

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program

Issued by: Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA)

Issue Date: 10/16/2026

Responses Due: 11/6/2026

1. Purpose

The Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to gather information regarding potential interest in funding available through the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program established by Senate Bill 57 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly and to inform development of the program's future application process.

KNEDA is seeking input from prospective applicants and other interested parties regarding both potential participation in the program and the information, timing, procedures, guidance, and other considerations that should be incorporated into a future application process.

This RFI is an initial information-gathering exercise. Respondents are not being asked to submit project-specific technical information, demonstrate project readiness, or provide the level of documentation that may ultimately be required as part of a formal application.

Participation in this RFI is voluntary and does not constitute an application for funding or a determination of eligibility.

2. Program Background

Senate Bill 57 established the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program to support the development of nuclear energy generating facilities in Kentucky.

Under the program, the Kentucky General Assembly may award grant funding to eligible applicants for up to one-third of actual costs incurred in applying for and procuring an early site permit, construction permit, or a combined operating license by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), with grant funding not to exceed \$25 million per project.

KNEDA is responsible for determining applicant eligibility, objectively scoring eligible applications in accordance with criteria established by law, and providing funding recommendations to the General Assembly.

KNEDA is currently developing the application and administrative processes necessary to implement the program. Information received through this RFI will help inform that work.

3. Who Should Respond

KNEDA welcomes responses from entities that believe they may qualify as an "eligible applicant" under Senate Bill 57 and have an interest in potentially pursuing funding through the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program.

KNEDA also welcomes input from utilities, nuclear project developers, prospective utility customers, and other organizations with relevant experience or perspective regarding the structure and administration of the application process.

Respondents do not need to have a fully developed project or an immediate intention to apply for funding to provide input.

4. Information Requested

Responses may be brief. Respondents are encouraged to address only those questions for which they have relevant information or perspective.

A. Respondent Information

Please provide:

- Organization name;
- Primary point of contact; and
- Brief description of your organization's interest in the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program.

If your organization anticipates potentially applying for funding, please briefly describe how you expect to qualify as an "eligible applicant" under Senate Bill 57, including the relevant utility or utility-affiliate relationship, if applicable.

Information provided in response to this question is for planning purposes only and will not constitute a determination of eligibility by KNEDA.

B. Potential Interest in Applying

Does your organization currently anticipate applying for funding through the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program?

- ☐ Yes, we currently intend to apply
- ☐ We are likely to apply
- ☐ We are considering applying
- ☐ We are interested but need additional information before determining whether to apply
- ☐ We do not currently anticipate applying
- ☐ Not applicable / responding to provide program input

If your organization is considering applying, when would you reasonably anticipate being prepared to submit an application?

- ☐ Within 6 months
- ☐ 6–12 months
- ☐ 1–2 years
- ☐ Undetermined

C. Information Needed to Apply

What additional information, guidance, clarification, or program details would your organization need in order to determine whether to apply for SB 57 funding and/or prepare an application?

Please identify any aspects of the program or application process for which additional guidance from KNEDA would be helpful.

D. Application Content

What information or documentation should KNEDA request in a full application in order to effectively evaluate proposals consistent with Senate Bill 57?

In considering your response, you may address matters such as applicant eligibility, project information, NRC licensing plans, anticipated eligible costs, project schedule, financial information, partnerships, community participation, or any other information you believe would support an effective and appropriately structured review.

Please also identify any information or documentation that may be difficult or impractical for an applicant to provide at the time of application.

E. Application Process and Program Administration

How should KNEDA structure the application and review process to facilitate effective participation while meeting the requirements of Senate Bill 57?

Please provide any recommendations regarding:

- Application timing or submission windows;
- Application format;
- Reasonable preparation time following publication of the application;
- Opportunities for applicants to submit questions or seek clarification;
- Review and evaluation procedures;
- Requests for supplemental information or clarification;
- Funding or reimbursement procedures; and
- Other administrative considerations that could materially affect an organization's ability or decision to apply.

Please provide any additional recommendations or considerations that KNEDA should take into account as it develops the application process for the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program.

5. Response Instructions

Responses should be concise and may be provided directly under the numbered questions above.

Respondents are not expected to prepare a formal narrative package or develop new technical, engineering, financial, or licensing analyses specifically for purposes of responding to this RFI.

Responses should be submitted electronically by **11/6/2026 at 5:00pm ET** to:

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Subject: Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program RFI – [Organization Name]

Questions regarding this RFI may be directed to:

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6. Use of Information and Disclaimer

Information received through this RFI will be used by KNEDA for planning purposes and may inform development of the application, application procedures, program guidance, anticipated timelines, and administration of the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program.

This RFI is for information-gathering purposes only. It does not constitute an application for funding, offer of financial assistance, determination of eligibility, or commitment to provide funding.

Participation is voluntary and is not required to participate in a future application process. Respondents are responsible for any costs associated with preparing a response. KNEDA may contact respondents to request clarification or additional information.

Respondents should clearly identify any information they consider confidential, proprietary, or commercially sensitive. Information submitted through this RFI will be handled in accordance with applicable Kentucky law.