

Voucher Request for Assistance changes (February 24, 2022)

In the interest of providing clarity and adjusting policy to reflect feedback received as well as implementing lessons learned by the NE Voucher Review Team, the voucher program RFA is reviewed on an annual basis. The following list includes summaries of changes that were implemented on February 1, 2022 and is intended to aid in rapidly identifying important updates.

- 1) Modified first three paragraphs in section **A. Overview** to clarify the program and move some items earlier to the document.
- 2) Modified section regarding the voucher being of an applied nature in section **A. Overview**.
- 3) Added reference to the INFUSE program for fusion energy in section **A. Overview**.
- 4) Modified the National Laboratory Staff section in **B. Eligibility Requirements and Certifications** to provide additional guidance on working with lab staff for cost estimate development.
- 5) Updated **D. Key Dates** to align with recent performance in the voucher award schedule.
- 6) Modified policy in section **G. Submitting the RFA** to move from a limit of two active vouchers at any one time to an unlimited number of active vouchers as long as the active voucher funding (not including cost share) is no more than \$975,000.
- 7) Added new policy **I. Consideration of Vouchers where Companies have ARDP or iFOA Projects** to allow for companies to explain how voucher project is distinct from the active Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program (ARDP) or Industry Funding Opportunity Announcement (iFOA) (DE-FOA-0001817) project.
- 8) Modified the voucher template **Section I: Technical Merit** and moved the company summary into an introduction.
- 9) Added a cost estimate template to be utilized in all applications in **Appendix A, Section I: Technical Merit, Item 2**.