

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF ALBANY

Targeted Gas Line Decommissioning for Equitable Electrification: Community Outreach Services

ADDENDUM #2



Release Date: May 14th, 2024

Due Date: June 14th, 2024

Addendum #1

1. Does the DOE grant allow for compensation for direct engagement (e.g., paying people to participate in focus groups) and/or incidentals (e.g., childcare and food during an evening workshop)?

The grant will go toward the contract with the engagement consultant. We can follow up with DOE on questions regarding eligible costs when developing a scope of work with the consultant that is selected.

2. What was the criteria for selecting the twelve participating blocks?

The blocks were selected based on the characteristics of the gas lines. We identified blocks where the gas lines were hydrologically feasible for decommissioning (basically where there were dead ends in the system) and where the lines were higher priority for replacement based on age or material.

3. Is there a social scientist partner already working on this with the city of Albany team?

No, but we are partnered with StopWaste.

4. Which outcome would be preferred:
 - o 99% of participants agree to electrification but none of the twelve blocks achieve 100% buy in
 - o 11 blocks have negligible interest and 1 block has 100% buy in (with the caveat that a non-tenable level of incentives would need to be provided)
 - o There is mixed support for electrification and zero blocks achieve full buy in, but 100% of residents are deeply engaged through a variety of approaches resulting in a robust data set that resolves burning questions

If this effort does not lead to a project that can be implemented, the priorities are to provide information that informs future gasline decommissioning efforts and to engage Albany residents and building owners on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their buildings.

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