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The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is pleased to announce the opening of the fiscal year 2017 funding cycle for the Energy Smart Reserved Power (ESRP) program. BPA offers this opportunity to earn funding support to help offset the cost of installing electrical energy saving project upgrades that will result in the reduction of regional power loads. As a site using reserved power or station service from the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), your site is eligible to participate in this program

This year, as in the previous, this program is open to all reserved power and station service sites within the BPA service territory, including irrigation districts, hydro electric and electric service facilities, as well as the two Federally recognized fish hatcheries.

For FY17, there will be one significant change to the program. Funding will be capped at \$500,000 for each individual project.. This change was made to manage the risk associated with large projects that may not be able to be completed within the funding year. This does not mean that participants can not apply for large energy savings projects. However, large energy savings projects will need to be structured into phases and multiple stand alone projects

Applications may be submitted for any project that result in reductions in the use of reserved power or station service electric energy and that meet the requirements outlined in the application. Funding levels will be similar to previous years and all applications that meet BPA's eligibility criteria will be evaluated and ranked based on rate(\$ requested/kWh saved/year) potential kWh savings, and FCRPS water savings. If the submitted project also reduces the amount of water to be removed from the FCRPS, it should be noted in the application as these water savings provide an additional benefit which will be included in the evaluation.

### **Key Project Evaluation Criteria** (See application attachments for project criteria details):

- The ESRP application process is competitive, lower costs per kWh savings will receive higher rankings.
- The maximum funding rate is based on measure life and is capped (depending on measure life) at \$0.35/kWh. Typical funding rates are in the \$0.15-25 range. See the application for details on measure life.
- The funding that BPA provides will not exceed 100% of the project cost and applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding sources from other agencies and programs or internally. The funding that BPA can provide along with funding from other sources must be no more than 100% of the project cost.
- Projects must be completely installed before September 30, 2017, however, multi-year projects will be considered on a case by case basis.

Please find attached a copy of the ESRP application form. An electronic version of the form is also available online in the Resources section of the ESRP website at:

<http://www.bpa.gov/EE/Sectors/federal/Pages/Energy-Smart-Reserved-Power.aspx>

ESRP -Application Cycle Timeline:

June 17, 2016- ESRP Applications Solicited

August 26, 2016 - ESRP Applications Due to BPA

September 23, 2016- Successful Applicants Notified

September/October 2016 - Agreements Developed and Signed

Following the initial application cycle, ESRP will continue to operate on a as needed open application season in which any additional projects will be accepted for consideration. Selection and award of open season projects will only be made as funds are available. Open season projects may be submitted any time after the application cycle deadline using the ESRP Application. If funds are available, open season applications may be awarded with the criteria that the project schedule indicated in the application would still allow the work to be complete before September 30, 2017.

If you have any further questions about this opportunity, feel free to e-mail us at [esrp@bpa.gov](mailto:esrp@bpa.gov) or call either me or Susan Majewski at 206-220-6786.

We look forward to the working with you.



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