

Questions and Answers for RFQ 2014-01 Energy Auditors for Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program (MERP)

Q: Should an Offeror be selected to perform the Energy Audits, does this prohibit the offer from bidding on any of the energy retrofit work (construction) on the Multi-Family units that they may have audited?

A: Yes. As stated in the RFQ, Section Five, F, “The Offeror acknowledges that any Offeror selected shall be prohibited from engaging in activities in connection with services related to Florida Housing transactions that produce direct or indirect financial gain for the Offeror other than for the compensation agreed upon in the Contract that results from this RFQ, unless that Offeror has Florida Housing’s written consent after Florida Housing has been fully informed of such activities in writing.” As the results of the energy audit determine the eligibility for a loan as well as the scope of the retrofit, the retrofit construction work done at the property would be considered a service connected with the services of the energy auditor. This would present a conflict of interest.

Q: The qualifications section specifies certification by various entities, but not specific certifications. Is there a specific certification from each named entity that is preferable, such as BPI Multifamily Building Analyst?

A: As stated in the RFQ, Section Six D, the individuals who will be doing the on-site evaluations and preparing the reports “Must be certified through one of the following programs: Certified Energy Manager®, RESNET®, or the Building Performance Institute, Inc.; or be a Class 1 Energy Rater certified by the State of Florida.” No specific certification beyond these programs is required by the RFQ.

Q: Is it possible to eliminate insurance as a threshold item? As a member of the pool of energy auditors, we are only providing consulting services that do not include design work to be used in construction.

A: No.