Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Ty Masterson, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee

Murl Riedel, Kansas Legislative Research Department Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2024-037-40101d-Pioneer

Date: April 12, 2024

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by Pioneer Electric Cooperative. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 19 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-9. Page 9 provides the table of funding sources.
- Attachments copy of BIL application, pages 10-19.

Project Overview

Under the Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid - Section 40101(d), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provides grants to States to improve the resilience of their electric grid against disruptive events. The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) received more than \$13.3M from the DOE for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. During the application period, KCC received 31 submissions, with more than \$40.1M in project funding requests. Ultimately, the agency selected 11 applicants across Kansas with Build Kansas Fund requests totaling \$5.84M, unlocking \$12.08M in federal funding.

Pioneer Electric seeks funding from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) through the 40101d program. The Pioneer Electric Grid Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Innovation Initiative will replace aging power lines and infrastructure, upgrade grid vulnerabilities with pole testing and change out, and invest in technologies to better monitor the grid ensuring efficiency and resilience.

This opportunity is a pass-through discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 48.33%. The entity is requesting \$1,575,499.36 from the Build Kansas Fund. This request has the potential to unlock \$3,259,550.64 in federal funds.

The State's internal deadline for 40101d applications to Kansas Corporation Commission was December 29, 2023. This is an ongoing Federal program; however, it would be advantageous for the State to submit its application package as soon as possible. This Build Kansas Fund application was received on March 20, 2024, and subsequently deemed acceptable for this program.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on April 3, 2024, following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2024-037-40101d-Pioneer			
Project Name	Pioneer Electric Grid Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Innovation Initiative			
Entity Type	Non-Profit			
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	Great Plains Development Inc.			
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Energy			
BIL Program	Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid – 40101(d)			
BIL Program Type	Discretionary (State Pass-Through)			
BIL Application Deadline	12/29/2023			
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$1,575,449.36			
	General No			
	BIL Application No			
T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes			
Technical Assistance Received	Other (Brief Description):			
	Support on application and budget submission			
	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$1,575,449.36 will			
	unlock \$3,259,550.64 in federal BIL funding. The			
Application Notes	application for BIL funding was submitted to KCC for review			
	and approval and received DOE support prior to submitting			
	for BKF.			

Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	4/3/2024 Recommend
Advisory Committee Target Review	DATE Recommend or Deny
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	DATE Approve or Deny

Completeness Review Data

Date Build Kansas Application Received:	3/20/2024
Date Of Completeness Check:	3/20/2024
Date Forwarded to Steering Committee:	4/02/2024

Title **Pioneer Electric Cooperative** 03/20/2024

by Kristen Koehn in Build Kansas Fund Fiscal **Year 2024 Application**

id. 45965999

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Original Submission

03/29/2024

Score Part 1: Applicant Information The name of the Pioneer Electric Cooperative entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund: Project Name: Pioneer Electric Grid Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Innovation Initiative Non-Profit Entity type: **Applicant Contact** Kristen Name: Koehn **Applicant Contact** Manager of Energy Solutions Position/Title: +16206551003 **Applicant Contact** Telephone Number: **Applicant Contact** kkoehn@pioneerelectric.coop Fmail Address: PO Box 368 1850 W Oklahoma Ave **Applicant Contact** Address: **Applicant Contact** Address Line 2 (optional): **Applicant Contact** Ulysses City: **Applicant Contact** Kansas State:

Applicant Contact Zip 67880 Code: Is the Project Yes Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria Certify that you are Yes pursuing a viable Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Certify that the Yes Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component: What is the primary **Stevens County** county that the project will occur in?

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

Zip Code Percentage.xlsx

	Part 3: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.
Please enter the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for:	SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

What is the funding U.S. Department of Energy agency for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 81.254 What is the **Assistance Listing** Number (ALN) for this **Bipartisan** Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? What is the 12/31/2023 application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? What is the federal 2024 fiscal year for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? Enter the amount of \$3,259,550.64 funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: Enter the required 48.3333 non-federal match percentage: Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Enter the non-federal \$1,575,449.36 match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: Is the project able to Yes move forward with a

lesser match amount

than requested?

If you are awarded less match than the amount requested, at what amount would your project NOT be able to move forward?

