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### **RFR GRANT QUESTIONS RECEIVED TO DEVELOP BASELINE CARBON DATA FOR WETLAND RESOURCE AREAS**

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**1. Where can we learn more about the stated goals of the Massachusetts Climate Mitigation Trust?**

RESPONSE: The Climate Mitigation Trust seeks to further the climate change goals of M.G.L. c. 21N by supporting programs or projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change, including but not limited supporting: clean energy projects and vehicle electrification projects; programs and projects to support adaptation to the impacts of climate change; mitigation or adaptation programs or projects involving communities that are already adversely impacted by air pollution; and for the administration of any such programs or projects.” The Trust is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). Further Information is available on the web: [Global Warming Solutions Act Background | Mass.gov](#) and [MassDEP's Climate Work | Mass.gov](#)

**2. For large and long-lived institutions like universities, how much should we speak to “sound governance structure and record of fiscal responsibility?”**

RESPONSE: At least a sufficient level of information should be provided to demonstrate “sound governance structure and record of fiscal responsibility” even for large and long-lived institutions like universities. “Sound governance structure and record of fiscal responsibility” is one of the criteria listed in the RFR to demonstrate the “Qualifications of Organization” of the Applicant to complete the project.

**3. There is no specific section of the RFR asking for a budget justification. Should this information including salary rates, fringe rates, and quotes for individual supplies and equipment be included in *Project Budget and Timeline*?**

RESPONSE: While a budget justification is not required for state grants, providing such a justification will assist in demonstrating whether the Applicant has a

“realistic understanding of project costs by providing a budget with detailed and credible cost estimates” in accordance with the criteria listed in the “Budget and Timeline” section of the RFR.

**4. We are a non-profit that is eligible to apply for this grant. Can a private consulting company be a sub-consultant to our project?**

RESPONSE: Section 1(e) (“Eligible Entities”) of the RFR section specifies that, “Eligible Entities may partner with other parties (e.g., laboratory analysis of wetland soil samples); however, please be advised that any resulting grant award will be with the Eligible Entity only.” The proposal should note who the for-profit entity is, what their role will be, and what percentage of the budget is to be utilized by the Eligible Entity and sub-contracted to the for-profit entity. All such subcontracts are subject to review and approval by MassDEP. The intent of the grant is to further net-zero carbon emissions by working collaboratively with Eligible Entities.

**5. Is there a requirement for the project report to be an accessible report?**

RESPONSE: The Report must be in an accessible format. The Report, including any appendices, will be required to meet the Commonwealth’s accessible document criteria: [Creating accessible digital documents | Mass.gov](#).

**6. What is the indirect cost allowance for this project?**

RESPONSE: Massachusetts doesn’t have an indirect cost policy that applies to State Grants. The “Budget and Timeline” and “Financial Need” sections should note the Direct and Indirect costs, including whether the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller has established a cap for indirect costs for the state or local government entity or quasi-governmental entity.

**7. We are unable to find the notice of grant opportunities in COMMBUYS, is it available there and if so, is it under a different call than BWR RFR 2025-WET0-2?**

RESPONSE: The RFR is available through COMMBUYS at: [COMMBUYS - Bid Solicitation](#). The Bid Solicitation Number is: BD-26-1045-BWR00-BWR01-123854.