

MACH2 RFI Questions & Answers

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| Question Number | Question | Answer |
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| 1 | Would MACH2 prefer submissions to respond to both end-use and producer RFIs or would a single response to both RFIs be accepted? | Separate responses are preferred; however please indicate if separate production and end-user responses should be read as a combined project. |
| 2 | Does the RFI have any metrics to follow when evaluating the projects? Is there any preference on the type of projects MACH2 is looking for? | <p>Please refer to evaluation criteria listed in the RFI.</p> <p>MACH2 is seeking to identify end-use and off-take projects (i.e. customers / consumers of hydrogen) that demonstrate alignment with the vision, values, and goals outlined in the RFI. We are open to all sources of production.</p> <p>MACH2 is seeking to add production projects to its current portfolio that demonstrate alignment with the vision, values, and goals outlined in the RFI. We are open to all types of end-use projects.</p> |
| 3 | Roadmap update: our agency is identifying a variety of stakeholders to inform a hydrogen roadmap under development by our team. Would MACH2 be open to additional communication as our development of the clean hydrogen ecosystems evolves in Virginia? | Yes, we would encourage all potential projects to share relevant updates as the clean hydrogen ecosystems continue to evolve. |
| 4 | Are there industries MACH2 would like our state outreach efforts to focus on? Ex. Fertilizers, industrial, heavy-duty transportation, marine or aviation, workforce? | MACH2 aims to drive decarbonization and economic development in hard to abate sectors. All use cases are being considered and are encouraged to respond. |
| 5 | Are the results of your RFI going to be shared? | The results of the RFI are expected to inform an upcoming RFP for both production and end-use projects. |

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| 6 | Will the work MACH2 performs be made available to inform future hydrogen projects in Virginia? | Our current work is posted in the Important Updates section of the MACH2 website. Please refer here for our Technical Volume and for updates which have occurred since MACH2 started negotiating our contract in 2023. |
| 7 | At what stages would MACH2 be able to share more information with stakeholders? | As indicated above, we currently have our full Technical Volume posted on the MACH2 website. Please refer to the Important Updates section of our website to learn more. Additionally, MACH2 stakeholders are invited to join the MACH2 Membership Program for access to monthly MACH2 updates and events. |
| 8 | Are there any webinars or online discussions where participants can learn more about the projects/programs? | All public information is posted on either the MACH2 website and/or DOE websites. Select links are included below: https://mach-2.com/about-mach2 https://www.energy.gov/oced/mid-atlantic-hydrogen-hub https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/H2Hubs_Mid_Atlantic_Community_Briefing.pdf |
| 9 | Are “sub recipients” expected to qualify on the same basis, level of expertise, experience and professional licensure as “prime recipients”? | It's unclear what is meant by "prime recipients" in this question but, respondents to this RFI will be evaluated based on the evaluation criteria listed in the RFI. |
| 10 | Is there a charge or cost to be included in MACH2 as a sub recipients/end user? If so what is the cost? | Not at this time. |
| 11 | What are the cost sharing expenses between the prime and sub recipients based on and when is that expected to occur? | Cost share agreements between the subrecipient and OCED are project-specific and will be negotiated if and when projects are selected to move forward. |
| 12 | What are the sub recipients expected requirements? | All subrecipients must comply with federal requirements of the award which will flow down to the subrecipient. Those terms and conditions will be shared with projects at a later date and before projects commit to any agreements. |

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| 13 | Is there technical and operational support for sub recipients? If so how long and by whom? | MACH2's Project Management Organization (PMO) will provide on-boarding support to ensure subrecipients are familiar with federal reporting and compliance requirements; however general technical or operational knowledge is the responsibility of the subrecipient. |
| 14 | Are sub recipients expected to commit 100% of their time to any or all phases of the MACH2 network development? | Subrecipients are required to complete the deliverable required for a specific project phase within that project phase; however MACH2 does not impose a specific percentage of time spent to achieve the deliverables. |
| 15 | As a sub recipient in the project "concept" phase, can we classify our project as a multi site, multi state end user up to year 5? | We encourage respondents to propose projects that are still in development. If a site has not yet been selected, please indicate the region(s) that are under consideration. |
| 16 | For a sub recipient that falls in the DEIA category, are we required to show proof? | There are no requirements around DEIA in the selection of projects, so there is no proof required of subrecipients. |
| 17 | Ownership. If we secure funding from the federal government to acquire infrastructure equipment, who owns it? Prime recipient, sub recipient or the government? | We would need to understand more about your proposed project to make a determination. Consistent with federal awards, DOE may retain reversionary interest in real property and equipment acquired under the award. |
| 18 | How will insurance coverage come into play for the equipment as a sub recipient? Who will cover it? | All project expenses including insurance will be responsibility of sub-recipient projects. Where possible, federal funding may offset allowable project costs. |
| 19 | Paid parking. As an integral part of our sales strategy, we will charge for commercial truck parking at our truck stop travel center and our truck stop express sites, and possibly our parking hubs. If we receive federal funding through this initiative, will that prevent us from incorporating paid parking? | We would need to understand more about your proposed project to make a determination. |