

**Glovebox Manufacturing Expansion Initiative
Frequently Asked Questions**

- **If a company has a domestic capability but is owned by a corporation outside the United States, how does this factor in and are they eligible?**
 - To comply with 2 CFR Part 200, funding is available to domestic nuclear glovebox manufacturers who have the domestic capability to perform the activity successfully. To qualify as a domestic entity, the entry must be organized and incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States, have a majority domestic ownership and control, and have a physical place of business in the United States.
- **Can funds be applied retroactively; we have purchased several pieces of equipment to increase our current manufacturing efforts, can these funds be applied to that equipment?**
 - Funding cannot be used for equipment purchases or expansion efforts prior to the award of this cooperative agreement.
 - Funds can only be used for purchases made after cooperative agreements have been signed.
- **By what metrics should capacity be measured? How do additional shifts, overtime, awarded work, etc. factor into capacity measurements?**
 - Metrics in the NOFO are defined as total floor space for glovebox work and labor hours per glovebox type prior to expansion and what is expected after expansion is complete. overtime hours, additional shifts are not factored into the equation.
- **If metrics aren't met by December 2028, does this mean funding has to be repaid?**
 - No, this is a cooperative agreement and funding does not need to be repaid, however the goal is to increase capacity and the merit review team will review proposals in feasibility and overall likelihood of meeting the objectives.
- **How will funding be released/how does disbursement of funds work?**
 - Funding will be released in increments and will be based on agreed upon plan which will be included with the award document.
- **Does a Funding Request related to increasing capacity of machining of critical components qualify? Do subcontractors qualify?**
 - Funding is related to increasing glovebox manufacturing capacity and capability. Funding is not available in support of critical components or services associated with their glovebox manufacturing. Funds used for capital expenditures projects should be related to glovebox manufacturing capacity efforts.
 - Awards will be made to prime recipients only.
- **Can any part of the grant be used to help with becoming NIST compliant for cyber security?**

- No, Per the NOFO, funds can be used on equipment and facility expansion related to glovebox manufacturing.
- **Is this an all or none award?**
 - This NOFO is not an all or none. Awards will be based on the Merit Criteria outlined but may not be for the full amount requested. Applicants should prioritize their expansion efforts and dollar amounts necessary.
- **Can funding be used for new facilities as well as existing facilities?**
 - Funding must be for the expansion or modernization of glovebox manufacturing facilities. Expanded facilities must be connected to an existing facility in some manner. New facilities are not included in this NOFO.
- **Can funds be used toward a lease to expand existing facilities?**
 - See answer above.
- **Does the project schedule dictate when quarterly reporting ends and /or when can we close out a project?**
 - All reporting will be outlined in contracts once funds have been awarded. Note that submission of required reports is outlined in the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist and Instructions (DOE F 4600.2)
- **If we use consultant support for process improvements that drive significant increases in capacity, is that allowed? It would NOT be payroll for direct hires, but for projects that have discrete starting and stopping points with deliverables that drive capacity.**
 - No, the funding from the NOFO is for equipment and/or facility expansion. Consultant hired may be a part of the applicants cost share.

- **Technical Website Questions:**

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