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Texas Advanced Nuclear Development Fund Frequently Asked Questions

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The Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office (TANEO) provides the following guidance regarding the Texas Advanced Nuclear Development Fund's (TANDF Advanced Nuclear Construction Reimbursement Program (ANCRP) and Project Development and Supply Chain Reimbursement Program (PDSCR)). For questions not addressed in this document, please submit them to taneo@gov.texas.gov.

General Questions

1. Will entities that submit a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) be notified if they are not eligible to submit a full application, or is the letter solely to inform Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office (TANEO) of anticipated applications?
 - *The primary purpose of the NOI is for TANEO to anticipate the number and type of applications TANEO may receive so that TANEO may judiciously allocate its administrative resources. However, if the content of an NOI response indicates that an entity is not eligible, TANEO may notify the entity that it is not eligible.*
2. For the NOI, should the proposed timeline and anticipated costs reflect the entire project, or only the portions for which the applicant intends to request reimbursement funding?
 - *For the NOI, the entity only needs to provide a timeline and costs for the portion of the project the entity intends to include in its proposal. If the entity determines that additional information regarding costs and timeline will be useful to describe the entity's overall endeavor, and help increase understanding of the project for which the entity will seek TANDF funds, then the entity is encouraged to include such information. If the entity does include such additional information, it must clearly identify which portions of the information are additional, and which portions relate to the entity's future application.*



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3. We understand that information submitted to TANEEO in a grant application is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Will information submitted to TANEEO in the NOI also be considered confidential?
 - *Yes, the NOI is the first phase of the grant application process, and pursuant to Section 483.208, Texas Government Code, TANEEO considers NOI submission to be confidential under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. However, the Office of the Attorney General makes the ultimate determination regarding confidentiality, and to the extent TANEEO is directed to release information, it must do so. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.306.*

4. Will applicants be required to choose between submitting an application to the ANCRP or the PDSCR?P?
 - *No, an applicant that meets the eligibility criteria may submit an application to one or both of the Reimbursement Programs. However, TANEEO is constitutionally prohibited from reimbursing the same project costs with under both grant programs. Each grant request must have unique project costs and project milestones and be clearly and easily segregable and identifiable.*

5. Will grants be awarded or selected in phases?
 - *No, all grant awardees will be selected by TANEEO on the same schedule for both the ANCRP and PDSCR. However, grant awards do not become available until a Grant Agreement is signed and executed by both parties. TANEEO anticipates the first grant award period to begin as early as September 14, 2026.*

6. Is this a recurring program or will this be a one-time opportunity?
 - *TANEEO will provide opportunities for grant funding until it no longer has any funds appropriated for that purpose. TANEEO anticipates awarding the entirety of its appropriation in this grant funding round. However, if all funds are not awarded in this round, TANEEO will open up future grant opportunities. Additionally, to the extent the Legislature appropriates additional funds to TANDF, TANEEO will provide additional grant opportunities in the future.*

7. Can grant money pay for project expenses incurred prior to grant agreement?



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- *Not ordinarily. Grant funds are only available to reimburse costs that are included in the approved grant budget and that are incurred on or after the date the grant agreement was been executed or the date the grant period of performance begins, whichever is later. However, as set forth in the Grant Award Agreement, pre-agreement expenditures are allowed in limited circumstances.*
8. Can you clarify the timeframe in which the money that is awarded needs to be spent and reimbursements can be made?
- *Grants are expected to be awarded with a project period beginning in September 2026, with funds encumbered on or before August 31, 2027, available through September 2029. An applicant must include a detailed outline of expenses as part of the milestones the entity submits in its final application.*
9. Could you confirm that the \$120 million and \$12.5 million caps for the ANCRP and PDSCR, respectively, apply to each separate project, and not to each qualifying entity?
- *Confirmed. The caps are associated with individual advanced nuclear projects, not a qualifying entity.*
10. Can two different entities apply for separate reimbursement grants for the same advanced nuclear project?
- *There is no limitation to the number of entities that can apply for the same advanced nuclear project. An advanced nuclear project, regardless of the number of entities seeking reimbursement for costs assigned to it, is limited to \$12.5 million, PDSCR, or \$120 million, ANCRP. In this scenario, multiple applications could be submitted, however, project partners will need to clearly indicate the same advanced nuclear project—which is subject to the \$12.5 or \$120 million limitations—in their applications. Each individual application must contain a specific grant project with discrete, segregable, and original, milestones and expenditures, that are part of the docketed advanced nuclear project in Texas.*
11. For Appendix A, what is the allowable and preferred lookback period or dollar threshold for including incurred project costs? How will this information be used by TANEEO?
- *TANEEO does not have a dollar threshold or lookback period as each project will differ in what may be reasonable. TANEEO is requesting this*



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information because it is required as a prerequisite to a reimbursement grant under HB14.

