



Request for Proposals: Grants for Enhancing Massachusetts Grid Resilience & Reliability

Massachusetts Subawards from Section 40101(d) Formula Grants to States and Tribes – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

Date of Issue: June 22nd, 2026
Responses Due: September 21st, 2026

Total Funding Currently¹ Available: Up to \$3,003,752

All proposals must be submitted to:
grid@masscec.com

¹ Additional annual Federal awards may increase funding available under this RFP.

I. SUMMARY

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (“MassCEC”) seeks applications for subawards from the funding opportunity: Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid - Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes, as defined in section 40101(d) of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (“IJA”), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (“BIL”). The funding aims to enhance the resilience of the electric grid, prevent outages, and mitigate the impact of disruptive events through eligible investments in activities, technologies, equipment, and other hardening measures. A full list of entities eligible for subawards (“Subrecipients”) and eligible investments are provided in Section IV.

Massachusetts received a 40101(d) award from the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) of \$13,529,523 for fiscal years (“FY”) 2022-2024 to implement the proposed Massachusetts Program Narrative (the “Program”).^{2, 3} Massachusetts may be eligible for similar annual allocations for FY2025 and FY2026. The current available (\$3,003,752) funding represents the remaining funding following MassCEC’s October 2024 solicitation. Contingent upon subawards made and DOE’s allocation of funding for FY2025 and FY2026, the Program may revisit the solicitation, make any necessary revisions to best meet Program goals, and/or re-open or issue a new solicitation. Any funds remaining after awards are selected from this solicitation would be available in later solicitations.

Section 40101(d)(6) requires a Small Utilities Set-Aside, by which the percentage of funding made available to entities that sell not more than 4,000,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) per year (“Small Entities”) is not less than the percentage of all customers in Massachusetts that are served by those eligible entities. Please see Section IV for more details regarding the Small Utilities Set-Aside.

MassCEC’s approved application to the DOE included a Program Narrative intended to apply to each year of the five (5) year award period. The Program Narrative includes objectives and metrics that MassCEC intends to use to guide applicant project design; criteria to be used for selecting and determining awards to eligible entities; and methods anticipated for awarding and distributing funds. A link to the Program Narrative is provided on the MassCEC website. All applications from MassCEC to the DOE for additional FY funding awards and applications to MassCEC for subawards must adhere to the approved Program Narrative.⁴

All eligible projects as defined in Section IV - Eligibility will be considered for funding. Under this solicitation, MassCEC is particularly interested in projects that support or enable microgrid development, with a focus on facilities that provide critical services. Examples of investments

² Fiscal year corresponds to the Federal fiscal year of October 1 through September 30.

³ The Massachusetts Program Narrative is available here: <https://www.masscec.com/iija-section-40101d-preventing-outages-and-enhancing-resilience-electric-grid>.

⁴ The Program Narrative may be amended, subject to approval by DOE and after a public hearing process.

could include microgrid equipment, battery energy storage systems, or distribution system upgrades related to microgrid development. Please see Section IV - Eligibility and Section V - Selection Criteria for more details.

II. ABOUT MASSCEC

MassCEC is an economic development quasi-public agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by the state legislature. It is dedicated to accelerating the growth of the clean energy and climatetech sector across the Commonwealth to spur job creation, deliver statewide environmental benefits, increase affordability, and secure long-term economic opportunities for the people of Massachusetts. Since 2010, MassCEC has awarded \$990 million in programs and investments and attracted \$3 billion in private and public funds.

III. PROGRAM GOALS

The funding aims to enhance the resilience of the electric grid, prevent outages, and mitigate the impact of disruptive events through eligible investments in activities, technologies, equipment, and other hardening measures. MassCEC will select projects consistent with the Program objectives and Program implementation strategy outlined in the Program Narrative. Additionally, this solicitation encourages applications to develop or enhance microgrids that support critical services.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

The DOE provides guidance on the types of eligible Subrecipients and investments, as described below. However, any application must also demonstrate that it aligns with the Program goals outlined in Section III.

Eligible Subrecipients:

- Electric grid operators;
- Electricity storage operators;
- Electricity generators;
- Transmission owners or operators;
- Distribution providers;
- Fuel suppliers; and
- Any other relevant entity, as determined by the Secretary of DOE.⁵

⁵ MassCEC must first request a determination of “eligible entity” status from DOE. The eligible entity status request form is available via the DOE website, [Eligible Entity FPO GDO Approval Form_final.pdf \(doe.gov\)](#).

