



1. Can you provide more information on how the process with the U.S. DOE would work? If a company participates in the coalition, are we a co-applicant to the DOE grant?

WVH2Hub will follow the process outlined in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) as issued by the Department of Energy (DOE). As of now, the best insight into this guidance process is available in the DOE published [Notice of Intent](#) which is available from DOE Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) FOA website. As stated in the NOI, *“DOE anticipates providing awards to H2Hub teams that are led by a single entity and may include numerous key partners or sub-recipients that will bring together diverse technologies with the ability to produce and utilize large amounts of hydrogen.”*

2. Under what mechanism could an off-taker receive benefits? If we build a DRI plant that uses H2 as a feedstock, could we be eligible for a cost shared grant under the H2 Hub Program? If so, how would those benefits apply to an offtaker?

Benefits such as these are yet to be determined with multiple avenues to be investigated as the response to DOE is developed. As a proposal is developed, we encourage various entities to submit suggestions and projects that have substantial benefits to a hydrogen marketplace to evaluate for requests of DOE funding, if this proposal is successful. With data gathered from this RFI and other avenues we will engage state, federal and regional leadership to build benefits encouraging development of a true hydrogen marketplace.

3. At what stage does a company have to be in development to formally participate? What is the timeline for funding?

Selected companies will be considered individually, through direct discussions with their principals. There is no set stage of development required for participation. However, a company must be able to objectively demonstrate their added value to the team. The timeline for funding is available in the DOE published [Notice of Intent](#) which is available from the DOE OCED FOA website.

4. Is this proposal competing with the IN-2-Market tri-state effort with OH and PA? Could they potentially join?

Given the timeline for the final application process, we expect teams to continue to evolve and change.

5. What is the current vision of where the Hub would be located if successful?

This hub proposal has yet to announce governance and/or framework details, however West Virginia entities, elected officials and other groups will focus on a successful hub application. In the event, this hub proposal is successful, West Virginia entities will work with for-profit and non-profit entities to assist in building a successful hydrogen marketplace and enhance opportunities for West Virginia and surrounding areas.

6. What is the maximum distance a participating project can be from the hub?

There is no maximum distance for a participating project. Each company will be evaluated based on the role that they are expected to play.

7. Is the WV H2 Hub Coalition capable of signing an NDA and protecting proprietary information?

All information submitted to WVH2Hub is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).