



Fact Sheet

Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) Program Concept Paper Checklist

On August 29, 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) released a [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (FOA) for up to \$300 million through the Transmission Siting and Economic Development program (TSED) to strengthen and accelerate state, local, and Tribal permitting processes for electric transmission and to provide funding for economic development activities in impacted communities.

The application process requires submittal of a Concept Paper, followed by a Full Application. **Only applicants that have submitted a Concept Paper can submit a Full Application.** Concept Papers should establish the applicant’s eligibility to apply and describe the proposed project(s) at a high level.

Concept Papers should ideally be 4-6 pages long and single spaced. If they are longer than 10 pages, they will not be considered. Here is a checklist of what to include in a Concept Paper.

CONCEPT PAPER CHECKLIST

	Section	Recommended Length	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	I. COVER PAGE	1 page	The cover page should include the project title, the specific Area of Interest, the technical and business points of contact, names of all team member organizations, the project location(s), and any statements regarding confidentiality.
<input type="checkbox"/>	II. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT AND PROJECT(S)	3–5 pages	Applicants are required to include the following 7 pieces of information. This information should be limited to 3-5 pages in total.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. State the Basis for Eligibility	1 paragraph	Identify the primary applicant and the basis for determining that applicant is eligible for a grant under either Area of Interest 1 or 2 (i.e., siting and permitting grants or economic development grants). Please refer to the requirements of eligibility described in Section IV of the FOA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Describe the Proposed Project and Its Objectives	1 page	Describe how the project(s) will meet the objectives described in the FOA for Areas of Interest 1 or 2, as those objectives are described in Section IV of the FOA.

<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Identify Risks	1–2 paragraphs	Identify two to three high-level risks and challenges for the proposed project(s) and describe preliminary thoughts about possible risk mitigation strategies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Provide an Overall Schedule	1 paragraph	Describe the schedule for the proposed project(s). The schedule proposed must be consistent with timing parameters in Section IV of the FOA, including any applicable deadlines or start dates for spending grant funds.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Identify the Transmission Project	1 paragraph	Identify the interstate or offshore transmission project that is relevant to the proposed activity and whether the transmission project meets the size and type requirements listed in Section IV of the FOA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Qualifications, Experience, and Resources	1 paragraph	Identify the qualifications, experience, capabilities, and resources that the applicant and any planned partners have to help ensure the completion and success of the proposed project(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Partners (if applicable)	1 paragraph	If any partners are likely to be needed for the proposed project(s), describe the types of partners that the applicant envisions collaborating with.

For more information, visit: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/transmission-siting-and-economic-development-grants-program>. Please read the [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (DE-FOA-0003101) for more important information and to apply.