MassCEC understands the Eligible Subrecipient definitions to be relatively broad and flexible. For example, an entity that owns distributed generation assets, including solar, may be considered an eligible entity. Please submit any specific questions about eligibility to MassCEC by the question deadline listed in Section VIII (Estimated Timeline).

A percentage of the total funding for the Program was set aside specifically for eligible Subrecipients that sell not more than 4,000,000 MWh of electricity per year (“Small Entities”). MassCEC has determined that the \$9,849,295 awarded to Small Entities through the October 2024 Program solicitation fulfilled the set-aside, but Small Entities remain eligible applicants and are encouraged to apply.

Cost Match Requirements:

- Eligible entities that sell >4,000,000 MWh of electricity per year **OR** who do not sell electricity must match 115% of the subaward value.
- Eligible entities which sell ≤4,000,000 MWh of electricity per year must match one-third (1/3) plus 15% of the subaward value.

Eligible Projects:

- Weatherization technologies and equipment;
- Fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems;
- Monitoring and control technologies;
- Undergrounding of electrical equipment;
- Utility pole management;
- Relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag, advanced conductors;
- Vegetation and fuel-load management;
- Use or construction of distributed energy resources (DERs) for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including:
 - microgrids; and
 - battery-storage subcomponents
- Adaptive protection technologies;
- Advanced modeling technologies;
- Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, or other systems; and
- Replacement of old overhead conductors and underground cables.
- Projects must be sited in Massachusetts.
- **All projects must be approved by DOE before subawards are granted.**

Ineligible Projects:

- Construction of new electric generation facilities, large scale battery storage not used to supply electricity where needed during disruptive periods, and cybersecurity measures are not considered eligible projects.
 - Modification of an existing generation facility may be an eligible use of funds if the proposed project reduces the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events and meets one of the eligible uses of grant funds listed in BIL Section 40101(e), such as weatherization or hardening of facilities. Review DOE guidance for additional details.⁶
- Applicants with active proposals submitted under IJA Section 40101(c), DE-FOA-0003580 ("Speed to Power through Accelerated Reconducting and other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades" or "SPARK") Program may not submit a project with the same scope to this funding opportunity. Please notify the MassCEC team in Attachment A of the application if you have applied for funding from the SPARK Program.

Program Period:

All projects must be completed by the conclusion of the Program Period of Performance -- April 30th, 2032.

V. SELECTION CRITERIA

All applications for eligible projects as described in section IV of this RFP will be considered. The primary selection criteria are:

- Resilience & Reliability Benefits (0-50 points)
- Strength of Project Management Plan & Budget (0-35 points)
- Completeness of Metrics & Reporting Proposal (0-15 points)

Additionally, during this round, MassCEC may prefer applications that seek to enable or otherwise support microgrid development, with a focus on critical facilities. Examples of project activities that support microgrid development could include (but are not limited to):

- Installation of automatic transfer switches.
- Installation of switchgear or other microgrid controls.
- Upgrades to the local distribution system that are necessary to accommodate the microgrid or that would enhance the resilience of the microgrid.

⁶ See pp. 15-16 for additional information about modifying existing generation infrastructure:
https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/40101d%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions_09172024.pdf

- Battery energy storage systems (BESS) that provide support during disruptive events.⁷ BESS projects must demonstrate ability to comply with BABA requirements without the use of a waiver.

All projects should provide standalone resilience or reliability benefits to the grid, regardless of whether the proposed work is part of a larger project.⁸

As a result of this focus on microgrids, up to 20 bonus points are available for projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Applications that incorporate innovative, replicable, and scalable financing approaches and business models that could support the development of microgrids beyond the federal funding available in this solicitation.
- Applications that develop solutions for privately-owned buildings or sites that have a public benefit (e.g., grocery stores, health clinics, cellular/radio towers), and associated proposals that demonstrate public benefits from resilience at the private sites.
 - Note: MassCEC is prioritizing microgrids at privately-owned sites that have a public benefit in order to complement DOER’s recent Advancing Massachusetts Power (AMP) funding opportunity that offered a community resilience track wherein “DOER expects that most successful applicants will be either municipal entities or nonprofit organizations with public-facing operations and/or facilities that are generally open to the public.” The goal of these different focus areas is to showcase a diversity of microgrid solutions and applications.
 - One way to demonstrate a public resilience benefit for a privately-owned building or site would be a letter of support from a community partner such as a municipal government or community-based organization.
- Projects that support resilience needs with a public benefit that would not otherwise be funded by the private sector (e.g., where the benefits are indirect or distributed in a way that makes funding or investment unlikely).