12. For Appendix A, if an applicant is only proposing specific efforts that incur expenses after the start date of the grant and has not/will not incur any specific project-related expenses prior to that date, should the chart be completed with "N/A"?
 - *If an applicant will not anticipate incurring any expenses before it submits its final application for grant funding, then the applicant is not eligible to receive a reimbursement grant under PDSCR or ANCRP and should not submit an NOI or a final application. See Tex. Gov't Code §§ 483.203, .204.*
13. What is the applicable time period for any claw back and what event starts the clock, grant period end date or full project completion?
 - *TANEO may, at any time after the execution of the Grant Award Agreement, clawback any funds paid to grantees that are in excess of the amount TANEO determines a grantee was entitled to under the terms of the Grant Agreement. This provision survives the termination of the Grant Award Agreement, so to the extent TANEO determines a grantee was reimbursed in error, it may do so even after the termination or successful completion of the project to which the Grant Agreement relates.*
14. If the TANDF is oversubscribed or an applicant requests a larger amount than TANEO believes is reasonable, will TANEO offer partial/smaller awards to applicants rather than the full amount requested?
 - *Potentially. The RFA outlines the maximum that may be provided in each grant award, but TANEO does not anticipate reducing grant awards based solely on grant program subscription rate. TANEO, at its discretion, may approve an application at the full amount requested or an amount less than what was requested based on TANEO's review of the application.*
15. How many awards does TANEO intend to make?
 - *TANEO has allocated up to \$70 million to award for PDSCR grants and up to \$280 million for ANCRP grants. The actual number of awards will depend on the number of applications TANEO receives and selects.*
16. Regarding the list of project team members, how comprehensive should this be? Should it be limited to key leadership roles? Additionally, if other entities will be



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partnering on the project, should team members from those entities be included, or only those from the applicant?

- *The list of project team members should, at a minimum, include members who hold key leadership roles, as well as any roles that demonstrate that a qualified, capable, and sufficient team is in place to administer the project. Project team members may be from the applicant organization and/or any partner organizations.*

17. Does the grant period end on August 31, 2029? Or does it run through September 2029?

- *A grantee's grant period will end on the date agreed upon by grantee and TANEO, the date the grant project is complete, or the date grant funds are depleted, whichever is earliest. In no event will a grant period extend past August 31, 2029. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that, in their applications, all milestones and accompanying expenditures related to grant projects are outlined through no later than August 31, 2029.*

18. As of today, my project has yet to secure a location. Can I still apply?

- *Yes, if an applicant can demonstrate its advanced nuclear project has met or will meet all eligibility and program requirements prior to receiving a grant award, the applicant is eligible to apply.*

19. What type of "associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear energy industry" qualify to be considered an "Advanced Nuclear Project" under Texas Government Code § 483.001(1)

- *Due to the diverse nature and scope of potential projects, TANEO declines to provide a definitive definition or an exhaustive list of examples for "associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear industry." The applicant is encouraged to respond to the NOI and RFA, and TANEO will make that determination based on the information provided by the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to provide as much detail and explanation as possible as to why their proposed undertaking qualifies as an advanced nuclear project.*

20. For assessing project viability – who will be performing this analysis and how will it be done? Fully in-house at TANEO or will an external group be used to give assessment guidance?



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- *TANEO in its sole discretion will make all determinations regarding grant award recommendations and decisions under 10 Texas Administrative Code §§331.1 - .32. Due to the variety and technical nature of expected applications, TANEO will utilize a panel of experts unaffiliated with any entity applying for a TANDF grant to assist in assessing project completion viability. TANEO staff and all outside experts must comply with TANEO Conflict of Interest Policy and sign the Office of the Governor's Non-Disclosure Agreement Form prior to participating in any portion of the grant review.*
21. If TANEO received additional appropriations or "unexpended balances" (UB) riders is it possible the August 31, 2029 date for milestones end date would change?
- *Although changes and amendments to a grant agreement are contemplated, and such changes or amendments may include modifications of milestones that could lead to a project extending past August 31, 2029, applicants must only submit projects that may be reasonably completed on or before August 31, 2029. If it becomes apparent a grantee deliberately overestimated its ability to complete a project before that date, TANEO may be required to terminate the grant agreement and clawback funds provided to the grantee.*
22. Would maintenance and operations of a facility be considered an "other direct cost" or a "general administration cost"?
- *The costs are considered to be indirect costs and are not eligible for reimbursement under either ANCRP or PDSCRP grant opportunities.*
23. Is acceptance of the award template a precondition for award? Or will negotiations on the award contract be allowed?
- *Yes. TANEO has published grant agreement templates for ANCRP and PDSCRP on its website. All applicants for either program must indicate with their application whether they have objections to any terms in the grant agreement. TANEO will provide a Grant Agreement Assumption and Exceptions template to all applicants that submitted the required NOI by the deadline and include the template in updated PDSCRP and ANCRP RFAs.*
 - *If an applicant fails to include any objections, TANEO will presume that applicant will agree to the terms as written and will not engage in any grant agreement negotiations. If an applicant identifies any provisions to*



