



The Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Energy

2013 Ohio Coal Research Consortium

Request For Proposals (RFP) Number: DSA-ENERGY #13-02

Questions and Answers

Q1: I am interested in submitting a proposal about CO₂ gas control in conjunction with microalgae culture. Is the topic suitable for Area #4 of Greenhouse Gas Control?

A1: **Yes. Depending on the approach, this could be considered a novel way to reduce the cost of CO₂ controls.**

Q2: How is this RFP (Ohio Coal Research Consortium, Energy #13-02) different from the Demonstration and Pilot Program RFP (Energy #13-01) that was released previously?

A2: **The Demo RFP (#13-01) is geared toward projects that are further along the research and development continuum, while the Consortium RFP (#13-02) is for research at the lab and bench scale. The Demo RFP is open to a broader group of applicants, while the Consortium RFP is limited to member Ohio universities. There is some overlap in the areas of interest between the two RFPs, but there are differences.**

Q3: I currently have a research project funded by the National Science Foundation related to mercury control, and wish to respond to this RFP. What are the requirements for a proposal to be submitted if a project in an area that is currently being funded by the federal government? More specifically, can I submit a proposal that is different and that builds on the current work funded by the federal government? For example, specifically targeting a high sulfur coal such as Ohio coal? In this case, do I still need to include an Executive Summary for the funded project in an appendix?

A3: **Page 11 of the RFP states that a proposal will be rejected if it “duplicates other work previously completed or currently underway by another organization.” Proposal should be different, but are allowed to build upon related work previously and/or currently funded by the federal government or other entities if you want it. Specifically targeting a high sulfur Ohio coal (if not already underway or completed) would be appropriate. You should**

include an Executive Summary for the project funded by NSF in an appendix.

Q4: Please confirm that I understand the cost share correctly: If we are asking for a total of \$100,000 from ODSA for a two-year project, would our cost share commitment need to be \$100,000 or \$50,000? Is the total project cost considered money from ODSA plus university commitment?

A4: Yes, the total project cost is considered the combined funding from ODSA plus the university commitment. If you are requesting \$100,000 from ODSA for a two-year project, the cost share commitment would be \$100,000, and the total project cost would be \$200,000.

Q5: Can you confirm that I am calculating the two-month academic summer time correctly? I would take the base pay, divide by 12 months, and then multiply by two months to get the total amount allowable for salary? For example, if a Principal Investigator (PI) earns \$120,000 in university pay, divide this amount by 12 to get \$10,000 a month, multiply by two to total \$20,000. Would this be correct to assume the PI can earn \$20,000 for two months of non-academic time?

A5: Yes, your calculations are correct.