

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
RFP FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS
MAY 10, 2013

	Question	Answer
1.	<p>A) Is biodiesel an eligible biomass fuel for purposes of the RFP?</p> <p>B) Would capital costs for converting an existing oil-fired commercial/industrial facility to B99 firing (enables capture of the federal blender credit of \$1 per gallon) instead of B100 be eligible under the RFP?</p>	<p>A) Yes, biodiesel is considered an eligible fuel. Note that in order to qualify for thermal RECs, the boiler would have to comply with the emissions requirements set forth in RSA 362-F:2, VIII for electric RECs and RSA 362-F:4, I.(1) for thermal RECs.</p> <p>B) Yes, capital costs for a boiler conversion to B99 would be eligible under the RFP.</p>
2.	<p>A) Could you please clarify whether the PUC is purchasing energy and/or RECs, or simply providing funds to developers who will own the projects? In other words, is this a feed-in tariff?</p> <p>B) Would a solar PV project proposed under this program still be subject to the NH PUC's net metering and interconnection guidelines, namely maximum project size of 1 MW with net metering required?</p> <p>C) I see that there is a minimum of \$100,000 but no maximum. Are there any guidelines on what percentage of the total project costs can be requested in the form of a grant?</p>	<p>A) The RFP is not a feed-in tariff. Grant funds are to be used solely for project development.</p> <p>B) Yes, proposed PV projects would still be subject to the PUC's net metering and interconnection guidelines.</p> <p>C) There are no such guidelines. However, one of the criteria for rating proposals is "the extent to which a project is cost-effective, including use of grant funds" (see p.5 of the RFP, Section III). To the extent that a project is leveraged with other funds, it is generally considered to be more cost effective than a project that is not leveraged.</p>
3.	<p>Would a private school be eligible for a 55 kilowatt (kW) solar electric array, and possibly a geothermal heat pump?</p>	<p>The school would not be eligible for grant funds for the solar electric array, as the school is currently eligible for the PUC's Commercial and Industrial Solar Incentive Program. As noted on p. 3, "Projects eligible</p>

		<p>for the existing C & I solar rebate program are not eligible for funding under this RFP.”</p> <p>Non-residential geothermal heat pumps are, however, eligible for funding.</p>
4.	<p>Would a pellet boiler project be considered that would offset use of propane/oil fuel for heating?</p>	<p>Yes, as long as the pellet boiler serves a commercial (non-residential) facility and meets the other requirements of the RFP.</p>
5.	<p>Is a commercial-scale, biomass-fueled combined heat and power (CHP) system that generates electricity and process heat eligible for funding?</p>	<p>Based on the information provided, it would appear that the CHP system would qualify for funding, assuming the electrical and/or thermal outputs would qualify for New Hampshire RECs.</p>