



Responses to stakeholder questions regarding the F-Gas Reduction Program (FRIP) solicitation

Q1. Is it possible for a FRIP Grantee to assign funds to a third party and CARB to disburse the funds directly to that third party, such as a contractor or equipment manufacturer?

A1. No, it is not possible for CARB to disburse the funds to a third party since the grant agreement will be between the CARB and the retailer (Grantee) and not the third party.

Q2. If a project is only partially funded by a FRIP grant, do the prevailing wage requirements apply to the entire project budget, or only to the amount funded by FRIP?

A2. If any part of the FRIP grant is used on installation or labor cost, then the prevailing wage requirements may apply to the entire project. If the FRIP grant is used on materials or equipment only, and not labor, the prevailing wage requirements would not apply.

For example, if a project was awarded a \$50,000 FRIP grant, if the entire \$50,000 is spent on equipment costs, then the prevailing wages would be irrelevant. If the part or all of the \$50,000 is spent on the installation, then the prevailing wage requirements may apply to the entire project.

CARB recommends that applicants contact the [California Department of Industrial Relations](#) or their legal counsel for more information on prevailing wage requirements.

Q3. Is the FRIP Grantee considered a contractor as it relates to the prevailing wage requirements?

A3. The FRIP Grantee is not the contractor, but will be receiving public funds and is therefore responsible for ensuring that any contractors the Grantee hires comply with applicable prevailing wage requirements. CARB recommends that applicants contact the [California Department of Industrial Relations](#) or their legal counsel for more information on prevailing wage requirements.

Q4. Are the last three rows in Table 2 of Attachment E – “Annual energy use costs,” “Total annual operating costs (sum of annual refrigerant cost and energy use costs),” and “Return on investment (years) based on cost premium and energy savings (if applicable)” - optional fields?

A4. Yes, these fields are optional, however, they are an opportunity to receive extra points. Data for the “Baseline conventional HFC system (only for new facilities)” are only applicable for new facilities. New facilities are highly encouraged to provide the “Annual energy use costs”, but it is not required. The fields “Total annual operating costs (sum of annual refrigerant cost and energy use costs)”, and “Return on investment (years) based on cost premium and energy savings (if applicable)” are dependent on the “Annual energy use costs.” If the “Annual energy use costs” are not available then the other fields are irrelevant and are



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thus, not required. For existing facilities, the “Annual energy use costs” and the two other associated fields may be provided when that data are available for the proposed ultra-low-GWP system. If applicants demonstrate that the proposed ultra-low-GWP system is more energy efficient compared to the baseline system (hypothetical HFC system or baseline system in an existing facility), they are eligible for preferential scoring based on the scoring criteria outlined in the Guidelines.

Q5. Attachment E does not include any project identifying information (e.g. retailer name, project address). Are applicants required to add this field?

A5. No. The other documents in the application package will contain that information so it is not necessary to include it in Attachment E.

Q6. What costs should be included in the category for “Other components” costs in Table 2 of Attachment E for Tier I projects?

A6. The “Other components” includes the costs of the refrigeration rack, controls, and piping. Applicants may provide a breakdown of the “Other component” costs included in the budget in the Project Summary (Attachment C).