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Regarding procedures for application			
	1	Is an overseas company eligible for application independently?	Yes, any overseas companies are eligible for application independently as long as they satisfy the requirements set forth in article 6. Application Requirements in the Guidelines of the Subsidy Program, such as “(The entities) ensure organizations for properly conducting the relevant subsidized project.”, “(The entities) have the capacity, knowledge and experience required for conducting the relevant subsidized project”, etc.
	2	How will the information contained in the application documents be handled?	METI and PMO will NOT use the contents of application documents submitted for other purposes than the evaluation/review. And we’ve made a non-disclosure agreement with all the members of the review committee. Nevertheless, you have to be noted that the information which has not been classified as confidential will be subject to disclosure as a response to the legal request for disclosure. For the details of the private policy of this RFP, please refer to the “Private Policy” on the website below. [URL] http://en.dccc-program.jp/files/20180302PMSE.pdf
	3	Can the costs for the application be covered by the Japanese Government?	No, any costs for the application are not compensated.
	4	Is it possible to ask for additional data on plants, etc. in establishing a proposal or in implementation of the project?	If you need supplemental information, please contact us. We cannot assure we can provide all of the information you need; and if we provide the information, we will release this information on the website.
	5	Is an organization without juridical personality eligible for application?	This organization is also eligible as long as it satisfies the requirements of stipulated in Item 6 in the Guidelines.
	6	Do you accept proposal from a JV of multiple organizations?	We can accept proposals submitted by JVs. If you would like to apply for this project as a JV, please describe the leading company and the implementation scheme on the designated form.
	7	Is it allowable to make a proposal through the methods other than filling in the specified application forms (i.e. by oral presentation or using the media such as brochures and image files)?	We will not accept any proposals not using the stipulated submission forms. Any other form will NOT be taken into account for the paper screening.
	8	We would like to make a proposal jointly with other companies. Is it possible to recommend partner companies or organizations for us?	No. You must find suitable partners and establish the implementation scheme by yourself.
	9	If we apply for the project with other companies as a team, how will the process after the adoption be?	The managing company (or managing organization) takes charge of establishment of the implementation plan, preparation and submission of the accomplishment report. Each companies and organizations composing the JV must be investigated for the settlement of the subsidy amount.
	10	There may be some time lag between the deadline of the application documents and the commencement date of the subsidized project. Is it acceptable to describe the implementation scheme based upon the personnel change taking place after the deadline?	Yes, It is acceptable.

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	11	Regarding Form 5, what should we present the related documents to submit ?	If you have received approval of Export administration regulations from METI, please present documents that can confirm the approval.
	12	Regarding Form 5, what should we write down if we don't have a plan to import or export something which requires permission under Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act ?	Please mark "O" to the item "Not Required" and state the reason too.
Regarding procedures for evaluation and adoption			
	13	Who is in charge of evaluation of the proposals?	The application documents shall firstly be evaluated by the review committee consisting of experts. Paper examination and if necessary, applicants' oral presentation shall be also conducted.
	14	For the presentation evaluation, can we supplement some information to the contents of the application document?	You can add supplementary explanation at the presentation evaluation.
	15	Should the applicant come to the venue for the presentation evaluation?	If you cannot come to the venue for the presentation, please contact us in advance so that you can make a presentation via a Web conference, a TV conference and such. In such a case, however, the applicant may take risks of bad connection, etc.
	16	How long is the time of oral presentation of the presentation evaluation?	The time of oral presentation may be changed according to the number of applicants.
	17	This solicitation seems to be more advantageous to Japanese companies because it is easier for them to observe the guidelines or the manual when compared with overseas companies.	This project is financed by Japanese governmental budget and is implemented in accordance with Japanese scheme and in compliance with Japanese laws. However, any Japanese companies will not be treated preferentially in the review process.
	18	Regarding the evaluation criterion, what do the "basic points" and the "additional points" mean respectively?	The "basic point" refers to the conditions which must absolutely be met; and the "additional points" refer to the items which give additional points if the contents of the proposal are excellent. Please note that if you fail to meet a "basic points" condition, you will be disqualified.
	19	Has it already been decided how many proposals will be adopted for each project?	One or more proposal is planned to be adopted.
	20	Is there a possibility that a member of the review committee would use the proposal documents for any other purpose other than for evaluation ?	Because conclusion of the non-disclosure agreement is one of the conditions of appointment of the members of the review committee, they won't make use of the application documents for any other purpose other than for evaluation.
	21	When will the results of the paper screening be informed? When will the review committee be held?	We will inform the entity having passed the paper screening of the result as soon as possible. The review committee is planned to be held on any date from March 26 to March 30, 2018.

