



The Ohio Development Services Agency
Ohio Coal Development Office

Ohio Coal Demonstration and Pilot Program

Request For Proposals (RFP) Number: DSA-ENERGY #15-02

Questions and Answers

Q1: Our potential proposal will complement an existing federally sponsored project which began in 2013 and will end in 2016. Since the current federally-sponsored program is adding great value to the project that we are proposing to ODSA, can the cost-share for the ODSA proposal amount to our entire federally-sponsored program project that began in 2013, or do you only consider the remaining portion of the federally-sponsored program budget as the allowable cost-share?

A1: Page 19 of the RFP states: "Monies expended or costs incurred prior to ODSA award - including the proposal preparation and grant negotiation costs - shall not be charged to ODSA nor count toward the proposer/co-sponsor Cost Share." Furthermore, Attachment 3 (page 26), clarifies: "Contributions to the Cost Share amount must provide direct support for the Project. Expenditures that provide coincidental benefits to or support for the Project may not be counted against the Cost Share amount. All resources counted against the Cost Share Amount must be necessary and reasonable considering the Project objectives and the activities to be performed as part of the Project." Funding from an existing project could count towards the cost share, but would only be eligible to be counted after the award date from OCDO and the existing project must be demonstrated to provide direct support; be necessary and reasonable for the proposed project to OCDO.