\$1,000,000.0

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

Kansas+DOT+table.xlsx

	Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test
Confirm that there are no available funding sources currently planned to go unused by your entity that could be leveraged for this project:	Yes
Confirm there are no available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies that could be used for this match:	Yes
Confirm that you have explored other readily available funding sources (federal or nonfederal) to be used for this match:	Yes

Briefly describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:

Pioneer has explored several funding options to provide matching funds for the project, and the likely source of matching funds for this project are current Pioneer funds set aside for infrastructure improvements projects in fiscal year 2024 and beyond. The funding is currently available.

However, Pioneer has several other critical infrastructure projects that are not eligible for funding through the 40101(d) program. As a rural utility, Pioneer's resources are limited, so a matching dollar grant through the Build Kansas Fund would free-up nearly \$1.6M in current resources for other high priority infrastructure improvement projects, detailed below.

In 2023, Pioneer conducted a strategic planning project to identify, outline, and plan critical system improvement projects. Pioneer identified 8 projects with a total estimated cost of more than \$13M. Three of the five projects were included in the 40101(d) application with a total project cost of \$4.835M. The remaining 5 projects have an estimated cost of \$8.595M and are listed below in order of priority:

Priority 1: New substation to serve a planned system expansion (Capacity Building Project) - Est. \$3.2M

Priority 1: New transmission lines to serve existing Hamilton Substation (Capacity Building Project) - Est. \$4.3M

Priority 2: Upgrade aging power lines/infrastructure (Reliability Project) - FUNDED THROUGH 40101(D)

Priority 3: Upgrade grid vulnerability with pole testing and change out (Vulnerability and Resiliency Project) - FUNDED THROUGH 40101(D)

Priority 4: Establish inventory of critical components and transformers (Reliability Project) - Est. \$1M

Priority 5: Increase physical security of key assets (Vulnerability Project) - Est. \$50,000

Priority 6: Utilize technology and information to improve the load factors and load control AMI upgrade (Innovation Project) - Est. Cost TBD Priority 7 - Invest in drones and other technology to better monitor the grid and respond more efficiently to disruptive events (Innovation and Resiliency Project) - FUNDED THROUGH 40101(D)

Any additional funding provided through the Build Kansas Fund will be redirected to higher and other priority projects that are not eligible for BIL or other grant funding.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a copy of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program application associated with this request OR a 2-page executive summary providing an overview of the project:

40101d_App_Pioneer_Electric.pdf

Provide any about this project (optional):

On 2/28/2024, Pioneer Electric was notified by KCC that it had been additional information selected as a sub-recipient of the FY 2024 40101(d) funding, receiving \$3,259,550.64 in federal funding. The original application includes a cost match commitment letter indicating the matching funds are available for the project. These funds are still available, however, the cooperative is requesting additional matching funds through the Build Kansas Fund in order to redirect funding to higher and other priority projects identified in Pioneer's 2023 strategic planning initiative.

> In that initiative, Pioneer identified more than \$13M in crucial projects to better serve its primarily rural customer base, and about \$4.8M of those priority projects are covered under the 40101(d) application. However, many of its top priorities are not eligible for funding through 40101(d). Receiving a matching dollar grant through the Build Kansas Fund will allow Pioneer to redirect nearly \$1.6M in funding to other priority projects such as constructing a new substation to support planned expansions or new transmission lines to serve this new substation. Pioneer identified these as top priority projects, but were not able to pursue funding through 40101(d) due to the program's restrictions on new construction.

> Pioneer serves a highly rural customer base in a severely economically distressed region of the state, so high project costs have an abnormally adverse per-customer affect. Pioneer also serves critical economic drivers in the region including large beef feedlots, commercial dairy operations, a beef blood processing plant, hog farms, large crop production farms, and other important agricultural production operations. Maintaining and improving power continuity to these customer is critical to the local, regional, and national economy. A Build Kansas Fund matching grant will significantly benefit Pioneer's rural and economically disadvantaged customers and the broader Kansas economy.

