

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
RFP #2016-007 FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS
PROPOSAL DUE DATE OCTOBER 28, 2016.
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OCTOBER 18, 2016

	Question		Answer
3.	<p>We signed an Energy Savings Performance Contract with Merrimack County at the end of May this year to install a wide range of energy savings/energy performance improvement measures at all of their major buildings in Concord and Boscawen. One of the major measures is the design and construction of a wood chip-fired boiler plant to supply heat and hot water to the existing Jail as well as to the old Jail (McKenna building) which Merrimack County is going to be renovating over the winter under a separate contract.</p> <p>The wood chip-fired boiler plant is expected to generate on the order of 2500-3000 Class I Thermal RECs annually when it is fully operational. We are confident that this project meets or will meet all the criteria specified in RFP Section I.C. but have a question about timing, specifically paragraph C.9.</p> <p>The RFP Release date of 9/30 was, amazingly, almost perfectly coincident with our actually breaking ground on construction of the plant for Merrimack County. Certainly design and some construction of the plant have begun, but the major portion of the work and equipment ordering for the plant has not yet occurred. Merrimack County intends to apply for a grant of \$200k or about 1/6% of the project's total cost of \$1.2M. Is the County still eligible, i.e., can the prospective grant award be applied to the project as long as at least \$200k of its cost has not been incurred by the time an award is granted? Or does the fact that ground has been broken and some portion of the entire approx. \$1.2M cost of the plant has been incurred already make the entire project ineligible?</p>	3.	<p>There is insufficient detail in the question to provide a definitive response regarding project eligibility. Further, the specified time period under which additional details to the question could be provided has expired.</p>