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TDA — Concept Paper Form

Legal Business Name (required)

Legal Status/Jurisdiction (required)

A Massachusetts Corporation, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, etc.

Date Founded (required)

Business Address (required)

Country (required)

Address (required)

Address Line 2 (optional)

City (required)

State, Province, or
Region (required)

Zip or Postal Code (required)

Website URL (required)**Business EIN or UEI Number** (required)

Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

W9 (required)

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Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .pdf

Please upload the filled out W9 Form (<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9>).

Project Lead (required)

First Name (required)

Last Name (required)

Project Lead Email (required)

Authorized Signatory (required)

First Name (required)

Last Name (required)

Authorized Signatory Email (required)

email@example.com

Co-Applicant(s) (optional)



	A	B	C	D
1		Organization	Role	Point of Contact
2	1			
3	2			
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Have you been awarded a MassCEC grant in the past? (required)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please list all MassCEC grants you've been awarded: (required)



	A	B	C	D
1		Grant Year	Name	Amount
2	1			
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Project Name (required)

Limit: 300 characters

Funding Request



	A	B
1		Amount (\$)
2	Funding Request	
3	Cash Cost Share	
4	In-kind Cost Share	
5	Total Project Cost	0

Executive Summary (required)

Limit: 100 words

Which industry or industries does your project focus on? (required)

- ☐ Renewable Energy & Grid Modernization
- ☐ High-Performance Buildings
- ☐ Clean Transportation
- ☐ Clean Manufacturing & Industry
- ☐ Sustainable Agriculture & Water
- ☐ Climate Resilience & Adaptation
- ☐ Enabling Solutions (e.g., software platforms, surveying equipment)

! The "Which industry or industries does your project focus on?" field is required.

1. Evidence of ESO Success (10 points) (required)

Limit: 200 words

Describe your organization and its track record supporting Climatetech startups, including key outcomes achieved.

2. Justification of Need (15 points) (required)

Limit: 200 words

What equipment or infrastructure do you propose to build, and what gap does it fill in the current Massachusetts climatetech ecosystem?

3. Infrastructure Development Plan (20 points) (required)

Limit: 200 words

Explain who the project lead is and provide a high-level timeline and top risks to delivery.

Upload Resumés/CVs of Key Personnel (required)

Choose File

Select up to 72 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 72 more files.

Acceptable file types: .pdf

4. Programming, Access, & Operations (15 points) (required)

Limit: 200 words

How will the funded assets be made publicly accessible, operated, and maintained?

5. Project Budget (15 points) (required)

Limit: 200 words

Demonstrate financial stability of your organization over the term of your proposal (3 years). State total project cost, grant amount requested, and planned cost share.

Upload Financial Statements (most recent full or fiscal year, 2025 or later) (required)

Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .pdf

Upload Project Budget (required)

Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .xls, .xlsx

Download the [Project Budget Template].

6. Anticipated Impact & Public Benefit (15 points) (required)



Limit: 200 words

How does this project align with TDA's program goals? What measurable outcomes do you expect in Years 1 - 5 and Years 6 - 15?

1. **Address Climate and Energy Challenges:** address key climate and energy challenges as directed by the *Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050*, while delivering cost-savings to Massachusetts ratepayers.
2. **Advance Climatetech Commercialization:** accelerate commercialization of early-stage Climatetech by providing access to shared testing and demonstration infrastructure.
3. **Drive Economic Growth and Job Creation:** position Massachusetts as a global leader in climatetech innovation and manufacturing, creating high-quality jobs across the Commonwealth.
4. **Attract and Retain Climatetech Talent and Investment:** strengthen ESOs' capacity to deliver programming, technical assistance, and infrastructure that Climatetech startups need to grow and scale in Massachusetts.
5. **Promote Equitable Economic Growth:** broaden access to Climatetech equipment, infrastructure, and careers to individuals or communities from Gateway Cities or Burdened Areas.

Cost Share Waiver Request (optional)



Limit: 100 words

MassCEC may reduce or waive the cost share requirement on a case-by-case basis to ensure equitable access. MassCEC will evaluate requests and may approve a reduction (e.g., up to 10% cost share required). Any reduction will be approved at MassCEC's discretion. The following criteria may be taken into consideration:

- The proposed project is physically located and serves communities in Gateway Cities or Burdened Areas (e.g., more than 50% of projected users come from these communities).

- The project delivers exceptional public benefit—such as filling a geographic gap in Climatetech infrastructure, or targeting a critically underserved Climatetech sector—that would not be achievable with the standard cost share.
- The available resources of the Applicant.

Full waivers will not be given. Applicants may request a waiver by submitting it with their Concept Paper. Waiver requests do not affect an application's competitiveness.

Commitment to Equity (optional)

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Limit: 100 words

Please describe your organization commitment to inclusive practices that promote fair access and equitable impact, both internally at your organization and in your external work. If available, please provide or link to any relevant materials (e.g., organization guidance documents, mission/vision statements, etc.). You may also include brief examples of initiatives, projects, or other work that demonstrate this commitment.

Generative AI Disclosure (optional)

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Limit: 100 words

Please disclose to MassCEC in your application any use of, or planned use of, generative AI either in responding to this RFP or in carrying out the scope of work required for the project or services, if awarded. MassCEC reserves the right to review submitted materials to determine whether generative AI was likely used, including using detection tools, linguistic analysis, or verification methods as appropriate. MassCEC further reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed uses of generative AI, or request supplemental non-AI generative materials from applicants, or cancel or rescind an award where generative AI has been used without MassCEC approval.

Upload the Authorized Applicant's Signature and Acceptance Form {required}

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Drafts may be visible to the administrators of this program.