	Part 7: Terms and Conditions
Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:	checked
Understanding of Use of Funds:	checked
Understanding of Reporting Requirements:	checked
Authority to Make Grant Application:	checked

Persons and Titles: The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application. Kristen Koehn

Position/Title:	Manager of Energy Solutions	
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Additional:	Lindsay Campbell	
Position/Title:	Chief Executive Officer	
Additional:		
Position/Title:		
Additional:		
Position/Title:		

Internal Form

Score	n/a
	Pre-Award Information:
	Post-Award Information:
	Deviation Report:

Source	Amount		Zip Code	% of project in zip code
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$	3,259,550.64	67951	32.21
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$	1,575,449.36	67880	27.75
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)			67870	21.05
			67877	5.64
			67860	3.74
			67837	3.16
			67901	3.16
			67952	0.62
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$	4,835,000.00		97.33



SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

Section 1: Applicant Information

Entity name:

Pioneer Electric Cooperative

Entity Type:

Distribution Provider

Entity address:

PO Box 368 1850 W Oklahoma Ave Ulysses, Kansas 67880 US

Employer Identification Number (EIN):

48-0493444

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

NZBRTJFPMDK5

Please upload verification of eligible entity size and documentation of annual sales per year:

PEC_-_2022_EIA_861_Final.pdf



EIA Table



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IRS Form W-9:



Latest financial statement and financial statement audit:

KS44-12312022_PEC_Consolidated_Financial_Statement_Audit

Please acknowledge whether your entity has ever submitted an application, similar in nature, to the DOE under BIL Section 40101c, DE-FOA-002740, Grid Resilience and **Innovation Partnerships (GRIP):**

No

Section 2: Project Description and Scope

Project Name:

Pioneer Electric Grid Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Innovation Initiative

Project type:

Replacement of old overhead conductors & underground cables

Project description and scope:

Over the past three years, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PEC), a Kansas electric cooperative, has spent more than \$10.5M on grid resiliency projects ranging from replacing antiquated infrastructure to pole testing and vegetative maintenance. Starting in 2024, PEC is planning another ambitious grid resiliency initiative with nearly \$5M in planned projects. These improvements are needed to improve grid resiliency and reliability, but such a large project is a significant financial burden on the company, so PEC is requesting \$2,780,125 in 40101(d) funds to aid in the completion of these critical projects.

PEC's 2024 initiative focuses on replacing old conductors and investing in technology to better respond to disruptive events. Specifically, PEC will pursue the following initiatives:

UPGRADING AGING POWER LINES & INFRASTRUCTURE:

PEC has operable power lines dating back to their original construction date in the 1950s.

The standard operating procedure for the company has been to replace antiquated infrastructure as it either (1) fails pole testing, or (2) incurs substantial damage from wind and other severe weather events. However, this resiliency initiative seeks to get out ahead of the problem by replacing older infrastructure starting with the oldest lines with the most outages.

UPGRADE GRID VULERABILITIES WITH POLE TESTING AND CHANGE OUT:

Many of PEC's utility poles are wooden and therefore more susceptible to environmental wear and rot, even when properly treated. The recent drought has led to an increased frequency of dry rot, which makes those poles even more susceptible to wind damage, which is PEC's most common type of environmental hazard and failure. PEC is proactive in testing its poles and replacing them before they have a chance to break, but resources are limited. Additional funding through the 40101(d) program will allow PEC to improve and expedite its pole testing and replacement of highly vulnerable points of failure.

INVEST IN DRONE AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES TO BETTER MONITOR THE GRID AND RESPOND MORE EFFICIENTLY:

PEC's primary technological improvement will be investment in drone technology. As a highly rural cooperative, over 90% of its distribution network is located along dirt roads. During inclement weather events, it can be difficult to get vehicles out to some of its service territory to assess damage, which greatly impacts outage times. Drones will be more efficient in finding damage, allowing linemen to be dispatched quicker. Additionally, farmland in the service territory is quickly converting to CRP. This cover creates nesting and other habitat for the Lesser Prairie Chicken, listed as a threatened species, so, drones will allow PEC to investigate lines without disturbing this habitat, especially during lekking seasons.

All projects will be completed in rural areas throughout PEC's service territory and have not received any other federal funding.

Section 3: Need for Funding

Project funding need:

In the past three years, PEC has completed several grid resiliency projects totaling just over \$10.5M in funding with an average of \$3.5M of projects completed annually. From 2024 through 2026, PEC is planning nearly \$5M in resiliency related projects, which represent a significant financial burden on the cooperative.

These improvements will target infrastructure located in rural areas, which have a much higher cost per customer affected. Based on a three year customer average, the pro rata cost of these projects is more than \$290 per PEC customer. With funding through the 40101(d) project, the pro rata cost for these projects would drop to \$167.36, which is more

manageable for PEC and its rural customer base.

