2026 Request for Proposals

Clean Industry Fund: Emissions Performance

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DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS: Proposals must include a completed Emissions Performance Proposal Form and Emissions Performance Technical Appendix workbook in the format they were provided. All documents are available for download on the Clean Industry Fund website. Proposals must be submitted by email to the email address below.

ENQUIRIES: Enquiries related to this Request for Proposals (RFP), including any requests for information or clarification, should be directed to the Program Advisor via the email address below. The Clean Industry Fund website will be updated regularly as questions are received and responses provided. Questions submitted to the Program Advisor less than three **(3) business days** before the Closing Time may not be answered. Information obtained from any other source is not official and should not be relied upon. The Proponent should check the Clean Industry Fund website prior to submitting their proposal, for any updated information.

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1 Clean Industry Fund Overview

The Clean Industry Fund (CIF) is intended to support the province's industrial operations in decarbonizing and adopting innovative clean technologies. Funding is provided for a range of projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and stimulate investment in developing technology, while supporting industrial competitiveness in British Columbia (B.C.).

CIF is available to Regulated Operations in B.C., as defined under the Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act (*GGIRCA*). Regulated Operations are controlled by industrial operators that participate in the B.C. Output-Based Pricing System (B.C. OBPS). Industry sectors that are excluded from the B.C. OBPS are also excluded from CIF, including electricity import operations, energy utilities, greenhouse growers, and waste management and remediation services. For further details regarding Regulated Operations, see Part Two of The B.C. Output-Based Pricing System Program and Reporting Guidance. For complete CIF Emissions Performance eligibility requirements, see Section 3 (*Scope and Eligibility*) below.

The Emissions Performance (EP) stream provides investment support for B.C.'s industrial operations to reduce emissions that are Attributable to or Associated with Regulated Operations by using commercially available technologies. The objective of EP is to incentivize new investment in emissions reduction projects that would not occur in the absence of CIF funding.

1.1 Program Advisor

A Program Advisor is available to support throughout the application process. This includes supplying information on requirements, including expectations of the Proposal content and eligibility criteria. They cannot however provide definitive statements about whether a given Proposal complies with these requirements.

Proponents are encouraged to contact the Program Advisor at any stage of the application process (CleanBCIndustryFund@gov.bc.ca) to address any questions or concerns related to this RFP, and prior to submitting a final Proposal.

2 Definitions

Throughout this Request for Proposals, the following definitions apply:

"**Addenda**" means all additional information regarding this RFP including amendments to the RFP;

"Associated", in relation to emissions and a Regulated Operation, means emissions, other than carbon dioxide produced from biomass listed in item 1 of Schedule C of GGERR and emissions that are captured and are not emitted to the atmosphere as stipulated under Section 3(5) of GGERR, that are not Attributable to the Regulated Operation but originate from the operation, or from mobile equipment or on-road vehicles used and owned by the Regulated Operation within BC;

"Attributable", in relation to emissions and a Regulated Operation, means emissions that are Attributable to the Regulated Operation under Section 3 of GGIRCA for the purpose of emission reporting, excluding carbon dioxide produced from biomass listed in item 1 of Schedule C of GGERR and excluding emissions that are captured and are not emitted to the atmosphere as stipulated under Section 3(5) of GGERR;

"B.C. OBPS" means the British Columbia Output-Based Pricing system;

"**Budgeted Eligible Expenses**" means Budgeted Eligible Expenses as defined in Emission Performance (EP) Funding Agreement Template;

"**Certification"** means a statement that a Proponent has certified as being true in its Proposal;

"**Closing Time**" means the closing time and date for this RFP as set out on the cover page of this RFP;

"**Eligible Expenses"** means Eligible Expenses as defined in Emission Performance (EP) Funding Agreement Template;

"**Emission Intensity"** means metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO_2e) produced per unit of production, or output of good, materials or service;

"**Emission Reduction Quantification Guidelines"** means the Emission Reduction Quantification Guidelines set out in Section 4 (*Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines*)9 of this RFP;

"Fiscal Year" means the period from April 1 of a calendar year to March 31 of the following calendar year;

"**Funding Agreement**" means the written agreement resulting from the RFP executed by the Province and a successful Proponent;

"Funds Available" means funds available to be disbursed by the Province under Funding Agreements within a Fiscal Year in accordance with all applicable appropriations, Treasury Board directions or policies of the Province;

"GGERR" means the *Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 249/2015, as amended from time to time;

"GGIRCA" means the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act,* S.B.C. 2014, c. 29, as amended from time to time*;*

"**Global Warming Potential**" or "**GWP**" means the global warming potential in the Schedule to the *Carbon Neutral Government Regulation*, B.C. Reg 392/2008, as amended from time to time;

"**Government Electronic Mail System**" or "**GEMS**" means the electronic mail system of the Province;

"**Greenhouse Gas**" or "**GHG**" means the gases listed in the Schedule to the *Carbon Neutral Government Regulation*, B.C. Reg 392/2008, as amended from time to time;

"Interconnection Study" means a BC Hydro Transmission Connection studies, which is mandatory for projects requiring a new or upgraded connection to BC Hydro's transmission system. This includes System Impact Study (Step 1 & 2) and Facilities Studies.

