



Applicant Eligibility Guidance

This guidance provides information about applicant eligibility for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA), including how an applicant can determine if it is eligible to apply to an OCED FOA, how DOE determines eligibility, and entities that are generally eligible to apply.

Prior to applying to an OCED FOA, an interested entity should consider if they are eligible to apply to that FOA. It is important to consider eligibility, especially to avoid potentially wasting resources completing an application when the organization is not eligible for that FOA.

How can an entity determine if it is eligible to apply to an Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Announcement?

When considering eligibility, entities can review the “Eligible Applicants” section of the published FOA to determine what types of entities can apply and assess whether they fit within that FOA’s eligibility criteria.

How will OCED determine eligibility?

Upon receipt of applications, the OCED Grants and Agreements Officer will determine whether:

- 1) The applicant meets the eligibility requirements and is eligible for an award;
- 2) The information and documentation required by the FOA have been submitted;
- 3) All mandatory submittal and eligibility requirements are satisfied; and
- 4) The proposed project is responsive to the objectives of the FOA.

Applications that do not meet all the eligibility requirements of the FOA will not be evaluated further.

What types of entities are generally eligible to apply to OCED FOAs?

The following entities are generally eligible to apply to OCED FOAs; however, please refer to eligibility requirements in the ‘Eligibility’ section of the relevant published FOA for specific information.

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| 1) Institutions of Higher Education | 5) Tribal Nations |
| 2) Nonprofit Organizations | 6) Incorporated Consortia |
| 3) For-Profit Entities | 7) Unincorporated Consortia |
| 4) State and local governmental entities | |

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