LoanSTAR Application RFA# BE-G27-2024

PART 1: General Information



Borrower							
Name of Eligible Public Entity		Federal Tax ID	Applic	Application Date			
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP Code			
County Name			\$ 	Amount Requested			
Signing Authority							
Name			Title				
Telephone	Email Address						
Primary Contact (Proje	ect Director)						
Name			Title				
Telephone	Email Address						
Secondary Contact (E	nergy Manager)						
Name			Title				
Telephone	Email Address						
Administrative Contac	t for Accounting (Financia	ll Contact)					
Name			Title				
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP Code			
Telephone	Email Address						

PART 2: Documentation Submitted with Application

Place a check next to the documentation submitted with the application. One (1) electronic copy of the report is required. Reports must comply with SECO guidelines. See attachments for Project Assessment Commitment and Memorandum of Understanding forms.

- 🔘 Utility Assessment Report (UAR) for design-bid-build projects, design-build projects or Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs)
- Commissioning Report for Retro- or Re-Commissioning projects
- O Preliminary Energy Assessment (PEA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) a UAR is required to be completed within 140 calendar days of execution of the MOU.
- O Project Assessment Commitment and Memorandum of Understanding. See attachments for Project Assessment Commitment and Memorandum of Understanding forms a UAR is required to be completed within 140 calendar days of execution of the MOU.

If UAR cannot be completed within 140 calendar days after notice is received that funding is committed to the project, do <u>not</u> proceed. The project is disqualified from loan consideration.

If an application is received with a UAR, applicant shall include the following (while the UAR is under Third Party review).

Bounded Category*; Texas Historical Commission Project Review*; Flood Map of Project Site*; Wetland Map Project Site* Definitions for each item are provided in Attachment D.



PART 3: Project Information

Complete the following table listing all Utility Cost Reduction Measures (UCRMs). Use Attachment A - Project Financial Worksheets to calculate energy savings.

Facility Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Engineering Firm Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code

Date of Audit Report

UCRM NO.	BUILDING	UCRM DESCRIPTION
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		

How long will it take to complete the project? (months)	
A. Is the TOTAL LOAN simple payback for the UCRMs less than 15 years?	O Yes O No
If Yes, proceed to next question.	
If No, project is disqualified from further loan consideration.	
B. Is the simple payback for each UCRM less than the Estimated Useful Life of the UCRM?	🔿 Yes 🔵 No
If No, project is disqualified from further loan consideration.	



PART 4: Funding Source

The LoanSTAR program has two funding sources. The interest rate for a LoanSTAR general fund loan is 2.5% per annum. The interest rate for a LoanSTAR repaid ARRA fund loan is 1.5% per annum, but requires additional reporting documentation.

What is your preferred funding source?

- 🔘 2.5% LoanSTAR general fund loan (no minimum loan size; maximum loan size is \$6,000,000)
- 1.5% LoanSTAR repaid ARRA fund loan (minimum loan size is \$3,000,000; maximum loan size is \$6,000,000)
- O No preference
- O Undecided

PART 5: Certification by Applicant Signing Authority or Chief Financial Officer

I certify that I have reviewed this application, including commitment of "buy-down" funds. The information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and in my best professional judgment. If awarded, Borrower will comply with the terms and conditions of the Sample Loan Agreement.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title



Attachment A – Project Financial Calculation Worksheet (Required)

Attachment A1. Design-Bid-Build, Design-Build or Commissioning Project Calculation Worksheet

			Construction	 Costs (\$)		Estimated		UCRM Estimated
UCRM No.	Building	UCRM Description	Time (Months)	Construction	Total	Annual Saving (\$)*	Payback** (yrs)	Useful Life (yrs)
				Totals]

* HVAC savings degradation = 0.75% each year.

** Individual energy efficiency measure payback must be less than or equal to the estimated useful life of the measure.

TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT

Costs for the UAR, metering and monitoring may be included in the loan at Borrower's option.

Costs (\$) Total	
<i>plus</i> UAR Costs	
<i>plus</i> Metering	 (note: maximum metering cost is 3 percent of UCRM costs)
<i>plus</i> Monitoring	 (note: maximum monitoring cost is 7 percent of UCRM costs)
<i>minus</i> Buy Down	
equals Total Loan Amount	
divided by Total Estimated Annual Savings (\$)	
equals Payback (years)	



Attachment A2. Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) Project Calculation Worksheet

		Average Annual Savings*								Estimated	
UCRM No.	UCRM Title	Electric Energy (kWh/yr)	Demand (kW/yr)	Electric (\$/yr)	Natural Gas (Mcf/yr)	Natural Gas (\$/yr)	Water (kGal/yr)	Water (\$/yr)	Project Cost (\$)	Payback** (yrs.)	Project Useful Life (yrs.)
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
Utility	y Assessment Report Cost	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
	Measurement & cation Cost	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
Const	ruction Bonding Cost	-	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
Owner's Administration, Management, Training & Other Costs		_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
Buy I	Down***	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
(IMP) TOTA	AL LOAN AMOUNT LEMENTATION AL) Ile Payback)										
Required Ongoing Monitoring Service Cost		_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
Guara	Guaranteed Rebate Savings		_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
Finan	cing Cost	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_
TOTAL PROJECT PAYBACK (Project Payback)		_	_	_	_	_	_	_			_

* HVAC savings degradation = 0.75% each year.