Some of these rural areas are also categorized as disadvantaged by the Council on Environmental Quality's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool including tracts 20093959100 (Kearny County), 20081463100 (Haskell County), 20129964600 (Morton County), 20067963700 (Grant County), and 20189965200 (Stevens County). A grant award through the 40101(d) program will directly impact these disadvantaged communities.

Provide historical and post project estimated interruption frequency and duration data, if known.

In the past three years, PEC has averaged 1,533 total outages affecting 16,991 customers with a SAIDI of 148.59. Over the same time, PEC averaged 16,612 customers, so on average, the ratio of outages to customers was about 1:1. In 2021, PEC had the fewest number of outages (1,460) in the three year span, but the length of these outages was much longer with nearly 3.5M customer minutes of service disruption. The average outage length came down in 2022 with about 1.9M customer minutes of service disruption, but the total number of outages also increased to 1,524.

Provide pro rata customer impact of total project cost.

Based on a three year rolling customer average, the pro rata impact of this project is \$291.05 per customer (\$4,835,000 project cost / 16,612 customers).

Provide number of customers to be impacted by the project and percentage of impacted customers to total customers in the disadvantaged or underserved community.

PEC's initiative is system-wide, so the improvements will impact a majority of PEC customers. PEC serves many rural communities and customers, including five disadvantaged census tracts including 20093959100 (Kearny County), 20081463100 (Haskell County), 20129964600 (Morton County), 20067963700 (Grant County), and 20189965200 (Stevens County).

Section 4: Complete Budget and Narrative

Award amount requested:

\$2054875.00 USD

Matching funds to be provided:

\$2780125.00 USD

Budget (Total Costs):

	А	В	С
1	CATEGORY	Federal (\$)	Non-Federal (\$)
2	a. Personnel	71475	91140
3	b. Fringe Benefits		
4	c. Travel		
5	d. Equipment		
6	e. Supplies	732610	934180
7	f. Contractual	714740	911400
8	g. Construction	268025	341775
9	h. Other Direct Costs	268025	501630

Project budget upload (optional):

i. Indirect Charges

PEC_40101d_Project_Budget.xlsx

Project budget narrative:

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A high level breakdown of the project costs are outlined below:

Upgrade aging power lines / infrastructure - \$2,100,000

Upgrade grid vulnerability with pole testing and change out - \$2,720,000 Invest in drone and other technologies to better monitor the grid and respond more efficiently - \$15,000

These projects will be completed from 2024 through 2027, and PEC is prioritizing the oldest infrastructure with the most outages first.

Note - project administration and contingencies are included into the overall breakdown.

Cost match commitment letter:

Commitment_Letter_Pioneer_-_signed.pdf

Section 5: Project Timeline

Project timeline:

March 2024 - KCC announces award recipients

May 2024 - KCC & PEC finalize grant agreement

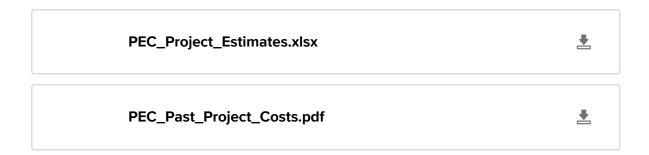
June 2024 - PEC Initiates pole testing replacement and orders construction materials for infrastructure upgrades

December 2024 - PEC begins receiving construction materials for infrastructure upgrades and begins upgrades

December 2027 - PEC finishes pole testing and line replacement

Section 6: Bids and Estimates

Bids and estimates:



Section 7: Community Benefit

Community benefit narrative:

