

Q&A for REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) DE-FE-002415-19-04 - Review of Federal, State, and Regional Tax Strategies/Opportunities for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR-Storage and the CCUS Value Chain

Q: For #1 “Review analogous Federal Tax Credit incentives that could potentially be applied to the use of 45Q,” do you want the consultant to explain tax credits similar to 45Q and how they are applied?

A: The closest analogs are the ITC and PTC for renewables. But there are also the 48A and 48B tax credits for example. Two reasons for this request are as follows: 1) There are project developers using these now and their tax accountants and attorneys will bring their interests and expertise to the 45Q. 2) We will want to stimulate creative thinking for using 45Q in conjunction with or by looking at the analogies.

Q: For #7, “Identify and describe how 45Q can support Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Environmental, Societal Governance (ESG) programs and initiatives,” do you mind providing more context beyond the fact that 45Q’s will clearly support GHG reduction and thus support CSRs and ESGs?

A: 45Q can stimulate additional investment in GHG reductions but also encourage project developments in rural, underserved communities. For example, some of these communities could theoretically collapse if existing projects are not retrofitted for CCUS.

Q: Is there a budget limit we should stay within?

A: USEA seeks proposals that provide the best value.

Q: What is term and condition of payment? If USEA provides any down payment? What would be the time schedule of payments of cost the proposal and contractor services?

A: USEA will negotiate the terms of payment with the firm selected for the assignment.

Q: According to 10 tasks of statement of work, it seems that the contractor study are not limited in Tax opportunity and strategy but all vehicles which can support Tax 45 credit and make synergy on CCUS must be included. It may include any other opportunity, occasions, economical, financial or social interest, political views etc. Is it true? please confirm it or illustrate the domain of vehicles.

A: Typically project developers explore every possible avenue to ensure investment success and ways to have best outcomes. Each State has unique attributes as do related Federal programs.

Q: According to above question and domain of opportunities, if economical, geological and natural occasions (like well sink source matching or well distributions of suitable oil fields) must be consider? It is understood that just management or strategic opportunities included in study not techno economical. Do you confirm it?

A: The purpose of the study is to identify the various angles and opportunities inside the parameters of the study. High level best practical opportunities to highlight would be best.

Q: If there is no comment, in case if additional works or reports about techno-economical opportunity will have more score for contractor? Or may provide any priority?

A: What is offered in the study should be practical or already exists.