**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**The USAID Securing Georgia’s Energy Future Program - Energy Pilot Projects**

**Publication date: January 23, 2024**

**Status: Open**

**Deadline: February 19, 2024**

**Short Description:**

The Call for Applications (CFA) is being implemented under the USAID Securing Georgia’s Energy Future Program.

Under the CFA the Program intends to identify and facilitate the implementation of at least 1 pilot project(s).

A Pilot can be in the Program’s focus areas of **Energy Efficiency (EE),** **Demand-Side Management (DSM), Energy Management Systems (EMS),** and diversified, sustainable, **Renewable Energy (RE)**. They may involve micro-sized projects, as well as small and medium-sized wind, solar, and hydropower technologies.

This specific **Energy Community** development pilot project(s) is part of USAID's Securing Georgia’s Energy Future Program Pilot Project Initiative, which will, going forward, implement renewable energy pilot projects, thereby creating additional benefits for the communities (community / village / township / city) within the area of affected by the project location of the ongoing renewable energy power station(s). This further assistance, it is hoped, will help the private sector actors (developers of renewable energy projects) to establish and strengthen strong relationships with the local population, and result in the efficient completion of the project’s construction works and the longer-term operation of the station.

The Program may provide technical advisory and/or material support to the selected projects.

The Program recognizes the importance of the private sector in promoting clean energy priorities and needs. Through a close partnership, the Program and private sector entities can create more effective and sustainable solutions to address energy challenges.

The USAID Securing Georgia’s Energy Future Program aims to improve Georgia's energy security, and reduce its susceptibility to malign influence, through (i) sound long-term policymaking and governance; (ii) increased private-sector investment in indigenous renewable energy production (including wind, solar and hydropower); (iii) building the capacity of Georgian institutions to effectively and sustainably manage domestic energy markets; and (v) improved energy sector resilience to cyber threats.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

**Focus area of the Pilot Project** -RE/EE/DSM/EMS

**Eligible entities for participation -** small and medium size RE power project developers

**Implementation timeframe** - less than 2 years

**Private sector contribution** - at least 50%

**USAID Securing Georgia’s Energy Future Program contribution** – up to 50% of total investment, but not more than 100,000 USD equivalent in Georgian Lari.

**Potential for replicability** - Pilot Project should be easily reproduced by other similar businesses

**Climate friendly** - Pilot Projects should have a positive and demonstrable impact on climate change, through the reduction or avoidance of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

**Accessibility** - Each potential Pilot Project should be reasonably accessible by vehicle with the location having access to roads suitable for equipment delivery.

**Applications must be submitted in accordance with the below attached** [**template**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jqOpOicW8MdtasOUmckhz2x2lD1TREdB/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111368669687410578476&rtpof=true&sd=true) **to the e-mail:** [**info@sgef.ge**](mailto:info@sgef.ge)**, no later than February 19, 2024.**

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**Questions and Clarifications:**

* **Method:** Only written questions and requests for clarification will receive a response. Send questions about this CFA by email to the CFA Contact noted above.
* **Clarification meeting:** for any further clarifications, the online meeting with potential applicants will be held on February 6, 2024, at 15:00 (Tbilisi time) on the following provided [Link](https://deloitte.zoom.us/j/99300622426?pwd=djdESDhXT00zdXNLTEVrRHhEQ1ZuQT09).
* **Date for receipt:** All questions and requests for clarification must be received by close of business (COB) on February 14, 2024, to the email address noted above. Only questions received by this date will receive a response.

***Incomplete Applications will not be considered***

**Successful entities will be notified via email**

[**Detailed Documentation of the Pilot Project Selection Procedure**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yycK1zUT6GPPhSWu31aUPxc75NrsN1FW?usp=sharing)