Q. Is this Program subject to the July 29, 4pm deadline?

A. Applicants applying to be Program Administrators must meet the July 29, 4pm deadline. Agricultural entities wishing to apply for funding for a capital or research and development project will have a separate deadline. An application deadline for agricultural projects will be announced after a Program Administrator has been selected and program details established/finalized.

Q. If I am an agricultural producer or processor, how do I apply to this program?

A. A program administrator will be selected to administer a grant program for each REDC regional grouping. Using the requirements detailed in the Program Description, each administrator will have a separate application process for agricultural entities to follow. Selected administrators will be posted on the REDC website at a future date.

Q. What are the match requirements for agricultural projects?

A. An eligible agricultural entity must provide at least 10% of the total project cost. Total individual capital project costs can range between $20,000 to $250,000 each. Total individual research and development project costs can range between $10,000 to $50,000 each.

Q. How far along is too far along in an agricultural project? For example, you have paid for architectural plans, but construction hasn’t advanced.

A. A project should not begin and expenses should not be incurred before funding awards have been announced. Expenses incurred prior to submission of a CFA should not be included in CFA project budgets, nor should expenses that will be incurred after submission of a CFA but prior to an award announcement. But multi-component or multi-phase projects may apply without the those pieces completed prior eligible for funding.

Q. How much emphasis is placed on MWBE requirement?

A. If a project is funded, MWBE goals will be established for the project. The goal ascribed depends on eligible expenses as identified by our MWBE team.