

Feedback Form

Joint IESO-OEB Grid Innovation Fund/Sandbox Distributed Energy Resource (DERs) Integration Targeted Call – August 25, 2021

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Following the August 25th public webinar introducing the **Grid Innovation Fund and Innovation Sandbox's targeted call for DER integrations**, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) are seeking feedback from participants on some of the elements that make up the design of the targeted call. The IESO and OEB are looking for feedback on the document titled Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Integration Joint Targeted Call Application Guideline.

The referenced presentation and guideline document can be found on the [DER Roadmap webpage](#).

Please provide feedback by September 16, 2021 to engagement@ieso.ca. Please use subject header: *Distributed Energy Resource Integration Targeted Call*. To promote transparency, this feedback will be posted on the [DER Roadmap webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

Feedback received will help inform the final application guideline for the targeted call. The IESO will work to consider and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the webpage.

Thank you for your time.

Application Guideline Document

Topic	Feedback
Are the criteria sufficiently clear?	Yes
Evaluation Criteria (Section 7 of Application Guideline): Are there any other considerations we should include as part of the Project Evaluation Criteria when evaluating submissions? If so, what additional considerations should be included?	No

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Do you have resources with flexible capacity that cannot be used today due to existing barriers? If so, how much flexible capacity is available?	N/A

General Comments/Feedback

1. Please confirm that the funding sources are available to US-based proposing entities.
2. Please explain the ways that the 25% cost share can be provided. Ideally, examples of different ways to provide cost share would be very helpful.
3. Please clarify if proponent and partner contributions are a total of 50% of total project cost, of which 25% must be in cash.
4. Realizing the final contract may not be available until a later date, is there a draft example contract that could be provided for review?
5. Is it possible for DER that are owned by electric distribution utilities within Ontario to be used in the demonstration?
6. Solutions likely will involve integration with the IESO and effort by IESO staff to accommodate. Additionally, participation in market services may have costs. Should these costs be included in the proposals?
7. Can you please provide more clarity on what is meant by ineligible expenses - "Costs over \$50,000 for any single consultant or contractor that has not been selected through a competitive process"? The requirements are for at least three partners to submit a proposal, so one prime and at least two sub-contractors. It is our interpretation that this competitive process would not apply to subcontractors who are part of the bidding team.