scope of work.

### 7. **For purposes of determining an appropriate cost-share match minimum for this funding opportunity, does MassCEC’s definition of “private entities” exclude non-profit 501c3 organizations?**



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Yes, for the purpose of determining the appropriate level of cost-share for a proposal, “private entities” should be considered as “private for-profit entities”, and non-profit organizations would not be included in that category.