

PEEHP



Portland Energy Efficient Home Pilot

Clarifying Questions and Answers

Request for Proposal No. BDS PEEHP 09

construction of two (2) one and two family houses (single family or duplex/rowhouse) that perform 15% and 30% more energy efficient than the 2008 Oregon Energy Code standards.

Proposals Due: March 4, 2009 by 4:30 pm

GRANT LOCATION	CLARIFICATION
Section V. Eligibility	Question: Are projects that start construction before the official window of the grant period still eligible for consideration?
	Answer: Yes, provided that bids for prescriptive efficiency measures specified by the Energy Trust of Oregon's New Homes Program during phase 2 of the grant process are able to be obtained, and that those measures can be implemented in the homes.
Section V. Eligibility	Question: Can a completed house that meets the energy efficiency criteria be eligible for the grant?
	Answer: No. An existing home does not permit the collection of bids for work that is required by the grant.
Section I. Background	Question: Are funded projects expected to be completed by the October 15, 2009 deadline?
	Answer: It is expected that projects will be completed during the grant period, which reflects the building season. The timeframe is realistic for teams that meet the proposal criteria.
Section I. Background	Question: When is the proposed second round of funding expected to begin?
	Answer: If a second round of funding occurs, it will happen after the first round of PEEHP funded projects are complete and the program has been deemed successful. In addition, a second round of funding is dependant upon the amount of grant funds that remain available.











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Section II: PEEHP Goals and Outcome	Question: Can the performance of the proposed homes exceed the efficiency goals of the grant?
	Answer: Yes. Homes built through the PEEHP may exceed the efficiency goals of the grant, however the PEEHP will only compensate for those efficiency measures necessary to achieve the goals stated in the grant.
Section VII: PEEHP Process and Requirements;	Question: How is it determined that plans exceed the 2008 Oregon Energy Code by 15% or 30%?
Phase 2: Invitation to Submit Supplemental Packet; Monitoring and Verification	Answer: The plans submitted with proposals will be modeled by Energy Trust of Oregon New Homes Program staff using software that is designed to verify the energy efficiency level of the homes. When construction is complete, measurements will be taken at the houses, and entered into the modeling software.
Section VII: PEEHP	Question: How is the amount of the grant award calculated?
Process and Requirements; Phase 2: Obtaining Cost Information and Bids	Answer: The grant award is based on the difference between the cost of implementing the efficiency measures required by the grant as determined by the Energy Trust of Oregon's New Homes Program, and the cost to build a home to code. Each team will collect bids for each efficiency measure necessary to build a home to the 2008 Oregon Energy Code, and homes built to exceed the 2008 Oregon Energy Code by 15% and 30%. The grant amount will be the <i>difference</i> between the lowest total of bids for meeting the efficiency measures required to exceed the 2008 Oregon Energy Code by 15% or 30% and the lowest total bids for related measures necessary to build a home to the 2008 Oregon Energy Code.
Section VII: PEEHP Process and	Question: How are project teams expected to record and report on their projects for the grant?
Process and Requirements; Contract Requirements, Deliverables, and Payment Schedule	Answer: Project teams are required to report weekly and monthly and to produce a final summary report. Templates for each of these reports will be available as pdfs and online at the PEEHP website, www.portlandonline.com/bds/PEEHP as fillable forms.
Section VI: Proposal for Phase 1	Question: Are teams expected to have existing plans for the purpose of the grant?
	Answer: Yes. The timeline of the grant requires that plans be submitted with each proposal and ready for review in order to be constructed within the grant period.
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Section I. Background	Question: Is it required that homes be accessible to the public for 30 days after completion?
Section VII: PEEHP Process and Requirements; Contract Requirements, Deliverables, and Payment Schedule	Answer: Yes, project houses are expected to be open to the public and available for outreach purposes for 30 days after the completion of the project. Notice will be given to the owner and/ or tenant in advance when an event or tour is to be scheduled.
Section V. Eligibility	Question: Can a builder re-apply for the PEEHP grant if a second RFP is issued?
	Yes, however the builder must submit a different set of plans than those used in the first proposal.
Section I. Background	Answer: Is the ultimate goal of the PEEHP to derive data on how to build homes to exceed the existing energy code?
	Yes, it is the goal of the PEEHP to derive data about the method of exceeding the 2008 Oregon Energy Code. It is also a goal of the PEEHP to determine the cost to do so. This data will be made available to builders to motivate market change.
Section VII: PEEHP Process and Requirements	Question: Can builders pursue 3 rd party certifications for their projects while participating in the PEEHP grant program?
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END OF CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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