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Rhode Island
Economic Development Corporation

Building the 21st Century Innovation Economy

**Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund
Application Materials**

Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Submission Instructions

Applications should be sent to the following:



Please submit applications online (in an email attachment) to jpaolino@riedc.com

If you are unable to submit an electronic application, send applications to:

Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation
Attn: Jennifer Paolino
315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101
Providence, RI 02908

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Paolino, Program Manager for the Renewable Energy Fund at 401-278-9126 or email us at jpaolino@riedc.com

- Interested parties are requested to notify the RIEDC of the intention to apply to the Renewable Energy Fund as soon as possible prior to submitting the application by emailing jpaolino@riedc.com or calling 401-278-9126.
- Read and review the REF Rules and Regulations before completing this application. A copy of the proposed Rules may be obtained by mail or email by calling 401-278-9126, or may be accessed online at: <http://www.riedc.com/about/public-notice/draft-regulations>
- Include an executive summary with your proposal. (Keep it concise: no more than two pages.) Do not handwrite the application. Only typed proposals will be processed.
- Use the “Application Submission Checklist” included in the instructions to properly prepare and complete your submission. Submit a copy of the checklist with the grant application and keep a copy for your records. If you would like to submit materials in addition to the application, please do so in an email attachment to jpaolino@riedc.com. If you would like to submit materials that you cannot put in an email attachment (i.e.: construction plans etc.) please mail them to the RIEDC at the address listed above.
- All records (documents, correspondence, memoranda, etc.) of the RIEDC and the REF are public records unless they fall into an exception. “Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm, or corporation, which is of a privileged or confidential nature” are not public record. Accordingly, any proprietary business information (customer lists, processes, etc.) or financial information that is confidential must be clearly marked as such by the submitting party. A legend or marking such as "Commercially protected, privileged and confidential information -- Not Public Record" should be used on any such information.

Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Frequently Asked Questions

1) Who is eligible for REF financing (grant, loan, recoverable grant, etc) and which types of projects will be considered?

Any municipality, non-profit organization, or a legal business entity (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company), or a combination of the previously listed organizations are eligible for a REF grant, as long as the project directly benefits the State of Rhode Island. Applications can be submitted for any type of facility including but not limited to manufacturing facilities, office buildings, multi-unit residential properties, retail operations, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, public buildings, and farms.

2) What is the mission of the REF?

The REF, created by legislative statute in 1996, is dedicated to increasing the role of renewable energy supply in Rhode Island's electricity supply. The fund is managed by the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and provides grants, loans, and other financing options to renewable energy projects that have the potential to make electricity in a cleaner, more sustainable manner and stimulate job growth in the green technology and energy sectors of Rhode Island's economy.

3) Which renewable energy sources will make a project eligible for funding?

Renewable-energy systems eligible for support from the REF include facilities in the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) control area that generate electricity, both off-grid and on-grid using as fuel "eligible renewable energy resources" pursuant to Rhode Island general law. This includes solar, wind, energy produced by movement or the latent heat of the ocean, hydro and eligible geothermal, biomass and fuel cells. Solar-thermal systems (including solar space-heating systems) are eligible if installed on low-income housing projects certified by the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation as serving low-income RI residents. Projects and activities directly related to implementing eligible renewable-energy projects in Rhode Island also are eligible.

4) What is the maximum size of a REF grant?

The maximum size of the REF grant depends on the type of grant submission. Approximately \$1.0 million per year is designated for municipal projects which are capped at \$500,000 per award. Approximately \$200,000 is designated for affordable housing projects which are capped at \$100,000 per award. Approximately \$200,000 per year is designated for pre-consultant and technical feasibility studies. There is no funding cap for these projects. However, recipients that have previously received funding from this program are ineligible to apply for additional funding for technical feasibility and consulting studies. Grant recipients are eligible to apply to other uses of the Renewable Energy Fund as well as other funds administered by RIEDC. The maximum funding for all other projects is capped at \$750,000; the maximum funding per project is up to \$250,000 annually.

5) When are the deadlines for submission of applications?

