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## **DOE and USAID Release Funding Opportunities for Energy Projects**

### **U.S. Department of Energy Announces 2013 Funding Availability & Application Deadlines**

On December 14, 2012, the United States Department of Energy issued a financial assistance funding opportunity announcement, which will focus on Carbon, Hydrogen and Separation Efficiencies in Bio-Oil Conversion Pathways.

The Administration has requested approximately \$12,000,000 in FY 2013 for this program. The DOE anticipates that awards will be in the \$3,000,000 range for the total project period, with a maximum award amount of \$4,000,000 and minimum of \$2,500,000. The period performance for awards is anticipated to be three (3) years.

Specifically, this funding opportunity announcement will focus on three barriers repeatedly identified as:

- Carbon efficiency for developing selective fractionation and separation systems in bio-oil processing;
- Hydrogen efficiency for improving H<sub>2</sub> production, use, and transfer in biomass liquefaction and bio-oil upgrading; and
- Separations efficiency for developing technologies for the use and mitigation of the aqueous fraction of bio-oil.

The objective is to support innovations or inventions produced from this research which are crucial to realizing the Office of Biomass Program's goal of producing bio-oils with desirable qualities for making hydrocarbon transportation fuels in the gasoline, diesel and jet range at less than \$3 per gallon and that will enable an economic opportunity for the United States of America.

#### **Deadlines:**

- Applicants must submit a Concept Paper by January 13, 2013 at 11:59 PM EST.
- Final applications are due February 13, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST.

**Eligibility Information:**

- All entities excluding other Federal Agencies and Nonprofit 501(c)(4) are eligible.
- Foreign entities, whether for-profit or otherwise, are Eligible Applicants. Foreign entities are also eligible to participate as members of consortia and as subawardees. All work by foreign entities must be performed by subsidiaries or affiliates incorporated in the United States.
- Applicants must specify one of the three technical barriers areas described as the primary objective of their proposed research; however, applications describing a credible approach to making improvements.

Applicants must provide a cost share of at least 20% of the total allowable costs for research and development projects.

**USAID Announces 2013 Funding Availability & Application Deadlines**

On December 18, 2012, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), The Government of Sweden, and Duke Energy Corporation issued a Broad Agency Announcement for proposals in response to Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge for Development Competition. The objective of PAEGC is to support new and sustainable approaches to accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy solutions for increasing agriculture productivity and/or value in developing countries.

The estimated award budget is \$10-20 million USD. Subject to the availability of funds, the individual award(s) will range from \$300,000 to \$1,500,000. USAID anticipates that 10-20 proposals will be funded.

**Deadlines:**

- Proposals shall be received no sooner than January 15, 2013 and no later than February 06, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST via the online application platform, found at [www.poweringag.org/apply](http://www.poweringag.org/apply).
- Prospective applicants may submit questions concerning their proposals in writing no later than January 4, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST to [poweringag@usaid.gov](mailto:poweringag@usaid.gov).

**Eligibility Information:**

Applicants from any category of organization or institution, U.S. or non-U.S., are welcome to respond to the solicitation. Government officials are not eligible to apply for funding, as well as organizations which have previously done business with USAID.

USAID requires that applicants and their partners provide a minimum cost share of five percent (5%) of the total PAEGC contribution.

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