



## **Waivers to perform work outside the US for teams receiving DOE grant funds**

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The Request for Proposals for teams to apply for funding to compete in the 2018 Wood Stove Design Challenge includes requirements about where those funds are spent.

All work for projects selected under this RFP must be performed in the United States. This requirement does not apply to the purchase of supplies and equipment, so a waiver is not required for foreign purchases of these items. However, all challenge recipients should make every effort to purchase supplies and equipment within the United States. There may be limited circumstances where it is in the interest of the project to perform a portion of the work outside the United States. To seek a waiver of the Performance of Work in the United States requirement, the applicant must submit an explicit waiver request in its application to this RFP. For more information about waivers, [click here](#).

Overall, a waiver request must demonstrate that it would further the purposes of this RFP and is otherwise in the economic interests of the United States to perform work outside of the United States. A request to waive the Performance of Work in the United States requirement must include the following:

The rationale for performing the work outside the U.S. (“foreign work”);

- A description of the work proposed to be performed outside the U.S.;
- An explanation as to how the foreign work is essential to the project;
- A description of the anticipated benefits to be realized by the proposed foreign work and the anticipated contributions to the US economy;
- The associated benefits to be realized and the contribution to the project from the foreign work;
- How the foreign work will benefit U.S. research, development and manufacturing, including contributions to employment in the U.S. and growth in new markets and jobs in the U.S.;
- How the foreign work will promote domestic American manufacturing of products and/or services;
- A description of the likelihood of Intellectual Property (IP) being created from the foreign work and the treatment of any such IP;
- The total estimated cost (DOE and Recipient cost share) of the proposed foreign work;

- The countries in which the foreign work is proposed to be performed; and
- The name of the entity that would perform the foreign work.

Upon an application's selection for award under this RFP, any request to waive the Performance of Work in the United States requirement will be reviewed and evaluated by DOE. DOE may require additional information before considering the waiver request. DOE will make the final decision regarding a waiver request, and the applicant does not have the right to appeal EERE's decision.

**Questions?**

Please submit questions to [info@forgreenheat.org](mailto:info@forgreenheat.org). All questions will be answered within 48 hours. Thank you!