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Regarding the RFP (Miscellaneous)			
	22	When is the subsidy going to be paid?	Basically, the payment will be made after the subsidy amount is settled following the completion of the subsidy project. However, depending on the entity's circumstance, the payment by estimate before the completion of the project may be admitted.
	23	If an overseas entity is adopted, how will the meetings be held? And how often?	PMO and implementing entities will have meetings, interim report and final report as well as progress report of the project as necessary. The frequency of meetings depends on the necessity of these meetings and reports.
	24	Is there any reference for METI's health insurance costs by grade?	Please see the latest list of the health insurance costs which is posted on our web site.
	25	Can the subsidy amount to be actually paid be determined only after the "settlement of the amount" procedure, which is conducted after completion of the project?	The paid amount will be settled after expiration of the project period, confirmation of the project result, and inspection for settlement of the amount by PMO. This procedure is formulated by Japanese accounting rules.
	26	How should the necessary expenses for the project be categorized in the proposal?	Please divide the necessary expenses into (1) labor costs and (2) operating costs (raw materials, consumables, design/fabrication/processing, facility/equipment, goods purchase, research, outsourcing, travel, remunerations, rent/depreciation and other necessities) as described in Exhibit 2 of the Grand Policy for Subsidy.
	27	When is the date of subsidization decision ?	The date of subsidization decision is still uncertain at this moment. After the selection results, we plan to make the decision to grant the subsidy promptly as soon as the submission of the application form for grant and the adjustment with PMO are completed.

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General Question regarding Projects			
	28	If an applicant with partial proposal is adopted, should its implementation plan be developed based on the plan of the entity with adopted comprehensive proposal?	The entities with adopted comprehensive proposal and of partial proposal need to coordinate and make the implementation plans consistent with each other. During the decision of adoption and the grant decision, coordination will be done, if necessary.
	29	How will the entities of a comprehensive proposal and a partial proposal work together for implementing the project?	The specific methods of collaboration may be coordinated according to the situation. However, PMO can host a liaison meeting for the purpose of cooperation between the entities of a comprehensive proposal and a partial proposal.
	30	Is it possible for the entities with partial proposals to request the entities of comprehensive proposal to provide necessary information to implement the project by compiling input and output information?	We assume that the entities of a comprehensive proposal and a partial proposal will share the information by the compilation of input and output information. If necessary, PMO will cooperate in coordinating between them, etc.
	31	What should we do when it's difficult to describe input and output information in detail at the time of the submission of proposal?	For the proposal, you can draw it up as your planned basis.
	32	Regarding the gathering domestic and overseas wisdom in "3. Operation of research and development", it says that it is important to be validated and reviewed objectively by third parties such as academic societies, etc. and such validation and review must distinctively be placed in the development plan or be set as a milestone. Is it necessary to write down the determined contents on the proposal?	For the proposal, you can draw it up as your planned basis.
	33	On-site tests might significantly be delayed because of the situation of the site. In the case, how should the implementing entity cope with?	When an entity expects a delay of the implementation, please inform PMO of it as soon as possible. We would consider how to cope with.
	34	When foreign currencies other than Japanese Yen are used for this project, how will the exchange rate be determined?	For the exchange rate, if the subsidized entity has an in-house rule of exchange rate, it can be applied. Otherwise, the basic exchange rate of Japanese currency of Bank of Japan will be used. Please be noted that the subsidy can be paid only in Japanese yen after the determination of the amount.
	35	Regarding "3. Operation of research and development [5] Cooperation with decommissioning activities and other research and development", it says that the information on implementation of the project must be shared with and offered to PMO and the concerned organizations in a timely and appropriate manner so as to contribute to the decision making on the method of fuel debris retrieval, etc.. Is the information requested from PMO?	PMO may also request the necessary information. When information on the implementation of the project is obtained, the subsidized entity must also present them in a timely and appropriate manner.
	36	Are the deliverables of the subsidized entity a report?	As it is described in "3. Operation of research and development [8] Progress report", you are required to report the project results, etc. to PMO on request.
	37	Describing the subcontractor (outsourced or commissioned entity) in the Implementation Organization Chart, if it is adopted, will the special contract order of the subcontractor be approved?	For reasons of financial efficiency, in principle, subcontractor shall be subject to general competition or it is necessary to prepare a statement for selection stating clearly the reasons for selection. So, sole-source procurement cannot be accepted only by specifying the subcontractor's name.
Regarding the Project "Development of Investigation Technology of Inside of RPV"			
	38	In "4. Project Term," it says that the implementation plan/the income and expenditure plan are required for each fiscal year. Is it possible to accept an order of which period ranges in two fiscal years?	As some adjustment may need to be made depending on the national budget, etc., please write it in your application document for the fiscal year when the payment will made and note that it ranges in two fiscal years. For the actual description after your proposal is adopted, we will discuss with you individually.

