

DOE-EM MSIPP FOA Application Q&A's

Q1: Is there a designated/estimated start date that DOE-EM would like us to use?

A1: January 1, 2024.

Q2: Does each subaward need to complete an SF-424A budget form?

A2: Subawards valued at \$250,000 or more should include an SF-424A. Subawards below that threshold can be included in the prime recipient's SF-424A and Excel spreadsheet.

Q3: Does each subaward need to provide an Excel budget justification workbook, or just the lead institution?

A3: The subaward costs can be detailed on either the prime recipient's spreadsheet or as a separate budget justification workbook provided by the subrecipient.

Q4: Is there a DOE-formatted workbook that we should use?

A4: No, DOE does not have a formatted/template workbook.

Q5: Can an Excel template of our own creation be used?

A5: Yes, you can use an Excel template of your own creation.

Q6: Can the budget(s) be one sheet/tab rather than multiple tabs as noted in the solicitation?

A6: As stated in the FOA, the Excel budget justification workbook shall include a tab for each year of the project, plus a summary tab that includes all years. The Excel workbook should detail all proposed cost elements (i.e. direct labor, fringe benefits, materials, equipment, travel, indirect costs etc.).

Q7: Is the purchase of computational equipment (AI servers) for education programs allowable for this proposal?

A7: There is no restriction on computational equipment (AI servers) in an application as long as the equipment is necessary for successful completion of the project objectives and success of the potential Grant award.

Q8: If a proposed program will have summer internships at the collaborating DOE National Labs, please advise how the proposal needs to assign internship budget for payment to students, airfares, etc.

A8: Summer internship and travel costs that are related to Grant objectives are allowable costs. However, please ensure that the students are not also being funded otherwise through the DOE National Labs.