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which it objects, TANEEO will decide, in its sole discretion, whether to enter a grant agreement with that applicant based on the applicant's objections. Importantly, many portions of the Grant Award Agreement are not subject to negotiations.

- *Additionally, failure to enter a grant agreement with TANEEO on or before the grant performance period begins may result in the grantee being disqualified from receiving a grant award.*

24. *We have multiple sites in Texas where we are building out energy amplifier technology. Should we submit for both locations?*

- *Each application is reviewed on its own merits. For each application, expenditures provided as part of Appendix A would need to be unique for each location.*

25. *Can in-kind technical assistance from a federal laboratory be referenced as a project resource without triggering the federal funding exclusion under the reimbursement rules?*

- *A grantee may receive financial assistance or incentives from a federal source, but TANEEO may not reimburse expenses paid by a grantee or the grantee's project partner using financial assistance or incentives from the local, state, or federal source. To the extent this in-kind technical assistance would violate that provision, TANEEO could not reimburse any expenses associated with that in-kind technical assistance. Importantly, a grantee is not prohibited from seeking or receiving federal assistance—the grantee just cannot seek reimbursement for expenditures related to that assistance.*

Advanced Nuclear Construction Reimbursement Program

26. *If a project has a license or permit through the Department of Energy or Department of War (i.e., DOE authorization pathway) but not through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), is it be eligible to apply?*

- *No, the legislation for the TANDF states that "the office may not provide a reimbursement grant for a project under this section until the [NRC] has docketed a construction permit or license application for the project."*

27. *Why are personnel expenses not included in the list of allowable budget categories under ANCRP?*



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- *For the effective use of appropriated funds and for administrative efficiency, TANEEO determined it would not reimburse personnel expenses associated with grant projects.*
28. *Are overhead/General Administration costs allowed to be included as part of the grant budget?*
- *No, the only cost categories allowed under the ANCRP grant are construction, equipment, supplies and materials, and other direct costs.*
29. *If company A&B are both working for company D who is the NRC license applicant. Can A and B and D all apply within the \$120M cap? Is this advanced nuclear project limited to \$120 million or would TANEEO consider this multiple submissions or one submission?*
- *There is no limitation on the number of entities that can apply for a ANCRP reimbursement grant relating to the same advanced nuclear project in Texas, for which a permit or license application has been docketed by the NRC. A docketed advanced nuclear project's limitation is the \$120 million cap under ANCRP.*
 - *In this scenario, multiple applications could be submitted, however, project partners will need to clearly indicate the same docketed advanced nuclear project—which is subject to the \$120 million limitation—in their applications. Each individual ANCRP application must contain a specific grant project with discrete, segregable, and original, milestones and expenditures, that are part of the docketed advanced nuclear project in Texas.*
 - *Project partners are encouraged to coordinate prior to submitting their applications to ensure each application's milestones and expenditures are distinct and separate from one another as it relates to the project.*
30. *Follow-up question to the above scenario: Would expenditures Company D made buying equipment from company B be eligible for reimbursement?*
- *Depending on the nature and scope of a project proposal, it is possible TANEEO would allow for reimbursement under this scenario. Company D's incurred expenses must be eligible expenses under Texas Government Code § 483.204(b). TANEEO in its sole discretion will determine incurred expenses eligible for reimbursement.*