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Regarding the Project "Upgrading Approach and System for Retrieval of Fuel Debris and Internal Structures (Development of technology for criticality control in fuel debris retrieval)"			
	39	Although this project is a partial proposal project, shall the entity of comprehensive proposal conduct "3. Operation of research and development [1] Human resource development in the middle and long term"?	The entity of comprehensive proposal carries out, but the entity of partial proposal shall, to the extent possible, conduct it as well.
	40	Regarding "3. Operation of research and development[2]the gathering domestic and overseas wisdom in", it says that it is important to be validated and reviewed objectively by third parties such as academic societies, etc. and such validation and review must distinctively be placed in the development plan or be set as a milestone. Is it necessary to conduct it?	For the proposal, you can draw it up as your planned basis.
	41	Regarding "2. Contents of Project (4)[2]ii)Responding to a stepwise expansion of fuel debris retrieval work", selection of representative events and evaluation of behavior at criticality are to be done with this PJ?	That's right.
Regarding the Project (Development of closed circulation systems for water inside)			
	42	In "4. Project Term," it says that the implementation plan/the income and expenditure plan are required for each fiscal year. But we anticipate orders of which period ranges in two fiscal years, so we do not want budgets for a single fiscal year.	Depending on the state of the budget of the country etc., there is a possibility that it will be granted for each year. Since adjustment is necessary, please write it in your application document for the fiscal year when the payment will made and note that it ranges in two fiscal years. For the actual description after your proposal is adopted, we will discuss with you individually.
	43	Is it necessary to settle the income and expenditure plan of 2. (1)(2) and 2. (3) separately?	The comprehensive proposal of this project is scheduled to be divided for each implementation item. Therefore, in case that you expect to be adopted as an overall proposal business entity, please submit the application document settling the income and expenditure plan of 2.(1) (2) and 2.(3).
	44	At the start of evaluating "2. Contents of Project (1)", what kind of things do you intend to consult with TEPCO Holdings Co., Ltd. ?	We are anticipating consultation in order to reflect the situation of the site of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.
	45	Regarding "2. Contents of Project", it says that Partial Subsidized Project Operating Entity would implement the task (1) and (2). Is that's right?	That's right.
	46	Where there is a submission by a partial proposal entity and an overall proposal entity, whichever is adopted by examination?	The number of adopted cases is one or more proposals, and it is not limited to either one.
	47	If the Subsidy is to be decided to be granted for each year, is it necessary to register property for prototypes ordered / accepted for the first year?	The property for the first year must be posted to the itemized accounts of the Acquired Asset Ledger at the end of the first year.
Regarding the Project "Research and Development of Processing and Disposal of Solid Waste (Research and development on preceding processing methods and analytical			
	48	Is the maximum amount of the subsidy 900 million yen for each of the comprehensive proposal and the partial proposal?	Yes. The maximum amount of subsidy for each is 900 million yen.
	49	Is there an upper limit on outsourcing ratio?	Although there is no upper limit, it is not acceptable to outsource all the work to another corporation.

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	50	Can Japanese and English be mixed in the proposal and report of the project?	Japanese and English may be mixed, but please prepare in a way easy to understand throughout the whole proposal. Regarding the report, we will consult individually after the proposal has been adopted.
	51	When requesting a partial proposal, regarding the implementation of the implementation item (1)[1], is it possible to implement the project for one of the cement-based improved technology and the high-temperature processing technology for the elemental technology that has been actually used?	Possible.
	52	When requesting a partial proposal, is it possible to make a proposal to implement not just the implementation item (1) [1], but also (1) [2] and [3] ?	The entity of partial proposal means that limited to enforce only the implementation item (1) [1].