

Questions and Answers
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 212858 – Demonstration of Fuel Cell-Based Auxiliary Power Unit for Refrigerated Trucks

Question 1:

The RFP states the first phase is to demonstrate the technology and later phases include deployment on a commercial vehicle. Are you planning to fund multiple phase I and select for a single phase II? What is the phase II funding you are considering?

Answer:

The funding described in the Solicitation/RFP is for all phases. There will be a go/no-go between phases but it is to assure technical feasibility not necessarily to out select multiple vendors.

Question 2:

After phase II could you offer a procurement contract of about 10 million minimum to deploy a small quantity trucks with FC TRU and the needed refueling stations?

Answer:

Through this Solicitation/RFP there is no guarantee for future larger scale government procurements. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is interested in increasing the use of fuel cells in the transportation industry and will continue to support small demonstrations, but the goal is for industry to develop a business case that could support larger scale deployments that you describe.

Question 3:

Is there an up to date map of hydrogen refueling stations available?

Answer:

Several websites provide the location of hydrogen refueling stations (both public and private). A couple of examples are:

EERE web site http://www.afdc.energy.gov/fuels/hydrogen_stations.html.

NREL website <http://maps.nrel.gov/transatlas>