

PROPEL Manufacturing Program Informational Webinar

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Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Facilitator: NEMC Management Team

Q&A Summary

Eligibility

1. Are US-incorporated foreign-owned companies eligible to apply?
2. We applied for NEMC Hub membership last week. Are we eligible to apply for the PROPEL Manufacturing Program?

Response: [The NEMC Hub's PROPEL Manufacturing Program](#) is open to for-profit companies headquartered and with principal operations in the NEMC Hub region (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont). Foreign-owned companies with a US subsidiary headquartered and with principal operations in the NEMC region may be eligible.

NEMC Management will give preference to those companies that applied to become members on or before the PROPEL Manufacturing Program launch date of June 4, 2024. However, we encourage non-members to apply for NEMC Hub Membership and the PROPEL Manufacturing Program to be informed of, and qualify for, future PROPEL grant programming. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for full eligibility requirements.

Development Facilities (DFs)

3. Is there a list of NEMC Hub-approved Development Facilities (DFs)?
4. The NOFO says the DFs must be approved by NEMC, however I think NEMC management said that there's no list of approved facilities and that any DF in New England is allowable. Is this correct?

Response: There is currently no formal list of approved DFs. NEMC encourages applicants to consider any Hub region-based facility that meets their specific needs and has the expertise to support their project. As determined on a case-by-case basis, non-Hub member facilities may be used if capability and/or capacity are not available within the Hub region. During the application review process, NEMC will assess the qualifications of the proposed DF to ensure alignment with the project goals.

Project Expenses

5. Beyond DF facility costs, would material and supply costs also qualify for the grant?
6. Does the cost match include labor?

Response: Yes, service provider materials and supplies can be included as an allowable expense in your PROPEL Manufacturing Program grant proposal, provided they are directly related to the proposed project and meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the NEMC PROPEL Manufacturing Program NOFO. And no, labor cannot be used as part of your cost match for the NEMC PROPEL Grant. Please refer to the NOFO for details on acceptable cost-share contributions.

Additional Questions

7. Can this grant be used to supplement an existing federal grant? Or pending federal grant?

Response: Please consult a grants management professional for guidance on how the NEMC PROPEL Manufacturing Program funding can be used with other funding sources.