

Large-Scale Thermal Program (PON 5614)
Questions and Answers

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Is participation in PON 4614 (Community Heat Pump Systems) or PON 4192 (FlexTech) a prerequisite for participation in PON 5614 (Large-Scale Thermal)?	No, participation in PON 4614 (Community Heat Pump Systems) or PON 4192 (FlexTech) is not a prerequisite to participate in PON 5614 (Large-Scale Thermal). Proposals submitted to PON 5614 must include a completed feasibility study that satisfies the requirements defined in PON 5614 Attachment C, regardless of the funding source used to complete the feasibility study.
Is 100% electrification of heating and hot water required? Is combustion or waste heat from combustion allowed to be incorporated if it's a small pre-determined percentage?	No, 100% electrification of heating and hot water is not required for eligibility. The PON seeks projects that significantly reduce GHG emissions from heating, cooling, and hot water.
Will 100% electrification receive a preferred evaluation?	Proposals will be evaluated against the Proposal Evaluation Criteria defined in the PON.
Where can I find the PON 5614 documents?	The PON 5614 documents are located here .
Will the slides be available for participants to review?	A recording of the PON 5614 pre-bid webinar is located on the Large-Scale Thermal page .
If a project has already begun the design/drawing development phase, is the project still eligible for this PON?	Potential proposers may email district.thermal@nyserda.ny.gov with project-specific eligibility questions.
Will the proposal scoring criteria be available?	Yes, the Proposal Evaluation Criteria are included in the PON 5614 Summary document available on the solicitation page.
Would an adaptive re-use of an existing building be considered existing or new construction?	A project including a combination of new construction and existing building retrofits would be qualified for an incentive based upon the percentage of conditioned space allocated between new construction and existing building retrofit.
Does participation in another NYSERDA program (ex: PON 5547 (Heat Recovery Project Development)) preclude a project from participation in PON 5614?	Projects may not receive funding from multiple NYSERDA programs for the same scope of work. For specific project and funding eligibility questions, project teams should submit a detailed question to district.thermal@nyserda.ny.gov for additional clarification.
Are customers/project sites required to select a solution provider from the Solution Providers listed on the Large-Scale Thermal webpage?	No, customers/project sites may work with any Solution Provider that meets the Proposer Eligibility criteria defined in PON 5614.

Does the proposer for a geothermal project have to be a Certified Geothermal Designer (CGD) or could they be a PE and include a CGD on the team?	The proposing team must include a NYS-licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and CGD. The certifications may be held by different team members. The team members and qualifications of each must be listed in the proposal.
Can you discuss the requirements for the Feasibility Study?	The requirements for the feasibility study are listed in PON 5614 Attachment C.
Are there limitations to eligible uses of awarded funds? Can funding be used for construction?	Funding awarded through PON 5614 is for large-scale thermal designs only and does not include construction.
Can projects already designed, but not yet constructed, be granted this award?	The scope of work proposed must not have been partially or fully commenced prior to proposal submission. Funding cannot be retroactively applied to work that has already been completed.
If, as a public entity, we need to competitively select our design team, can we only apply once the design team is in place?	The proposing team must include team members that meet the minimum Proposer Eligibility criteria when the proposal is submitted.
If the conditioned area of multiple buildings is slightly less than 250,000 sqft, is there any exception to be eligible?	The total conditioned square footage must meet or exceed the minimum defined in PON 5614.
Regarding the conditioned area requirement, can the multiple buildings be in two different locations if it's the same owner or does it have to be in one campus?	Proposals seeking the "Multiple Building" incentive must include buildings on the same property or contiguous properties, regardless of ownership.
If a second structure (subway, wastewater plant, industrial facility, etc) provides thermal energy to a single building, is this a "single" or "multiple" building project? Would the structure be classified as a building or a heat sink/source?	Potential proposers may email district.thermal@nyserda.ny.gov with project-specific questions about eligibility of buildings and conditioned square footage requirements.
Will a PON 5547 Category 1 satisfy the PON 5614 feasibility study requirement?	Feasibility studies must satisfy the requirements defined in PON 5614 Attachment C, regardless of the funding source used to complete the study.
Does NYSEDA have recommendations for NYS Agencies following RFQ/RFP consultant selection processes?	We expect agencies to follow the usual process RFQ/RFP process for procuring design consultants. Application must be submitted and contract in place before beginning design development work.
Is there an expectation that a PON that offers construction funding be available in the future?	While NYSEDA is seeking additional support to reduce the upfront capital costs of these projects, there is no available funding at this time.