** Individual energy efficiency measure payback must be less than or equal to the estimated useful life of the measure.

*** Maximum Buy Down on an individual UCRM must not exceed 50% of the total UCRM cost.



Attachment B- Project Assessment Commitment

Attachment B is not required when a Utility Assessment Report (UAR), Commissioning Report or Preliminary Energy Audit is submitted with the application.

Applicant requests LoanSTAR Funding be reserved for a proposed energy efficiency or commissioning project. The dollar amount requested is Applicant's estimated cost to analyze and implement energy efficiency projects that will be financed through the LoanSTAR Program.

LoanSTAR funds, if reserved, will be subject to the following conditions:

- Applicant agrees to retain a Professional Engineer (PE), licensed in the State of Texas, to prepare a Commissioning Report or UAR that
 complies with the LoanSTAR Technical Guidelines or with Performance Contracting Guidelines. The PE shall meet the technical analyst
 qualifications listed in Volume I, Section I, (UTILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT AND INITIAL SYSTEMS COMMISSIONING
 REPORT) of the LoanSTAR Technical Guidebook. The PE of record shall accept responsibility for implementation of all retrofit activities in
 the UAR.
- 2. Applicant agrees to complete a UAR for design-bid-build or design-build contracts or a Commissioning Report for commissioning projects within 140 days after the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding. Borrower also agrees to submit one (1) electronic copy of the completed Commissioning Report or UAR to the State Energy Conservation Office(SECO). If the UAR is not received by SECO by the "End Date for Commitment", the reserved LoanSTAR funding will be released to other prospective borrowers.
- 3. LoanSTAR project expenditures cannot be incurred before the effective date cited in a fully executed loan agreement. The sole function of a Project Assessment Commitment is to request reservation of LoanSTAR Funding for a Borrower during the period the Commissioning Report or UAR are being prepared. This document shall not be construed as a loan agreement and does not authorize the expenditure of LoanSTAR Funding.

Applicant

Name of Public Entity	\$ Amount Requested
Name of Signing Authority (printed)	Title
Signature	Date



Attachment C- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Attachment C is not required when a Utility Assessment Report (UAR) or Commissioning Report is submitted with the application.

Execution of this MOU reserves the requested amount of LoanSTAR Funding for the Applicant.

The reserved LoanSTAR Funding is Applicant's estimated cost based on the Preliminary Energy Assessment or Project Assessment Commitment to analyze and implement energy efficiency projects which will be financed through the LoanSTAR Program.

The LoanSTAR funds reserved will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Applicant's Signing Authority certifies that Applicant has retained a Professional Engineer (PE) to prepare a UAR. The PE of record shall accept responsibility for implementation of all retrofit activities in the UAR. The UAR shall be prepared in accordance with the LoanSTAR Technical Guidelines.
- 2. Applicant's Signing Authority certifies that one (1) electronic copy of the completed reports referenced in item 1 will be delivered to SECO for review. If the completed reports are not submitted by the "End Date for Commitment", the reserved LoanSTAR Funding will be released to other prospective borrowers.
- 3. The sole purpose of this MOU is to reserve LoanSTAR Funding for the Applicant during the period that its UAR is being prepared. This MOU shall not be construed as a loan agreement. It does not authorize the expenditure of LoanSTAR Funding. LoanSTAR project expenditures cannot be incurred before the effective date cited in a fully executed loan agreement.
- 4. Applicants shall commit to submit the following items with a UAR
 - Bounded Category*
 - Texas Historical Commission Project Review*
 - Flood Map of Project Site*
 - Wetland Map Project Site*

Applicant

\$
Amount Requested
Name of Public Entity (printed)
Name of Signing Authority (printed)
Title
Signature
Date
State Energy Conservation Office To be completed by SECO
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SECO Program Manager Name (printed)
SECO Program manager Hame (prince)
SECO Program Manager Signature
SECO Program Manager Signature
Date
End Date for Commitment (Commitments cannot be extended.)



ATTACHMENT D - Definitions

- * Bounded Category applicant shall contact SECO to receive National Environmental Act (NEPA) document. Review page 1 and 2 of the document to determine which Bounded Category your project falls under. After your review , email a statement to SECO stating your category.
- * Texas Historical Commission Project Review applicants submits a review application to THC. For detailed Information on Project Reviews by the Texas Historical Commission, visit the following web page, https://www.thc.texas.gov/etrac-system and https://xapps.thc.state.tx.us/106Review/
- * Flood Map of Project Site applicant shall enter their project location address into a FEMA website at https://msc.fema.gov/portal If the project is located in a flood plain, that location will be highlighted. Applicant shall submit the screen shot of the map to SECO, whether highlighted or not.
- * Wetland Map of Project Site applicant shall enter their project location address into a US Fish and Wild Life Service website at https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/. If the project is located in a wetland, that location will be highlighted. Applicant shall submit the screen shot of the map to SECO whether highlighted or not.