



Clean Power Alliance Clean Energy Innovation Solicitation: Emerging Technologies and New Business Models

Questions and Answers #2

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Track 1 Award

- 1. Could CPA clarify whether any development funding or cost reimbursement is available during the Award Option phase to support permitting, interconnection, customer enrollment, and commercialization activities? If so, is there a target funding range or cost-share expectation proposers should assume when sizing their Track 1 projects?**

CPA is not offering any development funding or cost reimbursement under the award options in this solicitation. For further details on the award options available for Track 1 proposals, please refer to Section 6 of the Track 1 Protocol. The two award option agreements are also available for download on the solicitation website.

Track 2 Eligibility

- 2. Does CPA consider resilience infrastructure located in the public right-of-way — such as distributed energy systems that combine power generation and storage — eligible under Track 2?**

Yes, if the proposal demonstrates it delivers “a tangible benefit to CPA’s operations or customer experience” and complies with the specifications outlined in Section 3(d) of the Track 2 Protocol.

- 3. Can solutions that deliver both energy reliability and broader community benefits (such as continuity of essential services during outages) be recognized under multiple scoring categories?**

Respondents are encouraged to demonstrate benefits of any proposal to CPA and its customers in their Project Narrative as outlined in Section 3(e) of the Track 2 Protocol, it will be the primary source for review.

- 4. Track 2 mentions support for “new contracting or ownership models.” Would CPA consider public-private partnerships that share long-term revenue or value from distributed assets as eligible under this framework?**

Yes, see response to question 2.



- 5. Would CPA consider pilot or demonstration projects in high fire-risk or grid-vulnerable communities as eligible under resilience or innovation criteria?**

Yes, see response to question 2.

- 6. Would CPA support pilot exemptions or advocate for updated standards that enable more efficient integration of distributed energy assets into existing public infrastructure?**

Yes, see response to question 2.