



PARTNERSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION
(POWER) INITIATIVE

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IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS

1 Goals and Objectives

Goal & Objective

The project goal and objective populated were selected on the Project Classification page. Please review and ensure the goal and objective shown is correct. If not, please return to the Project Classification page to correct.

2 Project Description

Description

Beginning with short statement of the overall desired outcome, discuss all major project activities. Describe how this proposal addresses the goals, objectives, and priority areas found in the POWER 2020 RFP.

Work Plan

Provide a detailed workplan indicating what will be done and who, if known, will bear responsibility for each activity. Provide a timeline for each of the activities mentioned in the Description section. Do not include curriculum vitae.

Project Counties

The response to this section was transferred from the counties selected on the Application Start Page. Verify that you have correctly identified all counties to be served by your project.

Studies and Planning Documentation

If essential to understanding the goals of the proposed activities or critical to the proposed scope of work, provide a clear but brief reference to any plan or plans that have been previously developed and include them as attachments to the application, using the File Upload Page instructions found elsewhere in the portal. Examples include feasibility studies, preliminary engineering reports, MAI real property appraisals, business plans with pro forma, financial statements, annual reports, CEDs, etc. If an online version of a plan is available, provide the URL to link to the document in a separate file and upload it using the Regional/Strategic Plans document type, avoiding the need to attach the file to the application.

3 Project Rationale

Rationale

Provide a sound rationale for the proposed activity. Discuss the ways in which the project will help diversify the local/regional economy. Demonstrate how this strategy is tied to regional economic restructuring and how it utilizes existing local and regional assets.

Evidence for Local Demand

[NO TEXT INPUT, REMINDER TO UPLOAD APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS AT *FILE UPLOAD PAGE*]

Provide evidence of the local demand for the outcomes of the proposed project. Examples include letters from key stakeholders, consumer data, and market analyses. Upload letters from key stakeholders or consumer data via the File Upload page, using the 'Evidence for Local Demand' document type. Please save the Project Narrative section before proceeding to the next section of the application.

4 Project Team and Regional Collaboration

Project Team

Describe the makeup of the project team and discuss the nature of all collaborations and partnerships between local, regional, state, federal, industry, non-profit, educational, and other participants. Via the File Upload Page, upload letters of engagement (e.g. MOUs, partnership agreements, etc.) from partners that commit to undertake specific activities in support of the project. Save the project narrative before proceeding to the File Upload page. Form letters using language from a common template from project supporters will not be considered.

Regional Collaboration

Explain how the proposed activity represents advancement of a regional strategy developed through a visioning or other strategic planning process. Describe the planning efforts, research, and analysis that have directly led to the development of this proposal or have been used to inform this proposal.

5 Project Sustainability and Capacity

Project Sustainability

Discuss the sustainability of the proposed activity, describing how the project will continue to generate return on the initial investment over the longer term. Explain how project activities will be funded beyond the initial ARC investment.

Qualifications and Capacity

Describe the organizational qualifications of the lead applicant and all project partners. Discuss the qualifications of the organization's staff and their ability to manage a federal award.

Subcontracting and Procurement

Describe the competitive procedures that will be used to select consultants and subcontractors and the method to procure equipment. Discuss the qualifications and/or specification desired.

Ownership and Maintenance (Construction Projects Only)

Describe who will own and maintain the infrastructure developed with the proposed ARC investment, once the project has been completed.

6 Impact Measures

Outputs & Outcomes

[No input needed, verify information]

Verify that the project's impact measures are correct as shown. If changes are needed, return to the Project Impact page located earlier in the application.

Impact Measure Methodology

Describe the methodology used to estimate each impact measure, including how the measures will be tracked and verified. If available, include letters from private businesses committing to job creation, job retention, and/or leveraged private investment.

7 In-Kind Match Information

In-Kind Valuation Methodology

If any in-kind resources are part of the project's match, describe the methods used to determine their value. If the project's match does not include any in-kind resources, enter N/A.

Property Appraisal

If project involves donation of land or buildings, provide a description of these assets. An MAI or comparable appraisal is required for any property donation and should be uploaded on the File Upload page.

If project does not include property donation, enter N/A.

8 Coal Industry Ecosystem Impact

Coal Impact Table

[No input needed, verify information]

Verify that the project's counties are correct as shown. If changes are needed, return to the Application Start page located earlier in the application.

Coal Impact Narrative

Describe how the decline in coal production has negatively impacted the project's proposed service area. Refer to Section E of the Power RFP for additional guidance. Use both narrative and data to justify your claim.

You may use ARC's Coal Ecosystem Table and other, non-ARC data to help determine the impact on each of the counties you previously selected.

Geographic Impact Table

Determine the level of impact the project will have on each of the selected states. Selecting Primary will indicate project activities and their benefits will be considerable in this county. Selecting Secondary will indicate project activities and their benefits will be limited in this county. For the Activity Impact Percentage table, enter each county's share of the expected outcomes or benefits. The total must equal 100 percent.

9 Executive Summary

List Partners

List the team members who will be collaborating on this project. Use the following format: partner name 1, partner name 2, etc. Limit the partner list to no more than ten (10).

Previous POWER Recipients

Have you applied for AND received a previous POWER grant? Yes or No

History and Status of POWER Involvement

Current POWER Implementation grantees are eligible to apply for FY20 POWER funds only if their projects are nearing completion and due to close within six (6) months of the submission deadline, or by September 27, 2020. Please answer the following questions about your organization's history with the ARC POWER program.

FOR PREVIOUS and CURRENT POWER GRANTEES

Are you a current ARC POWER grantee? If yes, using the file upload page, upload the most recent interim progress report for your project. Include the financial reports and make certain the report addresses the expected completion date, noting whether it is on schedule or delayed. If the most recent report is dated prior to January 1, 2020, complete and upload a new report covering the most recent interval. When uploading the file, use the document type Progress Report. (If you are completing a new report, do not forget to also send it to your ARC project coordinator by the report's due date.)

FOR PREVIOUS POWER TEAM MEMBERS and PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Are you currently or were you previously a partner or project team member on an ARC POWER grant? If yes, provide the project's ARC contract number, e.g. PW-XXXXX-IM-XX, and its current status, e.g. open, closed, or pending.

Project Summary

Provide 1-3 sentences briefly describing an overview of your proposal. The paragraph must include outcomes. Limit your response to 250 words.

Broadband Deployment-Only Questions

1 Planning & Studies

Feasibility

Was a feasibility study/marketing plan/engineering study prepared in advance of the implementation application? Yes or No. If yes, attach study in the Uploads section.

2. Existing Services

Area Served

Describe how the area being served by the grant application is considered unserved (no broadband service is currently available) or underserved. Factors to consider include but are not limited to the level of service being provided, the needs of local businesses/schools in the target area and the reliability of the existing service

Existing Providers

Identify any existing providers and efforts to partner with the local providers.

Existing Service

Describe the way(s) in which existing service has left unmet needs among the project service area's small businesses and entrepreneurs, e.g., capacity (higher levels of service are not available), pricing (cost of additional service is price prohibitive), etc.

3 Future Service

Connect America

Has the area been identified as a target for the Connect America Fund subsidized deployments? If so, when are those deployments expected and what levels of service are anticipated?

Unique Circumstances

Describe any unique circumstances that should be considered when reviewing your broadband application. (For example, if the applicant is a Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) that intends to string fiber on its own poles, deployment costs would be greatly reduced.

REC/Smart Grid

Are you deploying fiber as part of a smart grid implementation? If so are you doing a middle mile deployment to substations, last mile deployment to customer meters, or both?