"**Maximum Amount**" means the amount of funding requested in a Proposal from the Clean Industry Fund (not to exceed the lower of $10 million or 50% of Budgeted Eligible Expenses);

"**must**", or "**mandatory**" means a requirement that must be met in order for a Proposal to receive consideration;

"New Entrant" means a new entrant as defined under GGIRCA;

"Notification Date" means the date on which Proponents are notified of the outcome of their Proposal;

"**Operator"** means an operator as defined under GGIRCA;

"Opted-In Operation" means an industrial operation that is designated under section 20.1 of GGIRCA as a Regulated Operation;

"Primary Contact" means the individual identified in Section 1 (*Proponent Profile*) of the Proposal Form as the person responsible for Proposal submission and review;

"**Primary Regulated Operation(s)**" means one or more Regulated Operations operated by the Proponent and identified in the Proposal as the Primary Regulated Operation;

"Program" means the Clean Industry Fund;

"Program Advisor" means the individual identified on the first page of this RFP, who Proponents or potential Proponents may contact for information and support in how to respond to the RFP as well as guidance on whether a proposed project has sufficient information to be eligible for the Fund;

"**Project**" means various related capital expenditures, facility improvements or software improvements that, based on calculations made in accordance with the Emission Reduction Quantification Guidelines, will lead to a reduction in the quantity, measured in tCO_2e, of GHG emissions that are Attributable to or Associated with the Regulated Operation identified in the Proposal;

"Project Partner" means a person or entity who will implement the Project with the Proponent, other than a Sub-contractor;

"**Proponent**", with respect to a Proposal, means the person or entity (excluding its parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates) with the legal capacity to contract, named as the Proponent in the Proposal;

"**Proposal**" means a written response to the RFP that is submitted by or on behalf of a Proponent. This includes the Proposal Form, Technical Appendix, and any optional supplementary appendices submitted by the Proponent;

"**Province**" means His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of British Columbia;

"Recipient" means a Proponent who has entered into a Funding Agreement;

"Regulated Operation" means a regulated operation as defined under GGIRCA;

"**Reporting Operation"** means a Reporting Operation as defined under GGIRCA;

"**Request for Proposals**" or "**RFP**" means the solicitation described in this document, including any attached or referenced appendices, schedules or exhibits and as may be modified in writing from time to time by the Province by Addenda;

"**should**", "**may**" or "**weighted**" means a requirement having a significant degree of importance to the objectives of the Request for Proposals;

"**Sub-contractor"** means a person or entity retained by the Proponent to implement some or all of the Project; and "**tCO_2e**" means metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

3 Scope and Eligibility

3.1 Program Objectives

The Emissions Performance stream has the following objectives:

- To incentivize new investment in emissions reduction projects that would not occur in the absence of Clean Industry Fund funding.
- To support projects that reduce existing GHG emissions at Regulated Operations.

3.2 Industrial Operation Eligibility

To be eligible for funding:

- The Proponent must be the Operator of a Regulated Operation. Industrial Reporting Operations that are not a Regulated Operation are not eligible.
- The Regulated Operation may not be designated as a New Entrant.
- Opted-In Operations are eligible if they have been designated as a Regulated Operation at the time of application.
- The Operator of each Regulated Operation identified in the Proposal must have submitted a GGIRCA emission report for the 2024 reporting period. Each Regulated Operation identified in the Proposal must also have submitted a GGIRCA emission report for the 2023 and 2022 reporting periods or must have included in the Proposal a Certification that it was, at the relevant time, either not the Operator of the Reporting Operation required to submit a report or that the operation was not a Reporting Operation during the relevant calendar year.

3.3 Project Eligibility

To be eligible for funding:

- Projects must reduce emissions in British Columbia that are Attributable to or Associated with Regulated Operations.
- Projects must use commercially-available technologies, defined as equipment, technology, or a product with proven commercial sales, or that has been demonstrated at a commercial scale.
- The project must be supported by sufficient planning and resources to enable implementation as described in the proposal.
- Projects that reduce either Attributable or Associated emissions defined under this RFP are eligible.
- Projects may not be undertaken at greenfield operations.
- Projects must be unlikely to proceed in the absence of CIF funding. If the information provided in Proposal Form Section 5 *(Business Case)* and Technical Appendix EP.2c - Payback are insufficient to convincingly demonstrate that the Project is unlikely to proceed without CIF funding, the Proposal will be disqualified.

Each Proposal may describe only one Project. Multiple Proposals may be submitted for distinct Projects. If Proposals are submitted for multiple Projects, any potential or actual interdependencies affecting GHG quantification must be disclosed and quantified to the fullest extent practicable in Section 3 (*GHG Emissions Reductions*) of the Proposal Form. A Proposal for a given Project may only be submitted to one CIF stream per funding year. If the Province determines that Proposals have been submitted for substantively the same Project to more than one funding stream, it may disqualify that Project from consideration in one or all streams.

3.4 Project Timing

- The Project must not have started.
- Projects must be completed by March 31, 2031. Projects with earlier start and completion dates are preferred.

