

RFP for Renewable Energy Projects in the C&I Sector
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Questions and Answers

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1.	Are municipalities eligible to apply for grants under this RFP?	<p>Yes, municipalities (and other public entities like counties and schools) are eligible and may apply under this RFP as indicated in Basic Project Requirements at the top of page 3:</p> <p>"5. Projects must be at commercial, industrial, public, non-profit, or municipal facilities, and may include multi-family residences of three units or more. Residential projects are not eligible."</p>
2.	The RFP allows thermal renewable energy initiatives to qualify, but the RFP requirements stipulate that the project must result in an increase in available renewable energy certificates (RECs). Since the NH RPS does not presently award RECs for thermal renewable technologies, how can a thermal renewable project qualify for grant consideration given this stipulation?	<p>Electric renewable projects must increase the supply of RECs: thermal projects without an electric generation component that don't increase the supply of RECs are eligible, within all the other guidelines.</p> <p>Basic Project Requirement #2, at the top of page 3 is clarified and revised to read: "2. Electric renewable projects must increase the supply of New Hampshire renewable energy credits (RECs) and all projects must be completed and online within 2 years of award."</p> <p>On page 10, the first scoring factor is clarified to read as follows: "The extent to which the project is likely to expand or support the production capacity of renewable energy facilities located in New Hampshire (including specifically, for electric generation projects, NH REC qualification)"</p>
3.	It say's [the projects that are] eligible for the existing C&I rebate are not eligible for this grant? I don't see how that would leave anyone eligible for this grant? Is the grant a % of the job, the entire job or based on KW installed if so how much?	<p>The existing C&I rebate program is limited to solar PV and solar thermal projects of up to 100 kilowatts or equivalent thermal output. Renewable energy projects or initiatives larger than that or using other renewable technologies are eligible for this RFP. There are no specified grant percentages or amounts per KW.</p>

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4.	I have just read through the February 25, 2011 RFP titled "Grants for renewable energy generation projects in the commercial and industrial (non-residential) sector". Please clarify the eligibility differences between the existing C&I solar rebate program and this RFP beyond the size limitation of the existing rebate program of 100kW for PV solar?	See answer provided for Questions #3.