

business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, provided we can verify the technical issues that affected your ability to submit your application on time via your *Grants.gov* Support Desk Case Number.

*Note:* The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to technical problems with the *Grants.gov* system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register in order to submit your application to *Grants.gov* (including with the required UEI number and TIN currently registered in SAM) before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the *Grants.gov* system.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications.* We discourage paper applications, but if electronic submission is not possible (e.g., you do not have access to the internet), (1) you must provide a prior written notification that you intend to submit a paper application and (2) your paper application must be postmarked by the application deadline date.

The prior written notification may be submitted by email or by mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of the competition NIA. If you submit your notification by email, it must be received by the Department no later than 14 calendar days before the application deadline date. If you mail your notification to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than 14 calendar days before the application deadline date.

If you submit a paper application, you must have, and include on your application, a UEI number and mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, OFO/G5 Functional Application Team, Mail Stop 5C231, Attention: (Assistance Listing Number + Suffix Letter), 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

*Note:* The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

We will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date.

*Note for Mail Delivery of Paper Applications:* If you mail your application to the Department—

- (1) You must indicate on the envelope and in Item 11 of the SF 424 the ALN, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and
- (2) The G5 Functional Application Team will notify you of the Department's receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of the competition NIA.

*Accommodations; Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the competition NIA. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in the competition NIA.

On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**Roberto J. Rodriguez,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Request for Information: DOE's Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2) Version 2.0 (July 2021); Extension

**AGENCY:** Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response; Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period for its Request for Information (RFI) regarding the Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2). DOE published the RFI in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2021, establishing a 30-day public comment period that ends December 27, 2021. DOE is extending the public comment period for 45 days to February 10, 2022.

**DATES:** The comment period for the RFI published on November 24, 2021 (86 FR 67038) is extended. DOE will accept responses regarding this RFI received no later than February 10, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review the Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (C2M2), visit [www.energy.gov/c2m2](http://www.energy.gov/c2m2).

Comments should be submitted by email to [C2M2@hq.doe.gov](mailto:C2M2@hq.doe.gov) using the Comment Submission Form available here: <https://energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/Comment%20Submission%20Form%20-%20Cybersecurity%20Capability%20Maturity%20Model%20%28C2M2%29.docx>. Use the email subject line: "C2M2 Public Comment from [name/organization]."

Although DOE has routinely accepted public comment submissions through a variety of mechanisms, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier, the Department has found it necessary to make temporary modifications to the comment submission process in light of the ongoing coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. DOE is currently suspending receipt of public comments via postal mail and hand delivery/courier. If a commenter finds that this

change poses an undue hardship, please contact CESER staff at (202) 586–3057 to discuss the need for alternative arrangements. Once the COVID–19 pandemic health emergency is resolved, DOE anticipates resuming all of its regular options for public comment submission, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Fowad Muneer, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Cybersecurity for Energy Delivery Systems Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response. Tel.: (202) 586–5961. Email: [fowad.muneer@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fowad.muneer@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 24, 2021, DOE published a notice of RFI to solicit public comment on Version 2.0 of the C2M2, a tool that helps organizations evaluate and improve their cybersecurity capabilities, considering their specific risk environment. DOE released Version 2.0 in July 2021, and the update was guided by input from the Energy Sector C2M2 Working Group, which comprises 145 energy sector cybersecurity practitioners representing 77 energy sector and cybersecurity organizations. Version 2.0 updates the model from Version 1.1, released in 2014, and includes a variety of updates to the model domains and practices to better address emerging technologies and the evolving cyber threat landscape.

To obtain the broadest possible input, DOE seeks public comment on the C2M2 to inform the C2M2 Working Group as it develops future model updates. DOE believes it is appropriate to extend the public comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments. Therefore, DOE is extending the deadline for response until February 10, 2022, to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit responses.

Specifically, DOE seeks input on the following items:

- The usefulness of C2M2 practices in evaluating and improving cybersecurity program capabilities.
- The applicability of practice language to the IT and OT environments in use by energy sector organizations.
- The readability of and ability to understand practice language.
- The completeness of cybersecurity domains, objectives, and practices included within the C2M2.
- The effectiveness of guidance documentation (e.g., model introduction sections, domain introductions, and appendices) in conveying model concepts, architecture, and how to use the model.

- Any other potential improvements to the C2M2 documentation or practices contained therein.

For more information on the C2M2, or to review the model document, visit [www.energy.gov/c2m2](http://www.energy.gov/c2m2).

**Confidential Business Information:** Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 21, 2021, by Fowad Muneer, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Cybersecurity for Energy Delivery Systems Division, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 22, 2021.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program

**AGENCY:** Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated

guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. The hydroelectric incentive payments are a benefit available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2021, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2020.

**DATES:** DOE is currently accepting applications from December 27, 2021 through February 10, 2022. Applications must be sent to [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov) by midnight EDT, February 10, 2022, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2020 incentive payments.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). DOE’s December 2021 Guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions may be addressed to Mr. Corey Vezina, U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, (240) 562–1382 or by email at [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). Further instruction can be found in the December 2021 Guidance posted at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005; Pub. L. 109–58), as amended by section 3005(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (Energy Act 2020; Pub. L. 116–260), Congress established a program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure for eligible facilities (section 242), codified at 42 U.S.C. 15881. Congress amended section 242 in the Energy Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–260) by expanding the eligibility window and amending the definition of a qualified hydroelectric facility. The Infrastructure