Applications for municipal projects, affordable housing projects, and pre-development consultant and technical feasibility projects that are received by March 31st will be notified of the Corporation's decision by June 30th of that same year; applications that are received by September 30th will be notified by December 31st of that same year.

All other projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Once submitted, REF will conduct a competitive evaluation process that takes approximately 90 days.

Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Checklist

This checklist is provided to help ensure a complete proposal. Please submit a copy with the grant application and keep a copy for your records. An incomplete application will not be processed.

Section I: Checklist

Please submit a copy of the checklist with the grant application and keep a copy for your records. Applications submitted without the checklist will not be processed.

Section II: Executive Summary (two pages maximum)

Include the purpose of the grant request and a brief description of how the request fits with the REF's mission and priorities.

Section III: Application

Application Questions	Yes	No	N/A
1. Type of submission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Type of application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Type of funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Renewable energy source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Date submitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Applicant information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Name of organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) CEO / owner of organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Legal structure of organization / fed tax ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Project manager's name and contact info	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Proposed project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Construction start date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Operating start date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Beneficiary or area served	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Total project cost and total amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Check boxes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Project description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Technical feasibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Impact on the state of Rhode Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Anticipated renewable energy produced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) Economic development benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k) Time to market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Project management capabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Facility information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a) Name of project facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Facility type	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Site information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

d) Site suitability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Site control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Utilization of funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Purpose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Financial viability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Budget summary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Optional explanation of budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Evaluation of successes (a-d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11***. Pre-development checklist (Note: Only applicable to pre-development consultant and technical feasibility program applicants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Understanding of deadline / signature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section IV: Attachments (optional – if included please list them below)

- Letter of intent from the participating municipalities
- Letter of intent from Roger Williams University
- Town of Bristol Ballot Referendum 2006
- Survey of Preferences Town of Bristol / Portsmouth / Warren
- EBEC Key Project Personnel
- X Wind Map
- X Two Sampling of Consultant Proposals
- X Roger Williams University Marine Affairs Proposal

<p>1. Type of Submission</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Affordable Housing Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-development Consultant and Technical Feasibility Program (If this box is checked, please fill out sections 1-6(e) as well as sections 9-12)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Other (please specify): Municipal consortium: including: East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton, Middletown and Newport in partnership with Roger Williams University</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<p>2. Type of Application</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ** Renewal</p> <p>**If Renewal, please indicate date and amount of all other REF grants</p>	<p>3. Type of Funding</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recoverable Grant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p>4. Renewable Energy Source</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Solar</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wave / Water</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
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<p>5. Date Submitted: March 30, 2009</p>		
<p>6. Applicant Information</p>		
<p>a. Name of Organization: East Bay Energy Consortium (EBEC)</p>		
<p>b. CEO / Owner / Executive/Director of Organization: Town of Bristol, acting as lead municipality for EBEC; Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator</p>		
<p>c. Address</p>		
<p>Street 1: Bristol Town Hall</p>		
<p>Street 2: 10 Court Street</p>		
<p>City: Bristol</p>	<p>State: RI</p>	<p>Zip: 02809</p>
<p>d. Legal structure of the organization (municipality, non-profit, corporation, partnership etc.) Municipality Federal Tax ID#: 056000040</p>		
<p>e. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matter involving this application:</p>		