⁷ All projects must comply with Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements to be considered for funding. See section VI – Federal Flow Down Requirements for more information about BABA guidance. Please contact MassCEC for assistance in determining whether specific BESS are BABA compliant. MassCEC may not consider applications for BESS projects that would require a BABA waiver (see Section VI for additional information about waivers).

⁸ https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/40101d%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions_09172024.pdf
See pg. 15 for more information about using this funding for components of larger projects.

The scoring criteria are further described in the table below:

Selection Criteria Category	Total points available per category
Resilience and Reliability Benefits: addresses resilience need, identifies method to track benefits, project aligns with program goals, project provides additional benefits.	50
Project Management and Budget – Project team has necessary experience and skillsets, project risks and mitigation strategies identified, demonstrated need of funding, project benefits are shown to outweigh project costs.	35
Metrics and Reporting – Appropriate metrics are chosen to track resilience benefits, demonstrated plan to track metrics, and demonstrated capacity to track metrics.	15
Total Possible Points (without bonus points)	100
Bonus Points – Incorporates innovative financing approaches, develops a solution for a private building with a demonstratable public benefit, or addresses resilience needs that would not be supported by the private sector.	20
Total Possible Points (including bonus points)	120

Please see Attachment H – Scoring Rubric for more details regarding application scoring.

VI. FEDERAL FLOW DOWN REQUIREMENTS

MassCEC must apply the Terms and Conditions of the federal 40101(d) Award, as applicable, including the provisions regarding intellectual property rights (per 201 CFR 200.315 or 2 CFR 910.362, as applicable), to all Subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), as required by 2 CFR 200.101, and to require their strict compliance therewith. Further, MassCEC must apply the Award terms as required by 2 CFR 200.327 to all Subrecipients (and subcontractors, as appropriate), and to require their strict compliance therewith. Subrecipients must be domestic entities⁹ and must not be debarred or suspended entities. Awards will have requirements including, without limitation, the Buy America Requirement¹⁰, subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the “Davis-Bacon Act” (DBA), Executive

⁹ To qualify as a domestic entity, the entity must be organized, chartered or incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States; have majority domestic ownership and control; and have a physical place of business in the United States (as noted in MassCEC’s Assistance Agreement with DOE).

¹⁰ For more information regarding the Buy America Requirement, including instructions for requesting a waiver, please visit the DOE Buy America landing page: <https://www.energy.gov/management/build-america-buy-america>.

Order 11246 Affirmative Action and Pay Transparency Requirements, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Below is a description of important requirements contained in the Terms and Conditions. Please see the full Terms and Conditions in Attachment K – Grant Agreement Template (see especially Attachment 6 - Assistance Agreement).

Build America, Buy America Information:

None of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

- All iron and steel used in the project is produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- All construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The BABA Requirement only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or permanently affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought into the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a BABA Requirement apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

Subrecipients are responsible for administering their award in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, including the BABA Requirement. The subrecipient must ensure that the BABA Requirement flows down to all subrecipients under their project, and that the subrecipients under their project comply with the BABA Requirement. The BABA Requirement term and condition must be included in all contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders for work performed under the infrastructure project.

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the DOE may grant, a waiver from the BABA requirements. (Please note that MassCEC will not consider Applications for BESS projects that

would require a BABA waiver, as stated in Section IV. Eligibility.) Applicants should include all anticipated BABA waiver requests in their initial submission. Applicants who do not submit BABA waivers with their initial applications must accept the risk that any BABA waivers submitted after being awarded may not receive DOE approval. DOE may grant a waiver if it determines that the request meets one of the following justifications:

- **Public Interest:** Applying the BABA Requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest.
- **Non-Availability:** The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality.
- **Unreasonable Cost:** The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

Anticipated waiver requests should be submitted in writing with the application package. Waiver requests are subject to review by DOE and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as a public comment period of at least 15 calendar days. Recipient's waiver requests will be made publicly available on DOE's and OMB's websites. Waiver requests may take up to 90 calendar days to process. DOE may reject or grant waivers in whole or in part depending on its review, analysis, and/or feedback from OMB or the public. DOE's final determination regarding approval or rejection of the waiver request may not be appealed.

Davis Bacon Act and Prevailing Wages Requirements

This award is funded under Division D of the BIL. All laborers and mechanics employed by the subrecipient, contractors, or subcontractors in the performance of construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$1,000 on an award funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by funds made available under this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act" (DBA). Recipients shall provide written assurance acknowledging the DBA requirements for the award or project and confirming that all of the laborers and mechanics performing construction, alteration, or repair work in excess of \$2,000 on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through funding under the award are paid or will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Davis-Bacon Act).