3.5 Funding Amount

- Proposals must identify an amount of funding sought for the Project that does not exceed 50% of the Proposal's Budgeted Eligible Expenses, to a maximum of $10 million.
- Projects may stack funding from other external sources up to 75% of Budgeted Eligible Expenses. In cases where additional funding sources for the Project exist, the Proponent's proportion of Eligible Expenses must be at least 25% of Budgeted Eligible Expenses.

3.6 Funding Terms

Proponents will only be eligible to receive CIF funding after the date on which a Funding Agreement is signed with the Province and only for Eligible Expenses that are incurred after the date the Proponent is notified in writing of its success (the "Notification Date"). Investment in preliminary engineering work does not disqualify a Project from consideration as this inherently reduces Project risk. Typically, Projects where construction and/or equipment/material procurement has occurred are considered "started" and are ineligible to apply under the Fund. The Province will not fund any expenses incurred by successful Proponents prior to the Notification Date.

- Funding terms are set out in the EP Funding Agreement Template.
- The Province will require a Performance Reimbursement Amount (as defined in the Funding Agreement) calculated on the basis of the performance of the Project compared to the Target Emission Intensity in the Proposal. The standard final Performance Reimbursement Amount is generally equivalent to 10% of the Provincial funding but could be up to 20% for Projects with higher risk profiles. If the Recipient fails to achieve the final Performance Milestone, the Recipient will be required to repay to the Province the final Performance Reimbursement Amount calculated in accordance with the Funding Agreement.
- Total funding will not exceed the maximum amount of Provincial funding as set out in the Funding Agreement.
- The Funding Agreement includes terms that require repayment of some or all funds if the Recipient fails to substantially complete a milestone by the milestone deadline, if a Project is abandoned, or if assets improved or acquired under the Funding Agreement are not operated in the manner contemplated in the Proposal. Proponents may wish to consider these potential liabilities in their calculation of projected emissions reductions.

4 Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines

The emissions reduction quantification guidelines are described in the subsections below. Submissions should describe the method or rationale for calculations used to estimate emissions and emission reductions.

4.1 Project GHG Boundaries

Proposals must include a detailed description of the Project, Project GHG boundaries (including operational GHG sources, sinks and reservoirs), and a Process Block Flow Diagram (Technical Appendix EP.1a - Process) for the Project and relevant tie-ins to the larger facility. Project GHG boundaries must be established to include all emission sources directly or indirectly affected by the implementation of the Project.

Proposals must calculate the Attributable or Associated emission reductions within the project boundary that will occur at the Regulated Operation(s) (in British Columbia).

4.2 Baseline and Project Emissions Scenario

Emissions reduction estimates must be provided for each calendar year up to and including 2036. The Province will consider cumulative emissions reduced through 2036 in the calculations of (1) funding requested per tonne of emissions reduced and (2) total project cost per tonne of emissions reduced from the Project.

The baseline emissions scenario should be developed using historical operating information from the most recent 12-month period for which data is available for the specific equipment subject to the application, if this period is reflective of business-as-usual (BAU). An alternative baseline may be used if the most recent 12-month period is not reflective of BAU, such as a multi-year average or another representative period but must be accompanied with a strong justification. For operations that have a major turnaround with impacts extending beyond a single year, a 12-month period may not accurately represent the BAU. For example, if an operation has a major turnaround every four years, a four-year average baseline that includes the major turnaround year may be more representative of BAU.

The project emissions scenario should reflect forecasted emissions after the Project is completed and be estimated using forecasted operating conditions that are consistent with the baseline scenario, including representative production levels and operating schedules. The project scenario should also account for major turnarounds that are expected to continue through 2036. In the event of increases in production or activity, the project emissions scenario shall be developed using a dynamic baseline that incorporates changes in production or activity levels. All assumptions used in the dynamic baseline must be conservative and supported by comprehensive documentation.

4.3 Concordance with Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines

Estimates of emissions reductions that will result from the Project should be prepared in accordance with Section 4 (*Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines*). Proponent must demonstrate how the quantification methodologies used in the Proposal conform to the quantification guidelines, and a detailed justification must be provided for anywhere the methodology differs. Full calculations must be included in Technical Appendix EP.1b - Baseline, EP.1c - Project, and EP.1d - GHG Summary and it must be possible for Proposal reviewers to recalculate the emissions reductions based on the information provided. When estimates are used due to unavailable operation data, the most conservative methods and assumptions must be applied. It must be evident to the Proposal reviewer that the Project GHG assessment conforms to the principles of relevance, completeness,

consistency, accuracy, transparency, and conservativeness (for more information about these principles and other foundational elements of project-level GHG quantification please refer to ISO14064-2:2019).

4.4 Key Criteria

Methodologies that do not meet a minimum standard will be rejected: the Province reserves the right to reject Proposals where it determines that there has been a material deviation from the Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines. For the purposes of accurately evaluating the amount of funding requested per tonne of emissions reduced and the total project cost per tonne of emissions reduced (see Section 5.3 (*Weighted Criteria*)), the Province also reserves the right to edit emissions reduction estimates included in a Proposal, where the Province determines a correction is appropriate to ensure consistency with, and conservativeness under, these Emissions Reduction Qualification Guidelines.

