Questions and Answers

1. If EV/EVI is one of the eligible projects, why does the TA provider only cover BE?

Electric Vehicle and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EV/EVI) projects are eligible for grant awardee projects, but their technical assistance (TA) will be covered by SVCE's internal EV Technical Assistance program. The TA consultant that is awarded through this RFP will only assist with projects related to building electrification and building energy resilience.

2. Is the designated $300,000 for Technical Assistance per year or for the entirety of the grant cycle (until 2030)?

The Technical Assistance Consultant's work is not per year and will be covered by the $300,000 not-to-exceed for the entirety of the grant cycle.

3. Can the TA provider be from an organization in another country?

Bids from entities based in countries outside the United States may be eligible if the companies can ensure any SVCE data will be hosted exclusively on servers located within the United States.

4. **Technical Depth:** The Scope of Work describes a "high-level assessment." Could you please provide more details on the line between TA and full engineering design? For example, are calculations for structural roof loads for solar part of our scope, or would we advise the awardee to procure that separately?

The Technical Assistance provider will not be expected to provide full engineering designs. They will be serving in a primarily advisory role, and would advise the grant awardee on procuring the designs separately. For solar installation on rooftops, for example, the TA Consultant would not be expected to provide calculations but might assist the awardee in reviewing and understanding load calculations they procure elsewhere, advising them on optimal sites for solar installation on rooftops, and providing support for them to effectively communicate with entities providing calculations.

5. **Strategic Priority:** Beyond the stated criteria, what is the primary outcome SVCE seeks to achieve through this TA program? For example, is the focus on timely project completion, increased participation of certified suppliers, expanded community energy understanding, or another priority?

SVCE's priority is to support community organizations in building capacity for building electrification and building energy resilience projects. This includes assisting them in the timely and successful completion of their desired projects. Community understanding of energy projects would also be included in this overarching priority of supporting community organizations in building capacity.

6. **Awardee Variability and Workload:** Will SVCE set limits on the total technical assistance hours available per awardee, or should the Consultant assume responsibility for supporting all awardee requests within the not-to-exceed contract amount?

> SVCE will not set limits to the Technical Assistance hours available to the awardee. The Consultant will support all requests within the not-to-exceed contract amount and will communicate with SVCE if the grant awardee is requesting assistance that is beyond what the Consultant budgeted in their RFP response.

7. **Number of Required Site Visits:** How many site visits does SVCE expect per awardee project? And, what criteria will SVCE use to determine whether a site visit can be conducted remotely versus requiring an in-person assessment?

> SVCE will know more about the expected site visits after receipt of grant applications and will communicate this scope to the Consultant. The expected number of awardees is between 4-8 and there will likely be at least one site visit per awardee (either in-person or virtual) that requests TA. The grant awardee, SVCE, and Consultant will communicate and decide together whether the site visit must be conducted in-person or can be done remotely.

8. **Can the registration list for the pre-proposal webinar be shared** in order to provide an opportunity for teaming and sense of respondent pool?

> SVCE cannot share the contact information of those that registered for the pre-proposal webinar but can share their organization name. The organizations that registered are listed below.
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> Clean Coalition, Emfor Group LLC, Res-Intel, Romig Consulting LLC, Lighthouse SIlicon Valley, Epik Solutions, Estolano Advisors, Sector Solutions LLC, PWXPress, Alternative Energy Systems Consulting Inc., CLEAResult, Aion Grid Inc., Shift DBS, Nueva vida community, SHift DBS, Raimi + Associates, EquitFy, Redwood Energy, Build Momentum, DNV, Arup, The Ortiz Group LLC, QuEST Inc.

9. **Will there be an expectation of Engineer of Record** stamping and/or is this preferred in a respondent capability?

> An Engineer of Record stamp is not expected for this Technical Assistance scope. The TA provider will be offering advisory services and supporting participants in navigating their projects, rather than producing permit-ready design documents. Respondents may include engineering expertise if they feel it strengthens their approach and support, but it is not required.