Prefix: Ms.	First Name: Diane	Middle Initial:
Last Name: Williamson		
Phone: 253-7000 ext. 126	Fax: 253-1570	Email: dianew@bristolri.us
<p>7. Proposed Project</p> <p>a. Construction Start Date: TBD</p> <p>b. Operating Start Date: TBD</p> <p>c. Beneficiary or Area Served: East Bay communities of Rhode Island</p> <p>d. Total Project cost: \$200,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total amount requested from the Renewable Energy Fund: \$140,000.</p> <p>e. Check boxes below:</p>		
Will the project be able to support low interest loans and/or recoverable grants?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the project is a <i>municipal</i> project: does it involve partnering of one or more municipalities and or partners?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please specify: East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton, Middletown, and Newport in partnership with Roger Williams University
If the project is a municipal project: are there planning, permitting, or zoning requirements that encourage renewable energy projects?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please specify: TBD
If the project is a non-profit affordable housing project: How many housing units will be created? How many housing will be directly supported by the renewable energy installation?	_____ _____	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>f. Project Description:</p> <p>The East Bay Energy Consortium is a voluntary collaboration of the nine cities and towns of the East Bay region of Rhode Island, in partnership with Roger Williams University. The participating cities and towns wish to pursue a formalized feasibility study which would address legal and technical issues, and would provide a snapshot of those sites within this geographic region which may hold promise for wind-based energy production. It is the first two phases of a three phased project with the ultimate goal of building a regional wind energy system.</p>		

Phase 1 includes Task 1 and Task 2

Task 1 – Pre-Feasibility Study

The objectives of this pre-feasibility study are to enable the group to make an initial “Go” or “No Go” decision for proceeding with a detailed feasibility study at a particular site location. The pre-feasibility Study is a fatal flaw analysis to determine if further study, and costs, is warranted at a potential wind turbine location (candidate site). To accomplish these objectives, the consulting firm would assemble and evaluate readily available information and apply their experience to identify significant obstacles or challenges in the overall project concept. The scope of services will consist of a review of the published data, information furnished by the EBEC, as well as a preliminary review and assessment of a number of factors significant to the overall success of the project. These factors will include:

- Wind turbine siting considerations and constraints;
- Available wind resources, based on wind data available in the public domain;
- Facility electrical consumption (current and proposed) and cost;
- Preliminary electrical interconnection requirements;
- Environmental impacts and permitting requirements; and
- Preliminary project economics for potential turbine development.

At the conclusion of the evaluation, they will prepare a written report containing a brief analysis for each of the factors listed above. In addition, the report will provide an opinion regarding the overall viability of the project, and a recommendation for future activities. They will also be prepared to meet with the consortium and discuss the report and recommendations.

Task 2 –Detailed Feasibility Study

Task 2 will prepare a detailed feasibility study. The scope of work will include a detailed technical and economic feasibility. An outline of the subsequent report contemplated for this effort will include the following:

Project Kick-Off Meeting

- Technical Assessment
- Wind Resource Assessment
- Turbine Screening
- Energy Production Estimates
- Turbine Siting Considerations
- Foundation Requirements
- Access and Constructability Assessment
- Electrical Connection and Integration Assessment

Permitting Requirement

- Local
- State
- Federal

Environmental Impacts

Avian Risk
Noise Modeling
View Shed Impact (Photo Simulations)

Economic Assessment

Project Cost Estimates

Equipment Cost
Construction Cost
Operation and Maintenance Cost
Insurance Cost
Financing Cost

Project Revenue Estimates

Electricity Production
Renewable Energy Certificates
Production Tax Credits
Available Financial Incentives

Project Ownership Options

Estimated Project Revenue and Cash Flows

Calculation of Key Figures of Merit

Net Present Value
Internal Rate of Return
Simple Payback
Benefit to Cost Ratio
Annual and Cumulative Cash Flow Analysis

DRAFT Report - Presented for EBEC review and comment

FINAL Report – Presentation of key findings

PHASE 2 will include Task 3 and Task 4

Task 3 will develop the legal structure of the East Bay Energy Consortium

Task 4 will develop legislative issues

The East Bay Energy Consortium will work with Roger Williams University Law School by contracting two law (fellows) students who will identify, explore, and lay the ground work for addressing the regulatory and legal issues. They will act under the supervision of an attorney working with the EBEC. We will also work with State Legislators, the Public Utilities Commission and the National Grid to develop policies and law which will support energy use by the EBEC.

