**Feedback Form: Draft Guidelines for Massachusetts Subawards from Section 40101(d) Formula Grants to States and Tribes – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid**

**Feedback due February 2nd, 2024**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (“MassCEC”) seeks feedback on draft guidelines for subawards from the funding opportunity: Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid, Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes, as defined in section 40101(d) if the Infrastructure Investments in Jobs Act (“IIJA”, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (“BIL”)).

The Draft Guidelines are available at the following link: <https://www.masscec.com/iija-section-40101d-preventing-outages-and-enhancing-resilience-electric-grid>

This form solicits feedback in areas of interest to MassCEC. However, all feedback and questions are welcome. MassCEC will respond to questions and provide clarification in a public forum with the Final RFP.

*Intended Respondents*

MassCEC welcomes responses from all stakeholders. In particular, we are hoping to gather perspectives from eligible subawardees, as defined by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and detailed in the Draft Guidelines. We are also seeking perspectives from communities interested in hosting a project. Respondents are welcome to answer all the questions or only a portion of them. At the end of the Feedback Form, there is a space to indicate interest in participating in a follow-up conversation with MassCEC staff. Thank you for your time and insights!

*Public Records Law*

As a public entity, MassCEC is subject to Massachusetts’s Public Records Law, codified at Chapter 66 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Thus, any responses, documentary material, data, or other information received by MassCEC from any person or entity providing feedback is a public record subject to disclosure. Those who elect to submit feedback are responsible for considering the nature of information they submit and shall not send MassCEC any confidential or sensitive information.

***Respondent Information***

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| **Name of organization (if applicable):**  |  |
| **Contact Name** |  |
| **Pronouns** |  |
| **Title (if applicable)** |  |
| **Street Address***Number, street, apt. or suite no.* |  |
| **City or Town** |  | **Zip Code** |  |
| **Contact Email** |  |
| **Contact Phone** |  |
| **Please provide a brief description of organization/individual and reason for interest in this topic**. |  |
| **Please indicate if you are:****a) a community or organization that is not an eligible subawardee; please indicate in comments if you would like to express interest in proposing or hosting a project, or****b) an eligible subawardee; please indicate in comments if you would like to receive information about potential project proposals and/or connect with interested host communities.** |  |

***Specific Feedback Prompts***

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| **Prompt** | **Response** |
| 1. **Please discuss any anticipated barriers to developing the types of projects contemplated in the** [**Program Narrative**](https://www.masscec.com/sites/default/files/documents/MA%2040101d%20Program.pdf)**.**

**As part of your response, if possible, please comment on a) the general range of costs for building-level resilience projects, and b) challenges in developing projects that fit the Program Narrative (e.g., regulatory barriers, cost and inability to access sufficient cost match).** **We are looking for general feedback; please do not include information specific to any projects that could be proposed.** |  |
| 1. **Please provide any comments on the proposed Selection Criteria (see Section V of Draft Guidelines).**
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| 1. **Is there a need for a platform (facilitated by MassCEC) to connect eligible subawardees with community partners and projects? Why or why not?**
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| 1. **If you are a community/organization that would like to propose or host a project, would support from MassCEC (financial or otherwise) be needed? If so, what types of support would be most helpful?**
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| 1. **DOE recommends using** [**EIA data**](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/sales_revenue_price/pdf/table_10.pdf) **(Table 10 of “Electric Sales, Revenue, and Average Price”) to calculate the share of funding to be made available to small utilities (defined in BIL Section 40101(d)(6) as those selling less than 4,000,000 MWh of electricity per year). The share of funding for small utilities is determined by calculating the percentage of customers served by small utilities. For MA, the EIA data for 2022 results in a calculation of nearly 60 percent of customers being served by small utilities.**

**Is there an alternative data source specific to MA that should be considered for this calculation in addition to or instead of the EIA data? (see Section IV of Draft Guidelines)** |  |
| 1. **Please provide any feedback you have on the application timeline and review windows as defined in Section VII of the Draft Guidelines (i.e., rolling and reviewed as cohorts on a quarterly basis).**
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| 1. **Would you be willing to be contacted by MassCEC staff to set up a follow-up conversation?**
 | [ ] Yes[ ] No |