PEC serves a highly rural customer base in a severely economically distressed region of the state. PEC serves five disadvantaged census tracts in the region. PEC also serves critical economic drivers within the region, including large beef feedlots, commercial dairy operations, a beef blood processing plant, hog farms, large crop production farms, and other important agricultural production operations. Maintaining power continuity to these customers is critical to the local, regional, and national economy. The project will also have a significant positive impact on the communities within PEC's service territory. Old conductors and utility poles are both the most critical and vulnerable infrastructure to the cooperative's distribution system, and this project directly targets those assets. PEC has no mechanism to estimate a reduction in outages, but of the 4,600 outages in the last 3 years, nearly half were caused by some disruptive event (i.e. not planned), which are becoming more frequent. In the last 20 years, the region has seen numerous disruptive weather events, 12 of which were FEMA declared disasters including 10 severe storms and 2 snowstorms. With high wind and snow loads, these events lead to pole and line failures, which contribute to a significant number of unplanned outages. Taking a proactive approach to replace antiquated infrastructure will have a significantly positive impact on reliability and power continuity throughout PEC's service territory. PEC believes the proposed projects in this application are the highest priority and value projects to undertake to produce the greatest community benefit. In the summer of 2023, PEC worked with a consulting team to identify potential projects and to develop funding strategies for implementation. The projects identified were further categorized and ranked in priority order. The projects selected for the 40101(d) application were the highest priority projects identified in the reliability, vulnerability, and innovation categories.

Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the targeted areas of each proposed project.

PEC's initiative is system-wide, so the resilience and reliability data for the target areas is roughly equivalent to the system as a whole, which averaged 1,533 total outages per year affecting 16,991 customers with a SAIDI of 148.59 over the past three years. PEC will target the oldest infrastructure with the most outages for replacement and testing first. Newer infrastructure with fewer or no outages will receive lower priority in the project and will only be replaced if necessary and as funding allows.

Provide expected changes to the historical data as a result of each proposed project.

PEC does not have the ability to estimate a percentage or overall reduction in outage number or length. However, its approach will target the highest risk and most vulnerable infrastructure for testing and replacement. Much of the infrastructure and conductors to be replaced are nearly 70 years old and in desperate need of replacement. Upgrading to more modern infrastructure and equipment will also improve the capacity of the lines, allowing PEC redirect power supply throughout the system to maintain power continuity during disruptive events, so while the number of outages may not be substantially reduced, the improvements have the potential to significantly reduce the length of outages.

Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the entire system to determine whether the project is in an area that has, on average, more frequent or longer duration outages.

As noted previously, PEC's initiative is system wide. In the past three years, the cooperative has averaged 1,533 total outages per year affecting 16,991 customers with a SAIDI of 148.59. PEC will target the oldest infrastructure with the most outages for replacement and testing first. With this approach, PEC's target areas will have more frequent outages and infrastructure with less frequent or longer duration outages will receive lower priority.

Provide age of system or line segments to be replaced or repaired, type of equipment that failed, and the number of annual outages for the project area.

PEC cannot provide the age of system or line segments to be repaired for the total project. The oldest conductors to be replaced date back to the 1950s and are original to the construction of the line. The age of the poles to be tested and replaced is less tied to age due to inconsistency in pole treatments and exposure over time. Any pole that fails testing will be replaced.

Provide a number of protective devices (fuses or breakers) that have operated more than once in a rolling 12-month period.

In the past 12 months, 43 protective devices have operated more than once with 110 total events.

Provide a number of customers impacted by project and the percentage to total customers served in Kansas.

Over the past three years, PEC has served on average 16,991 customers. Because the initiative is system wide, PEC expects the project to impact a majority of customers in its service territory.

Description of efforts to attract, train, and retrain a skilled workforce for this project.

PEC will complete the project with existing lineman, laborers, and other staff. At this time PEC does not anticipate hiring new employees as a direct result of the project. However, PEC will be leveraging contract labor to fulfill these tasks, presenting a unique opportunity to actively recruit and spotlight our rural community to potential new talent.

Provide an estimate of job creation due to this project.

PEC will complete the project with existing lineman, laborers, and other staff and does not plan on hiring new staff to complete the project.

Identify any plans to partner with training providers to support workforce development.

PEC actively supports both workforce development and economic development within its service territory. PEC's Youth Programs include scholarships and annual trips for students. Every year, students can apply for scholarships to attend a postsecondary education institution of their choice, including trade and other technical education related to electric infrastructure and technology. PEC also partners with local businesses and organizations to help support regional economic growth in southwest Kansas keeping jobs and services in our communities and provides zero-interest loans and grants through its Rural Economic Development program.

Provide any	v other	metric(s)	that	indicates	potential	community	v benefit.

None

Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Davis-Bacon Act requirements.

Yes

Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Buy America Requirements.

Yes

Confirmation that the applicant will submit an environmental questionnaire (NETL Form 451.1-1-3), if required, for each work area proposed in the application.

Yes