PHASE 3 will be the construction of multiple wind turbines

g. Technical Feasibility (Please provide documented evidence of technical feasibility for the proposed renewable energy technology):

Within the East Bay region, the Town of Portsmouth has shown leadership with respect to wind-based energy production with the use of wind turbines. By partnering with Roger Williams University, the East Bay Energy Consortium will enjoy access to the considerable expertise of faculty and the availability of students to assist with data collection.

h. Impact on the State of Rhode Island (Please explain how the project will help to promote the expansion and sound development of renewable energy resources in Rhode Island, environmental benefits of the project, and other non-quantifiable benefits such as fostering awareness, public integration, etc):

With a reduction in state aid to cities and towns, and other economic pressures threatening city and town budgets, the use of wind-based energy production holds the promise of reducing municipal energy expenditures, reducing vulnerability to price increases for energy, and reducing reliance on energy producing methods which may be harmful to the environment. This regional approach may well help other regions of the state gain insights as to ways geographically contiguous jurisdictions can cooperate for the sake of creating efficiencies and reducing expenditures. The formulation of a consortium will directly benefit cities and towns that may not have appropriate sustainable winds by participating with those communities that do have beneficial winds. This consortium will foster awareness and act as a model throughout the State and region.

i. Anticipated Renewal Energy Produced:

i. Technology (solar, wave, wind etc):	wind
ii. Anticipated Facility Size (ex: kW) and Configuration (Ex: # of Turbines, solar panels, etc.):	TBD
iii. Estimated Energy Produced / year (kWhr / yr):	TBD
iv. Estimated Cost / kW:	TBD
v. Estimated # of RECs produced / yr:	TBD

j. Economic Development Benefits (please identify all economic development aspects of the project including but not limited to what is listed below):

i. Identify the number, type and salary ranges or permanent and construction jobs directly created by the project.

Type of Job Created	Number of Jobs	Location	Salary Range
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			\$
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			\$

ii. New Rhode Island Sales Tax Dollars Generated by Project: \$

iii. New Rhode Island Income Tax Dollars Generated by Project: \$

iv. Other (please specify):

k. Time to Market (Define Key Tasks and decision points in your project and a schedule for achieving them. Complete the chart Below, and / or attach maps, graphs, charts, etc. that demonstrate project milestones):

Task Description	Start	Complete	Deliverable / Options	Due Dates
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS	APRIL 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	PRE-QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS	JUNE 2009
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS	JUNE 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	UPON RECEIPT OF GRANT	
ADVERTISING OF BID PACKAGE	JUNE 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 WEEKS ADVERTISING PER TOWN ORDINANCE	JULY 15 2009
AWARDING OF CONSULTANT FIRM	JULY 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>		
PRE- FEASIBILITY STUDY	JULY	<input type="checkbox"/>		SEPT.

PHASE 1	2009			2009
DETAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASE 2	SEPT 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>		SEPT. 2010
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<input type="checkbox"/>		

1. Project Management Capabilities (Please describe the project and include project management capabilities, including bios of key project personnel from any firm or team of firms involved in the project as well as a description of the firm or team of firms and their experience with similar projects including brief descriptions of the team's project experience and at least three references from completed projects identified):

Key Project Personnel	Firm	Experience (Completed Projects)	References (at least 3 per project)
DIANE WILLIAMSON	TOWN OF BRISTOL director of community development	16 YEARS	
WALTER BURKE	TOWN OF BRISTOL director of parks and recreation	15 years	
JOE DEPASQUALE	TOWN OF WARREN town councilman		
CAROLINE WELLS	TOWN OF WARREN town planner		
PETER WILBUR	ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY Vice President		

8. Facility Information

a. Name of Project Facility: East Bay potential sites

b. Facility Type (Check Box for Appropriate Facility Type)