Proponents must ensure the following:

- A baseline-case scenario has been established using the emissions baseline described in Section 4.2 (*Baseline Emissions Scenario*) and accurately represents projected annual emissions from 2026 to 2036 (inclusive) in the event that the Project is not implemented.
- The Project-case scenario emissions estimate accurately represents a realistic forecast of annual emissions from 2026 to 2036 (inclusive) in the event that the Project is implemented.
- Annual emissions reductions are calculated by subtracting the Project-case emissions from the baseline-case emissions.
- Projected reductions in Attributable or Associated emissions for the Regulated Operations identified in the Proposal have been estimated based on Baseline- and Project-case scenarios at such operations and have taken into consideration all sources of Associated or Attributable emissions at those operations that are significantly affected by the Project.
- The Baseline-case scenario emissions estimate used in calculating emissions reductions is consistent with the equipment and associated information reported under GGERR by Operators of the Regulated Operations listed in the Proposal.
- The Baseline-case scenario emissions estimate used includes adherence to any applicable provincial or federal laws.
- The Project-case scenario emissions estimate accounts for foreseeable circumstances that would result in an increase in emissions associated with the Project (e.g., Forecasted production increases, operational changes, etc.)
- Emissions quantification methods are consistent with the prescribed methods and references below.

4.5 Prescribed Methods and References

Links to prescribed methods and references are provided below:

- Western Climate Initiative Quantification Methods (Quantification methods used under the GGERR) must be applied to all Attributable emissions sources and may be used for Associated emissions sources, if available: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/industry/reporting/quantify#emissions
- Canada's Greenhouse Gas Quantification Requirements may be used for Associated emissions sources such as mobile equipment, or on-road vehicles where Western Climate Initiative Quantification Methods are not available: https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/greenhouse-gas-emissions/facility-reporting/reporting/quantification-requirements.html

- Carbon Capture and Sequestration projects that will require a Special Project permit under section 75 of the *Energy Resource Activities Act* and a Storage Reservoir license under section 130 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* *shall quantify* emissions reductions and offsets generated from the projects in accordance with the British Columbia Greenhouse Gas Offset Protocol: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/offsets/offsets-portfolio/bc_ccs_offset_protocol_final.pdf
- Specified Gases and Their Global Warming Potentials. Schedule to the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation: http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/392_2008
- ISO14064-2:2019. Greenhouse Gases Part 2: Specification with Guidance at the Project Level for Quantification, Monitoring, and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions or Removal Enhancements: https://www.iso.org/standard/66454.html
- Electricity Emission Intensity Grid Factors: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=616BC0B3E8354AD3B500B279FE56B337
- Technical Appendix EP.4 – Reference : https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/industry/cleanbc-industry-fund/apply-for-funding

Quantification methods other than those described above may be followed where necessary and justified; however, such methods must be consistent with the Prescribed Methods and References. Any deviation from Prescribed Methods must be conservative and supported by comprehensive documentation.

4.6 Emission Intensity Quantification Guidelines

The approach to calculating the baseline and post-project emission intensities is scored under the "Cost" and "Emissions Reduced" categories (see Section 5.3 *Weighted Criteria*). Emission intensity is a measure of GHG emissions produced per unit of production or output of goods or services (e.g., tCO_2e/unit of production (e.g., tonnes of product); tCO_2e/unit of energy consumed (MJ); tCO_2e/unit of work (MJ)). The emissions included in the Baseline and post-Project (Target) emission intensities should encompass all emissions related to the project boundary and exclude other site emissions that are not affected by the Project.

Baseline emission intensity must be calculated using the business-as-usual baseline emissions within the project boundary for the time period used in the baseline emissions scenario divided by an appropriate measure of production, energy consumption, or output of goods or services during that same time period. It is recommended to use calendar year reporting data to more accurately reflect the project cost per tonne of emissions reduced between 2026 and 2036. Anticipated post-Project (Target) emission intensity should be calculated using the estimated emissions for a period of time following project implementation (Target Emission Intensity Measurement Period or TEIMP); the time period should be representative of normal operating conditions (refer to Section 4 (*Schedule*) of EP Proposal Form). The TEIMP must be a minimum of twelve (12) months. If there is reason to believe that a twelve (12) month TEIMP will not be attainable, supporting information and rationale must be provided. A longer timeframe may be used where additional monitoring, reporting, and verification is required. The emissions estimate during the TEIMP should be divided by the same measure of production as was used in the baseline emission intensity, including any changes due to the Project (e.g., increase in production), for the same period of time following project implementation.

The actual emissions reduction performance of the Project relative to the target is the basis for determining whether, and how much of the Performance Reimbursement Amount is required. Refer to the EP Funding Agreement Template for more information. See also Section 3.6 (*Funding Terms)* of the RFP for information

related to possible adjustments to the milestone payments in the Funding Agreement and final Performance Reimbursement Amount.

5 Evaluation Process

EP employs a competitive RFP process. Following the Proposal intake Closure Time, potential projects will be evaluated and ranked based on the information provided in the EP Proposal Form. Proponents must ensure that all relevant information is clearly described in the Proposal Form responses for it to be considered during evaluation.

Evaluation of Proposals will be conducted by an evaluation team formed by the Province that may include technical program staff, contractors of the Province with specific technical expertise, and other appropriate participants. Any contractors of the Province hired to evaluate Proposals will be required to sign confidentiality acknowledgements or agreements and provide conflict declarations as a condition of participation as an evaluator.

