

Sectorial Fund CONACYT– Secretariat of Energy-Energy Sustainability¹

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – CONACYT – SECRETARIAT OF ENERGY – ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY
FUND 2017-01
COLLABORATIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS
Cooperation with the University of California**

BACKGROUND

Based on the principles stated in the National Development Plan 2013-2018, the Energy National Strategy 2013-2017 specifies that the creation of both national and international networks with research centers impacting the Energetic Sector must be encouraged, as well as the promotion of trained and specialized human resources development.

Likewise, supported by the Strategic Program for Human Resources Development (PEFRHME, in Spanish), headed by the Secretariat of Energy and the National Council of Science and Technology, the strengthen and improvement of human abilities and infrastructure capacities on educational and research institutions of the energetic sector has been established among the strategic priorities in order to address their main research, development, technology scaling and deployment requirements, as well as the training and certification of competencies in the energetic sector.

In this context, the Secretariat of Energy (SENER) and the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) have established among their priorities the extension of research, technological development, and human resources training capacities with regard to energy by supporting research projects, technological development and human resources training; this by working together with the University of California, including the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (UC, or University of California).

To comply with such purposes, the SENER and the CONACYT, by means of the Sectorial Fund CONACYT-SENER-Energy Sustainability:

CONVOKE

Institutions of Higher Education (IES, in Spanish), public or private Research Centers and Institutes (CI), Non-profit Civil Associations and National Civil Organizations that are registered or pre-registered in the National Registry of Institutions and Businesses in Science and Technology (RENIECYT, in Spanish) to submit Proposals in consortium with the University of California, and along with other national and foreign academic institutions, research centers, governmental institutions, non-profit organizations, private companies. This aims to create innovative solutions to the specific challenges from the energy sector based on scientific and technological research projects, as well as the development of human talent, in collaboration with UC.

The proposal must be presented by a Higher Education Institution or by a public or private Research Center or Institute, non-profit Civil Association or a Civil Organization from Mexico as the consortium leader. In case the proposal is selected, the public or private Research Center or Institute, non-profit Civil Association or Civil Organization will be supported and shall be responsible before the Fund.

¹ Translation provided for reference purposes. In case of any doubts or disputes, the documents in Spanish posted on CONACYT website will prevail.

1. Requirements

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is the development of practical and high applicability solutions to face the challenges imposed by the energetic sector in Mexico and to accelerate the energetic transition to a low-carbon economy. To achieve this goal, the contribution for the creation of a consortium involving national and foreign institutions focused on meeting a specific knowledge challenge through Projects that must be structured in accordance with the Terms of Reference of this Request for Proposals (ToR) that are the essential part of the same.

2. Eligibility

Higher Education Institutions (IES), public or private Research Centers and Institutes (CI), non-profit Civil Associations and national Civil Organizations that are registered or pre-registered in the RENIECYT in consortium with the University of California and, along with other national and foreign academic institutions, research centers, governmental institutions, non-profit organizations, private companies.

3. Submission of Proposals

The terms and requirements for the submission of proposals, as well as the approval criteria, are established in the Terms of Reference. The commitments to be met by the proponent in case it is supported by the Fund, will be specified in the Resource Allocation Agreement, held as the case may be.

4. Critical dates

It is necessary to submit the proposal properly and on time in the Project Management Computer System (SIAP, in Spanish) of CONACYT in order to participate in the Request for Proposals . In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the proposal will be considered as not submitted.

Clarification workshops:

The date, hour and location of the clarification workshops will be provided in the website www.conacyt.gob.mx.

Schedule

Announcement publication	March 22, 2017
Proposal submission period	March 22, 2017 – June 21, 2017 at 18:00 hrs. (Central time)
System closing	June 21, 2017 at 18:00 hrs. (Central time)
Evaluation	Beginning: Announcement closing End: Decision of the Technical Administrative Committee (CTA)
Results publication	10 business days after the Decision of the CTA
Formalization period	90 business days after the publication of results

- The proposals approved by the Technical Administrative Committee of the Fund will be published after the adopted resolution through the publication of results in the following websites:

www.conacyt.gob.mx and www.sener.gob.mx

The terms of the current announcement are stipulated in accordance with legal provisions derived from the Science and Technology Law, among other instruments, so that the results issued can only be questioned within the framework indicated in the requirements herein and Terms of Reference.

The presentation of projects or proposals in the terms of this Request for Proposals implies the express acceptance of the conditions established therein, as well as the regulations issued by the CONACYT, as applicable.

Responsible for the Request for Proposals

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