- Public:** State agency building, municipal building, school, etc
- Commercial:** Retail, office space, high-rise housing, multi-family residential development, warehouse, large farm, etc.
- Industrial:** Manufacturing, industrial services, etc.
- Institutional (private):** University, museum, private school, not for profit, etc.
- Other** (please describe):

c. Site Information	
Plat:	Lot(s):
Census Tract:	
<i>Facility Street Address:</i>	<i>City / Town:</i>
<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip Code:</i>
<i>Turbine proposed latitude/ longitude (wind projects only: specify coordinate type):</i>	<i>If the applicant is differed from the project owner, please summarize the type of arrangement:</i>
<i>Electric Utility Service Provider and Rate Class:</i>	<i>Average Annual Retail Electricity Usage (kWh) and Peak Electricity Demand (kW) for Project Facility:</i>
d. Site Suitability:	
<u>Respond for all approvals / surveys that are required for development:</u>	
Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Expected Date: Zoning revisions pending in Bristol other communities are also in process This will be addressed during the feasibility study
Historic:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Expected Date:
Planning / Subdivision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Expected Date:
Phase 1 Environmental Survey:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Expected Date:
Describe the suitability of the proposed site for the proposed renewable energy system. Please include information on the site's physical characteristics, compatibility with the proposed project, environmental impact and capacity:	

Total REF funds:	\$ \$140,000		
Total all other funds:	\$ 60,000		
Total project funds:	\$ 200,000.		
c. Financial Summary			
Operational Budget:	Fiscal Year Ending: 2010	Expenses: \$.	Revenue: \$.
d. OPTIONAL If you feel elements of your budget require explanation, please do so in a brief narrative: Each of the participating communities will be contributing both financial as well as in kind services. Roger Williams University will supply facility and students to contribute their expertise and technical support to this project.			
10. Success Metrics:			
a. Discuss how you plan to monitor the project and keep the Corporation informed of the status: RWU staff will coordinate monthly meetings of the EBEC, to be attended by designated individuals from each Consortium city and town. EBEC will then split out its activities into three workgroups:			
1. The Site Location Workgroup will serve as the liaison between the project consultant and EBEC and will report out findings to EBEC through RWU staff.			
2. The Legal / Regulatory Workgroup will supervise the fellows from Roger Williams University in identifying potential legal issues that may arise and locating attorneys experienced with structuring governmental consortia, property acquisition and public utilities.			
3. The Finance Workgroup will locate and pursue funding sources for the next phases of EBEC's work. Each of these workgroups, along with the project consultants, will contribute to a monthly report updating the Corporation of benchmarks achieved and the next steps in the feasibility analysis.			
b. Explain how you will measure the effectiveness of the project: The effectiveness of the project will be measured by:			
• the number of potential suitable sites for shared wind energy;			
• the number of financial, technical and legal issues identified and resolved; and			
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the creation of a consortia structure and plan for the next phases of action.

c. Describe you criteria for success:

Because EBEC is a new organization pursuing the feasibility of various wind turbine sites, a key criterion for success is the ability of the group to stay focused on the goals of the analysis while preparing for the legal and financial challenges of implementation.

d. Describe the results you expect to achieve by the end of the funding period:

EBEC expects to complete a feasibility plan that will identify a set of sites that produce enough wind energy to impact local government energy expenses. Achieving this goal will enable EBEC to begin the process of shared energy exploration to offset increasing costs by utilizing renewable energy and will contribute to a greener economy and a cleaner environment. Perhaps as important, however, is the development of a collaborative model for governments to share resources, information and advocate collectively. EBEC hopes to provide examples and lessons learned to other municipalities pursuing shared wind energy.

11. * Only Pre-development Consultant and Technical Feasibility Program Applicants**

Please provide the following supplements to the application:

i. A copy of the contract outlining the work scope and objectives (only fixed contracts will be considered). **Attached** (please check off before submission)

ii. Information on the consulting firm including a description of the experience with similar assignments and client references. **Attached** (please check off before submission)

iii. A list of committed funding source(s) other than the REF for the proposed project. **Attached** (please check off before submission)

12. Please note that applications for municipal projects, affordable housing projects, and pre-development consultant and technical feasibility projects that are received by March 31st will be notified of the Corporation's decision by June 30th of that same year; applications that are received by September 30th will be notified by December 31st of that same year. All other projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Once submitted, REF will conduct a competitive evaluation process that takes approximately 90 days.

Initial here: _____

By signing this application, I attest under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application is true and accurate. The undersigned is legally authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____