Proponents may be disqualified from competing if a relationship with a member of the Evaluation Team gives rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest or may give the Proponent an unfair advantage.

5.1 Initial Screening

Proposals will be subject to an initial screening process to ensure that the following conditions are satisfied:

- The Project is aligned with the Program Objectives specified in Section 3.1 (*Program Objectives*)
- The Proponent and Project meet the eligibility criteria specified in Sections 3.2 (*Industrial Operation Eligibility*) through 3.6 (*Funding Terms*);

Proposals that satisfy the conditions of the screening process will be evaluated for Mandatory Criteria.

5.2 Mandatory Criteria

For a Proposal to be considered, a Proponent must clearly demonstrate that they meet the following mandatory criteria, which are evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. Proposals not clearly demonstrating that they meet these criteria will be excluded from further consideration.

Mandatory Criteria	Points
1. The total funding requested from the Clean Industry Fund is less than or equal to the lesser of $10 million or 50% of the Proposal's budget of Eligible Expenses.	**Pass/Fail**
2. The Proposal is submitted as set out in the Instructions in the Proposal Form and in accordance with Section 6.2 (*Submission of Proposals*) of the RFP.	
3. The Proposal certifies that the Certifications in Section 7 (*Certifications and Information Sharing*) of the Proposal Form are true.	
4. It is demonstrated that the Project is unlikely to proceed in the absence of CIF funding.	
5. The Project has not started (with the exception of allowable preliminary work described in Section 3 (*Scope and Eligibility*)) of this RFP and the Project is not scheduled to start before the Notification Date.	
6. The Proposal adequately addresses how expected and potential Project impacts to Indigenous interests have been considered in question 2.7 of the Proposal Form.	

5.3 Weighted Criteria

Proposals that meet all mandatory criteria in Section 5.2 (*Mandatory Criteria*) will then be assessed using the Weighted Criteria below. Proposals with sections that do not meet the minimum scores indicated will be eliminated from the competition. The scores from each weighted criteria category will be added together to give an overall score.

Weighted Criteria	Weight *(minimum score)*
Description • The Project is feasible, innovative, timely, and is expected to result in emissions reductions.	**4** (2)
Cost • Dollars per Tonne: Projects with lower funding requested per tonne of emissions reduced between 2026 and 2036, and medium-to-high total project cost per tonne of emissions reduced between 2026 and 2036 will receive higher scores. • Cost estimate is aligned with typical industry costs. Points may be awarded for more precise estimates.	**30** (0)
Emissions Reduced • Baseline and Project emissions calculation methodology must meet minimum standards for the Proposal to be evaluated. The calculation for emissions reduction is clearly articulated, repeatable, and follows the Methodology in Section 4 (*Emissions Reduction Quantification Guidelines*). • GHG Sources, Sinks and Reservoirs are clearly described and the GHG Project boundary is appropriate. The Process Block Flow Diagram in Technical Appendix EP.1a is clear and complete. • Baseline and post-Project emission intensity approach is relevant to Project and within the Project boundaries. • Baseline and updated processes have been clearly described.	**32** (4)
Project Timing • Project completion dates and emissions reduction timelines are realistic (planning, procurement lead-times, construction schedule). • Funding for Projects will not be provided beyond March 31, 2031. Projects with earlier start and completion dates are preferred. • Significant forethought has been given to Project implementation, including timelines and regulatory hurdles.	**10** (1)
Project Risks • The Project has undergone sufficient engineering and/or assessment to demonstrate that it is feasible and it can meet the Project timelines. Relevant Project risks have been identified, as have measures to mitigate or manage risks to acceptable levels. • Any significant risks to Project timelines are identified and described.	**8** (1)
Business Case • Projects with longer payback periods are preferred.	**6** (0)
Complementary Benefits	**10** (0)

Weighted Criteria	Weight *(minimum score)*
• Benefits associated with the economy, environment, Indigenous involvement, and the promotion of innovation and technological advancement resulting from Project implementation are identified. • Projects that may provide a competitive advantage to B.C. industry are preferred.	
OVERALL SCORE	**100**

5.4 Overall Score and Ranking

Proposals will be ranked according to their overall scores out of a possible 100 points. The highest-ranking Proponents will be selected to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Province, until funding is exhausted. Proponents – successful, waitlisted, and unsuccessful – will be notified regarding the outcome of the evaluation process.

6 RFP Process Rules

6.1 Submission of Proposal does not create contract

Submission of a Proposal does not create any contractual or equitable rights in relation to the conduct of the RFP. Having said this, Proponents should not submit a Proposal unless they are willing to enter into a Funding Agreement as described in the EP Funding Agreement Template. The Province reserves the right to accept or reject funding for non-compliant proposals.