The Recipient must comply with all DBA requirements, including but not limited to:

- Ensuring that the wage determination(s) and appropriate Davis-Bacon clauses and requirements are flowed down to and incorporated into any applicable subcontracts.

- Being responsible for compliance by any subcontractor with the Davis-Bacon labor standards.
- Cooperating with any authorized representative of the Department of Labor in their inspection of records, interviews with employees, and other actions undertaken as part of a Department of Labor investigation.
- Posting in a prominent and accessible place the wage determination(s) and Department of Labor Publication: WH-1321, Notice to Employees Working on Federal or Federally Assisted Construction Projects.
- Notifying MassCEC of all labor standards issues, including all complaints regarding incorrect payment of prevailing wages and/or fringe benefits, received from the recipient, contractor, or subcontractor employees; significant labor standards violations, as defined in 29 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 5.7; disputes concerning labor standards pursuant to 29 CFR parts 4, 6, and 8 and as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.222-14; disputed labor standards determinations; Department of Labor investigations; or legal or judicial proceedings related to the labor standards under this award. For additional guidance on how to comply with the DBA provisions and clauses, see the following resources available on the Department of Labor website at:
 - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction>, and
 - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/protections-for-workers-in-construction>.

This is a summary of the requirements. See the Terms and Conditions in Attachment K – Grant Agreement Template (see especially Attachment 6 - Assistance Agreement) for all DBA requirements.

VII. SUBRECIPIENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Quarterly Reporting

As required by DOE, Subrecipients will submit Quarterly Progress Reports (QPR) including budget, incurred costs, milestone status, metrics on project attributes, and risk management activities (see Attachment I – Project Quarterly Progress Report Template) to MassCEC.¹¹

Annual Reporting

MassCEC will track project outcomes by collecting reporting on a set of Impact Metrics annually that will be determined in conjunction with Subrecipients, as required by DOE (see Attachment J – Annual Reporting Template).¹² As part of the application, Applicants should develop a set of

¹¹ See instructions for completing the Quarterly Progress Report: <https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/PMP-QPR%20Instructions.pdf>.

¹² See Annual Program Metrics and Impact Report instructions: <https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/Annual%20Program%20Metrics%20and%20Impact%20Report%20Instructions.pdf>.

proposed Impact Metrics, baselines, and targets that are designed to measure all intended outcomes and benefits of the project, to the extent practicable.

Additional guidance on the objectives and metrics can be found in the Program Narrative. The outcomes and metrics proposed by the Applicant will help MassCEC evaluate potential project benefits when scoring. Please see Attachment H – Scoring Rubric for more details about application scoring.

VIII. ESTIMATED TIMELINE

The timeline below is subject to change at MassCEC’s discretion. The timeline below represents the 2026 application cycle. The timing for any future application cycles remains to be determined.

Applicants may be asked to assist with the project recommendation package that is submitted to DOE for review and approval. This may include updating application materials, responding to questions, and/or meeting with MassCEC. DOE may also ask questions or request additional materials during their review of recommended applications. Applicants are expected to respond to these requests promptly.

Item	Estimated Date
Release of RFP	June 22nd, 2026
Q&A Meeting for Prospective Applicants	July 8th, 2026 at 1pm
Initial Questions and Answers posted to MassCEC website, to be updated periodically	July 15 th , 2026
All questions due to MassCEC via email to <i>grid@masscec.com</i>	August 28 th , 2026
Final Questions with Answers Posted to MassCEC Website	September 4 th , 2026
Proposals Due	September 21 st , 2026
Interviews with Top Applicants (if requested)	October - November 2026
Recommended Projects Submitted to DOE for Review	November 2026
Award Notification	Dependent on DOE review timeline; likely 4-6 months following MassCEC submittal to DOE

IX. HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit all materials to grid@masscec.com. Please include “Grants for Enhancing MA Grid Resilience & Reliability Subaward Application” in the subject line.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on September 21st, 2026. Under no circumstances will MassCEC accept applications submitted after the deadline.

Applicants may be required to interview with a review panel. Only those Applications deemed strongest by reviewers may be invited for an interview.

