GOVERNOR’S ENERGY MATCHING FUNDS

Request for Expressions of Interest

Issue Date:  August 23, 2022

Closing Date:  September 20, 2022

Information Sought:

The Wyoming Energy Authority has been tasked with soliciting input regarding the disbursement of funds allocated to the Governor of Wyoming for the purposes of providing matching funds to energy projects in Wyoming, including but not limited to carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS), hydrogen hub development, coal refining, renewable energy generation and energy storage. Respondents are encouraged to provide any feedback and comments regarding the Governor’s Energy Matching Funds. This feedback may include specific project concepts or plans. This request is open to all interested stakeholders including individuals and organizations, both public and private, who seek to participate in carbon capture grant programs through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). A REOI will be issued at a later date for projects not associated with the IIJA.

Area of Interest:

This REOI relates the appropriation in the 2022 Budget session defined below.

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ENERGY MATCHING FUNDS
Section 321.
(a) There is appropriated to the office of the governor one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000.00) from the legislative stabilization reserve account from funds transferred to the account under Section 300(j) of this act. Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this appropriation is for purposes of providing matching funds for private or federal funding for research, demonstration, pilot projects or commercial deployment projects related to Wyoming energy needs, including, but not limited to, carbon capture utilization and storage, carbon dioxide transportation, industrial carbon capture, coal refinery, and hydrogen production, transportation, storage, hydrogen hub development, biomass, biochar, hydropower, battery storage or wind and solar energy. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Note: $18 million of the above referenced $100 million was directed by the legislature to other specific project areas. Thus the total amount for this program is $82 million.
Each response should include:

- PROJECT NAME:
- PROJECT PROPOONENT:
- IIJA GRANT PROGRAM (FOA TITLE IF KNOWN):
- DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (<500 words):
- TOTAL PROJECT COST:
- COST MATCH REQUIRED:
- APPROXIMATE TIMING OF FUNDING NEED:
- OTHER COMMENTARY, FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS (<500 words)

Responses may be submitted online via the Wyoming Energy Authority website at Governor’s Matching Funds. Any questions regarding this REOI should be directed to Glen Murrell (contact details below). The response period will close September 20, 2022, at 5pm MST.

Respondents should provide details of the federal funding source including the FOA title, program area, match ratio and any other constraints, requirements or details considered pertinent.

A response to this REOI is not a prerequisite to submission of a full application, nor is it a prerequisite to receiving funds from the appropriation. However, submission of a response may lead to follow up engagement by the WEA or other Wyoming agencies or instrumentalities or result in an invitation to submit a full application. Responses are subject to public records requests though there are no plans to release the submissions.

Sincerely,

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