6.2 Submission of Proposals

a) Proposals must be submitted before Closing Time to the email address indicated on the cover page of this RFP Proposals must not be sent by fax or mail. The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that the Province receives a complete Proposal, including all attachments, before the Closing Time.

b) The maximum size of each attachment must be 20 MB or less (Proponents are solely responsible for ensuring that submissions comply with any size restrictions imposed by the Proponent's internet service provider).

c) Proponents should submit Proposals in a single email. If the file size exceeds the size limit, the Proponent may submit their proposal across multiple emails. Proponents should identify the order and number of emails making up the email Proposal submission (e.g. "email 1 of 3, email 2 of 3…").

d) Proponents submitting more than one Proposal should submit the Proposals separately and ensure that each respective Proposal is clearly distinguished from other Proposals of the Proponent with unique project titles and descriptions.

e) For submissions sent through multiple emails the Province reserves the right to seek clarification or reject the Proposal if the Province is unable to determine what documents constitute the complete Proposal;

f) Attachments must not be compressed, must not contain a virus or malware, must not be corrupted and must be able to be opened. Proponents are solely responsible for ensuring that any emails or attachments are not corrupted. The Province may reject Proposals that are compressed, cannot be opened or that contain viruses or malware or corrupted attachments or files.

g) The subject line of any email , including any notices of amendment or withdrawal referred to in Section 6.6 (*Changes to Proposals*), and any attachments, should be clearly marked with the name of the Proponent, the RFP issue date and the Project title. Attachments must be labelled in accordance with Instructions in the EP Proposal Form.

h) The Proponent bears all risk associated with delivering its Proposal, including but not limited to delays in transmission between the Proponent's computer and the Government Electronic Mail System.

i) The Proponent acknowledges that email transmissions are inherently unreliable. The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that its complete email Proposal submission and all attachments have been received before Closing Time. If the Government Electronic Mail System rejects an email Proposal submission for any reason, and the Proponent does not resubmit its Proposal before Closing Time, the Proponent will not be permitted to resubmit its Proposal after Closing Time without incurring associated late submission penalties detailed in Section 6.4 (*Late Proposals*) of this document.

j) If the Proponent's email Proposal submission is rejected by the Government Electronic Mail System, or the Proponent does not receive an automated response email from the Province confirming receipt of the email within a half hour of the time the email submission was sent, the Proponent is strongly advised to contact CIF at CleanBCIndustryFund@gov.bc.ca prior to the Closing Time.

6.3 Additional Information

All Addenda will be posted on the Clean Industry Fund website or sent to Proponents at the contact information provided in the Proposal. Proponents are strongly encouraged to ensure that contact information is up to date.

6.4 Late Proposals

Proposals will be marked with their receipt time. Only complete Proposals received and marked before the Closing Time will be considered to have been received on time. Proposals received late will be marked late and may be considered or evaluated at the Province's discretion, subject to a 5-point deduction in the Proposal's overall score. The Province will not evaluate Proposals received more than two (2) business days late under this RFP.

In case of a dispute with respect to Proposal submission, the Proposal receipt time as recorded in the Government Electronic Mail System email address for delivery of Proposals will prevail whether accurate or not.

6.5 Firm Pricing

During the finalization of Funding Agreements, the Province will not agree to any increases in total funding above the amount requested in the respective Proposal. Funding Agreements may include changes from Proposals in relation to the timing of when funding is provided.

6.6 Changes to Proposals

By submitting a clear and detailed written notice, the Proponent may withdraw its Proposal before or after the Closing Time. The Proponent will not be permitted to change any part of its Proposal after the Closing Time unless requested by the Province for purposes of clarification. The Province will take into account the effect any change would have had on proposal eligibility, evaluation and ranking were the change included in the original proposal; the Province reserves the right to not accept any change, require changes to funding agreement terms or immediately withdraw the offer to enter into a funding agreement with the Province.

6.7 Conflict of Interest/No Lobbying

a) A Proponent may be disqualified if the Proponent's current or past corporate or other interests, those of an employee, director or officer of the Proponent, or a proposed Project Partner or Sub-contractor, may, in the Province's opinion, give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest in connection with the funding described in the RFP. This includes, but is not limited to, involvement by a Proponent in the preparation of the RFP or a relationship with any employee, contractor or representative of the Province involved in preparation of the RFP, preparation of evaluation guidelines, participating on the evaluation committee or in the finalization or administration of the Funding Agreements. If a Proponent is in doubt as to whether there might be a conflict of interest, the Proponent should consult with the Program Advisor prior to submitting a Proposal. By submitting a Proposal, the Proponent represents that it is not aware of any circumstances that would give rise to a conflict of interest that is actual or potential, in respect of the RFP.

b) A Proponent must not attempt to influence the outcome of the RFP process by engaging in lobbying activities. Any attempt by the Proponent to communicate for this purpose directly or indirectly with any employee, contractor or representative of the Province, including members of the evaluation committee and any elected officials of the Province, or with the media, may result in disqualification of the Proponent.

c) The Proponent may contact the Program Advisor to discuss Project Proposals and for clarification and guidance on requirements of the RFP process. The Program Advisor is not involved in the evaluation of Proposals.