Applicants must include the following attachments and application documents (please see Attachment templates in the RFP packet):

- **Attachment A – Application Form**
- **Attachment B – Signature and Acceptance Form**
- **Attachment C – Project Narrative**
- **Attachment D – Project Workplan**
- **Attachment E – Budget Justification Workbook**
- **Attachment F – Proposed Project Metrics**
- **Attachment G – Cost Match Commitment (required) and Support Letters (optional but encouraged)**
- Additional documentation, defined below.

Per the resilience project and subaward/subcontract notification requirements outlined in the 40101(d) Award to MassCEC,¹³ Applicants must also submit the following documentation:

- A completed **Environmental Questionnaire** covering the proposed activities;
- **Listing of Foreign Nationals for Applicant** and technical assistance contractors in accordance with the Foreign National Participation – Approval term;
- **Performance of Work in the United States waiver** (if applicable);
- **Buy America for Infrastructure Projects waiver** (if applicable); and
- **Domestic entity waiver for subrecipients** (if applicable).

The following Attachments have been provided for informational purposes only – they are not required for the application.

- Attachment H – Scoring Rubric
- Attachment I – Quarterly Progress Report Template
- Attachment J – Annual Reporting Template
- Attachment K – Grant Agreement Template

¹³ For additional information on all Federal requirements, please refer to Attachment K – Grant Agreement Template.

It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the Application is complete and properly submitted, including all necessary attachments, letters, or other supporting documentation. At its sole discretion, MassCEC may request supplemental materials from the Applicant and such materials must be submitted within ten (10) days of the request or the Application may be rejected without further review.

X. PROJECT BUDGET

The award shall be paid to Subrecipients as expenses are incurred. In addition, Subrecipients' cost match shall be met in proportion to award payments. MassCEC expects to be invoiced at a regular cadence (e.g., monthly); specific terms will be determined in Subrecipients' final grant agreements with MassCEC. All invoices must be supported by documented costs.

To track project activities, major project Tasks are to be memorialized with target ranges for the activities and key details (see Attachment D – Project Workplan). Two separate tables, Project Requirements and Scope of Work, should be completed with necessary details to track progress through the project's timeline. Please see Attachment D Project Workplan for further information and instructions.

Project costs should not be incurred and grant funds will not be disbursed until initiation of the project, including the execution of a grant agreement, and the final approval of the proposed Project Workplan by the Program Technical Consultant, if applicable, and MassCEC staff. Awardees will be notified in writing when each of these steps is complete. Applicants should give careful thought to their cash flow needs and must be prepared to support those needs. The grant agreement will require the Applicant to obtain MassCEC approval (and in some cases, DOE approval) for changes or revisions to the Project Workplan and the budget.

Eligible Budget Items:

Each budget item must be justified as to why it is necessary for the project. Budgeted items must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with the administrative requirements prescribed in 2 CFR 200¹⁴, and the applicable cost principles for each entity type: FAR Part 31 for For-Profit entities; and 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles for all other non-federal entities.¹⁵

XI. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS

¹⁴ Code of Federal Regulations, please see [eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#)

¹⁵ As referenced in Attachment E (Budget Justification Workbook).

Please direct any questions to Grid@masscec.com. If accessibility to computer, internet or software may prohibit you from contacting us, or if there are other challenges with accessibility such as language or writing barriers, please call Corrin Moss, Senior Program Manager, at 617-315-9316.

XII. GENERAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONDITIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

As a public entity, MassCEC is subject to Massachusetts' Public Records Law, codified at Chapter 66 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Thus, any documentary material, data, or other information received by MassCEC from an applicant is a public record subject to disclosure. Applicants shall not send MassCEC any confidential or sensitive information in response to this RFP. If confidential information is submitted as part of the application and not clearly marked as confidential, such information may be made publicly available by MassCEC without further notice to the Applicant.

DISCLAIMER & WAIVER AUTHORITY

This RFP does not commit MassCEC to award any funds, pay any costs incurred in preparing an application, or procure or contract for services or supplies. MassCEC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received, waive minor irregularities in submittal requirements, modify the anticipated timeline, request modification of the application, negotiate with all qualified Applicants, cancel or modify the RFP in part or in its entirety, or change the application guidelines, when it is in MassCEC's best interests.

This RFP has been distributed electronically using MassCEC's website. It is the responsibility of Applicants to check the website for any addenda or modifications to an RFP to which they intend to respond. MassCEC accepts no liability and will provide no accommodation to Applicants who submit an application based on an out-of-date RFP document.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Upon MassCEC's authorization to proceed with the proposal, MassCEC and the awarded applicant(s) will execute a contract, substantially in the form of the template agreement attached hereto as Attachment K Grant Agreement Template, which will set forth the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties.