

Grid Modernization Lab Call
Questions and Answers (Q&As)
(updated on July 16, 2015)

The Q&As will be updated weekly at a minimum and then posted on this website.

1. Q: For the Concept Paper Template, does the “Project General Information” section, which takes up about 1.5 pages, count against the 3-page narrative limit?
A: The “Project General Information” section does not count against the 3 page narrative limit. The Concept Paper Template has been revised to clearly delineate where the 3 page narrative begins.

2. Q: Is every project required to complete Go/No-Go milestones at the end of every year even if the project is only requesting one year, or if the funding available is only listed for one year?
A: Go/No-Go milestones are not required if the proposed project is for one year or if the funding available is for one year. Go/No-Go milestones are required for multi-year project proposals.

3. Q: Is this Grid Modernization Lab Call funding a supplement to existing R&D funding commitments?
A: No, the Grid Modernization Lab Call funding is not a supplement to existing R&D funding commitments.

4. Q: Where should the budget be included in the Concept Paper Template?
A: The Concept Paper Template has been revised to include a section for the budget. The new Concept Paper Template is now posted on the NETL website.

5. Q: If a laboratory proposal has been submitted for the AOP and has not yet been awarded, can the proposal be modified and submitted to the Grid Modernization Lab Call also?
A: Yes, proposals submitted for the AOP but not yet awarded may be modified and submitted to the Grid Modernization Lab Call, except for proposals under: (1) the Solar Energy Technologies Office, and (2) the Wind and Water Power Technologies Office. Any submitted proposal must fit in either Category 1 or 2.

6. Q. Is there a typo regarding the recently added technical topic area “28. Mitigate Market Barriers”?

A. Yes, there is a typo on Mod 1 of the 2016 Grid Modernization Lab Call. The newly added technical topic area, “28. Mitigate Market Barriers” is under draft Multi-Year Program Plan (MYPP) task 7.3.3 (and not 7.3.4 as stated in Mod 1). Proposals are requested under technical topic area “28. Mitigate Market Barriers (7.3.3)”.