6.8 Project Partners

a) The Province will accept Proposals where more than one organization or individual is proposed to deliver the Project, so long as the Proposal identifies the lead entity that will be the Proponent (note the requirements specified in Sections 3.2 (*Industrial Operation Eligibility*) and 6.17 (*Legal Entities*)) and that will have sole responsibility to implement the Project under the Funding Agreement. The Province will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Proponent only, but may require additional contractual representations, warranties and covenants from other parties involved in implementation of the Project, including persons who are the owners or operators of facilities or equipment where the Project includes capital expenditures, facility improvements, or software improvement at Regulated Operations that are not owned and operated by the Proponent, or in relation to equipment that is not owned and operated by the Proponent.
b) All Project Partners, including Affiliates of the Proponent, should be clearly identified in the Proposal.
c) A Proponent may not enter into a partnership with a firm or individual whose current or past corporate or other interests, may, in the Province's opinion, give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest in connection with the funding described in the RFP. This includes, but is not limited to, involvement by the firm or individual in the preparation of the RFP or a relationship with any employee, contractor or representative of the Province involved in the preparation of the RFP, participating on the evaluation team or in the administration of the Funding Agreement. If a Proponent is in doubt as to whether a proposed Project Partner might be in a conflict of interest, the Proponent should consult with the Program Advisor prior to submitting a Proposal. By submitting a Proposal, the Proponent represents that it is not aware of any circumstances that would give rise to a conflict of interest that is actual or potential, in respect of the RFP. All Project Partners, including affiliates of the Proponent, should be clearly identified in the Project Proposal.

6.9 Evaluation

Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria. The Province will be under no obligation to receive further information, whether written or oral, from any Proponent. The Province is under no obligation to perform any investigations or to otherwise verify any statements or representations made in a Proposal. The Proposal should include substantive information to allow for independent evaluation, without requiring additional information. If the Province deems it necessary to verify any statements or representations made in a Proposal the Province may take this into account in evaluating the Proposal if, in the Province's sole discretion, the information should reasonably have been provided in the submitted Proposal.

6.10 Negotiations towards Funding Agreements

a) After evaluating all submitted Proposals, the Province intends to enter into Funding Agreements with the Proponents whose Proposals receive the highest rankings. The number of Proposals selected for Funding Agreements will depend on the Province's assessment of whether sufficient funds are available in each Fiscal Year to support the maximum funding amounts requested. This decision will also consider whether

the proposed payment schedules and related security arrangements are acceptable to the Province for each individual Proponent.

b) If a written Funding Agreement cannot be finalized with provisions satisfactory to the Province within thirty days of notification of a successful Proponent, the Province may, at its sole discretion at any time thereafter, or earlier if the successful Proponent is unwilling or unable to enter into or continue funding agreement finalization, terminate discussions with that Proponent. The Province may terminate finalization with a Proponent immediately if the Proponent indicates that it is unwilling to enter into a Funding Agreement that provides for payment of the Maximum Amount structured on terms, including security provisions, acceptable to the Province.

c) If, after initial negotiations have concluded, the Province deems there is sufficient funds available, the Province may choose to fund the next highest ranked Proposal subject to the successful negotiation of a Funding Agreement.

d) If, after funding has been allocated to the highest-ranking Projects, some amount of funds remains that is less than the funding amount requested by the next highest-ranking Project, then the Project Proponent may be offered an opportunity to enter into a Funding Agreement for the remainder of the funds available.

e) If, subsequent to offering Funding Agreements that provide for a reduction in overall funding below levels that would otherwise apply, the Province determines that there are additional Funds Available, the Province will offer to Proponents with the highest ranked Proposal that were offered an opportunity to enter into a Funding Agreement that provides for a reduction in overall funding, and have not entered into such an agreement, the opportunity to enter into a Funding Agreement for funding with what the Province considers commensurate with Funds Available;

f) Funding Agreements will include provisions generally described in EP Funding Agreement Template and include such other terms and conditions to be finalized to the satisfaction of the Province, if applicable.

g) A Proponent will not acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges relative to funding from the Fund by virtue of having been identified as a successful Proponent to the RFP.

6.11 Debriefing

At the conclusion of the RFP process, all Proponents will be notified. Proponents may request a debriefing meeting with the Province within four weeks of receipt of an unsuccessful notification.

6.12 Proponents' Expenses

Proponents are solely responsible for their own expenses in participating in the RFP process, including costs in preparing a Proposal and for subsequent finalizations with the Province, if any. The Province will not be liable to any Proponent for any claims, whether for costs, expenses, damages or losses incurred by the Proponent in preparing its Proposal, loss of anticipated profit in connection with any final Funding Agreement, or any other matter whatsoever.

6.13 Limitation of Damages

By submitting a Proposal, the Proponent releases the Province from any claim for damages, for whatever reason, relating directly or indirectly to the competitive process set out in this RFP but excluding any claims based on breach of Funding Agreements.

6.14 Liability for Errors

While the Province has used considerable efforts to ensure information in the RFP is accurate, the information contained in the RFP is supplied solely as a guideline for Proponents. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the Province, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in the RFP is intended to relieve Proponents from forming their own opinions and conclusions with respect to the matters addressed in the RFP.

6.15 No Commitment to Award

The RFP should not be construed as an agreement to provide funding. The RFP does not commit the Province in any way to award a Funding Agreement.

6.16 No Implied Approvals

Neither acceptance of a Proposal nor execution of a Funding Agreement will constitute approval of any activity or development contemplated in any Proposal that requires any approval, permit or license pursuant to any federal, provincial, regional district or municipal statute, regulation or by-law.

6.17 Legal Entities

The Province reserves the right in its sole discretion to:

a) Disqualify a Proposal if the Province is not satisfied that the Proponent is clearly identified;
b) Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement with a Proponent, request that the Proponent provide confirmation of the Proponent's legal status (or in the case of a sole proprietorship, the Proponent's legal name and identification) and Certification in a form satisfactory to the Province that the Proponent has the power and capacity to enter into a Funding Agreement;
c) Not enter into a Funding Agreement with a Proponent if the Proponent cannot satisfy the Province that it is the same legal entity that is the Operator of the Regulated Operation; and
d) Require security screenings for a Proponent who is a natural person, Project Partners, Sub-contractors and key personnel before entering into a Funding Agreement and decline to enter into a Funding Agreement with a Proponent or to approve a Sub-contractor or key personnel that fail to pass the security screenings to the Province's satisfaction.

6.18 Reservation of Rights

In addition to any other reservation of rights set out in the RFP, the Province reserves the right, in its sole discretion:

a) To modify the terms of the RFP at any time prior to the Closing Time,
b) To cancel the RFP at any time prior to entering into a Funding Agreement with a Proponent;
c) In accordance with the terms of the RFP, to accept the Proposal or Proposals that it deems most advantageous to itself;
d) To waive any non-material irregularity, defect or deficiency in a Proposal;
e) To request clarifications from a Proponent with respect to its Proposal, including clarifications as to provisions in its Proposal that are conditional or that may be inconsistent with the terms and conditions

of the RFP, without any obligation to make such a request to all Proponents, and consider such clarifications in evaluating the Proposal;

f) To reject any Proposal due to unsatisfactory references or unsatisfactory past performance under contracts with the Province, or any material error, omission or misrepresentation in the Proposal;
g) To reject any Proposal where the Operator of the Regulated Operations associated with the Project is out of compliance with GGIRCA or is determined to not be a Regulated Operation;
h) To reject any Proposal which the Province determines in its sole discretion contains a false Certification;
i) At any time, to reject any or all Proposals; and
j) At any time, to terminate the competition without award and provide funding by other means or do nothing.

6.19 Ownership of Proposals

All Proposals and other records submitted to the Province in relation to the RFP become the property of the Province and, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the RFP, will be held in confidence. For more information on the application of the Act, go to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (gov.bc.ca)

6.20 Copyright

This document is subject to copyright and may be used, reproduced, modified and distributed to the extent necessary for the Proponent to prepare and submit a Proposal.

6.21 Collection and Use of Personal Information

Proponents are solely responsible for familiarizing themselves, and ensuring that they comply, with the laws applicable to the collection and dissemination of information, including resumes and other personal information concerning employees and employees of any Sub-contractors. If the RFP requires Proponents to provide the Province with personal information of employees who have been included as resources in response to the RFP, Proponents will ensure that they have obtained written consent from each of those employees before forwarding such personal information to the Province. Such written consents should specify that the personal information may be forwarded to the Province for the purposes of responding to the RFP and used by the Province for the purposes set out in the RFP. The Province may, at any time, request the original consents or copies of the original consents from Proponents, and upon such request being made, Proponents will immediately supply such originals or copies to the Province. For more information, Proponents may contact the Program Advisor.

6.22 Sub-contractors

A Proponent may not subcontract to a firm or individual whose current or past corporate or other interests, may, in the Province's opinion, give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest in connection with the funding described in the RFP. This includes, but is not limited to, involvement by the firm or individual in the preparation of the RFP or a relationship with any employee, contractor or representative of the Province involved in the preparation of the RFP, participating on the evaluation committee or in the administration of the Funding Agreement. If a Proponent is in doubt as to whether a proposed Sub-contractor might be in a conflict of interest, the Proponent should consult with the Program Advisor prior to submitting a Proposal. By submitting a Proposal, the Proponent represents that it is not aware of any circumstances that would give rise to a conflict of interest that is actual or potential, in respect of the RFP.

6.23 GGIRCA Compliance

Prior to entering into a Funding Agreement, the Operator of each Regulated Operation identified in the Proposal must be in compliance as required under GGIRCA, unless waived under the discretion of the Province.

If any required documents have not been submitted, then the Province will be entitled to terminate negotiations with the successful Proponent as described in Section 6.10 (Negotiations towards Funding Agreements).

6.24 Proposal Eligibility for Government Funding Opportunities Beyond the Scope of this RFP

In exceptional circumstances, including if future funding becomes available, the Province may award funding outside of the scope of this RFP to a submitted Proposal. In such an instance, the Province reserves the right to publish project information, funding amount and the basis for providing the project funding. The intent of awarding funding in this manner is to allow submitted Proposals to be eligible for other funding opportunities which may be time-limited and/or were unanticipated at the time this RFP was issued.

7 Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions

Proponents of Proposals that meet all mandatory criteria and minimum scores for weighted criteria, and that have the highest scores on weighted criteria will be invited to negotiate a Funding Agreement with the Province, as specified in EP Funding Agreement Template. Proponents should carefully review the terms and conditions described or set out in EP Funding Agreement Template, including the Schedules.

As a condition of finalization of the Funding Agreement, a successful Proponent must ensure that the documents required under Section 6.23 (*GGIRCA Compliance*) have been submitted to the Province.