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31. Follow-up question to the above scenario: Would expenditures by Company B—buying machinery to build it and funded with money received from D be eligible for reimbursement?
- *TANEO reimburses a grantee’s actual expenses—under this scenario, if Company D is the one that incurred the expense, then Company B could not seek reimbursement for this expense.*
32. Since personnel costs (i.e., salaries) are not eligible expenses for reimbursement, does that mean that personnel costs should be omitted from Appendix A under ANCRP?
- *Yes. Only expenses that would be eligible for reimbursement under the ANCRP grant can be included in Appendix A.*
33. If we are applying for a NRC license that is not part 50 or 52, are we eligible to apply to ANCRP?
- *In consideration of the nuclear regulatory framework as of the date of this FAQ, an entity may be eligible to receive a reimbursement grant from TANEO under Section 483.204, Texas Government code, if the entity has (1) a docketed NRC Construction Permit Application; or (2) a docketed NRC License Application for an advanced nuclear project. For purposes of the ANCRP RFA, the term “advanced nuclear project” only encompasses electric generation facilities or nuclear fuel cycle facilities.*
 - *TANEO encourages interested parties to apply, but reiterates that TANEO, in its sole discretion, will determine whether a potential ANCRP Applicant is eligible to receive a TANDF grant.*
 - *Additionally, TANEO offers the following guidance:*
 - *In addition to the guidance provided above, a potential ANCRP Applicant is only eligible to apply for this ANCRP funding opportunity if it has, or reasonably expects to have, a construction permit or license application for an advanced nuclear project in Texas docketed at the NRC on or before December 1, 2026.*
 - *TANEO considers a permit or license to be “docketed” if the NRC has formally accepted an NRC Application for review. A potential ANCRP Applicant, that submits an application, must demonstrate docketing by providing, at a minimum, an NRC Docket Number and/or an acceptance letter issued by the NRC of the potential ANCRP participant’s NRC Construction Permit or License Application for the advanced nuclear project.*



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- *“Construction permit” means a permit issued by the NRC for the construction of:*
 - *(A) a nuclear production or utilization facility; or*
 - *(B) a research or test reactor that contributes to the future commercialization of that research or test reactor technology. See TEX. GOV’T CODE § 483.001(3)*
- *“License” means a license issued by NRC that authorizes a potential ANCRP participant to construct and operate a nuclear power facility, such as a nuclear plant at a specific site, with specified conditions. See TEX. GOV’T CODE § 483.001(5).*
- *“Advanced nuclear project” means (1) an electric generation facility that relies on an advanced nuclear reactor to generate power, steam, or heat, (2) a nuclear fuel cycle facility that supplies advanced nuclear reactors, or (3) associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear energy industry. See TEX. GOV’T CODE § 483.001(1).*
- *However, not all projects that may fall within the definition of “advanced nuclear project” are eligible for a reimbursement grant; as noted, only advanced nuclear projects in Texas with a docketed permit or license application at the NRC are eligible for ANCRP.*

34. If we have a construction license application in progress with the NRC and expect approval by December 2026, would we be eligible for the ANCRP or would that still need to go through the PDSCR?

- *The eligibility requirement for ANRCP is construction permit or license application docketed at the NRC. TANEO defines “docketed” to mean the regulatory commission’s formal acceptance of an application for review, including the regulatory commission’s issuance of an acceptance letter for the permit or license application.*

Project Development and Supply Chain Reimbursement Program

35. Would fusion projects be eligible under the Project Development and Supply Chain Reimbursement Program grant?

- *HB14 defines an “advanced nuclear project” as an electric generation facility that relies on an advanced nuclear reactor to generate power, steam, or heat, a nuclear fuel cycle facility that supplies advanced nuclear*



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reactors, or associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear energy industry. TANEEO could see a scenario where fusion is considered a "...reactor to generate power" or "associated technology."

36. How does TANEEO define "associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear industry"?
- *"Associated technologies" encompasses many types of projects. Individual applicants must provide details regarding how their proposed advanced nuclear project is an "associated technology" as part of the application narrative and milestones. TANEEO has sole discretion to determine whether an application is eligible.*
37. Are overhead/General Administration costs allowed to be included as part of the grant budget?
- *No, the only cost categories allowed under the PDSCR grant are personnel, construction, equipment, supplies and materials, and other direct costs.*
38. Do research activities have to be performed by Texas companies and universities to qualify as eligible costs?
- *No, there is no requirement that work be performed by Texas companies. The proposed advanced nuclear project must be located in Texas, with a preference for a project's work to be performed by Texas companies and workforce. Under the RFA's Texas Priority Consideration, TANEEO will prioritize advanced nuclear project applications that demonstrate a clear and committed investment in Texas, its businesses, and communities, in the scoring and selection processes.*
39. We are a startup developing advanced SMR. Can we apply for our fuel development R&D program, structural material development R&D program?
- *If you are an eligible entity and your advanced nuclear energy project meets all program requirements, you can apply. For more information on eligibility requirements please refer to the RFA and Grant Agreement Template.*