

EcoPartnership Application – 2017

The Joint Secretariat of EcoPartnerships, co-chaired by the Department of State of the United States and the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China and hosted under the Ten-Year Framework for Cooperation on Energy and Environment (TYF), invites new applications for establishing EcoPartnerships between subnational entities in the United States and China.

The EcoPartnerships program is a platform under the TYF to foster practical cooperation between the United States and China. It spurs innovation, investment, and progress toward shared goals in both countries through voluntary partnerships between subnational governments, companies, non-governmental organizations and research institutes. To date, more than 40 partnerships have been launched, with good outcomes resulting from the joint research and demonstrations of innovative technologies and concepts, realizing synergies among policies, R&D, markets and financing. EcoPartnerships continue to explore new models for sustainable development in the United States and China.

Applicants should be highly motivated, and technically and administratively capable of executing actionable and innovative projects, relevant to the Ten-Year Framework for Cooperation on Energy and Environment or the U.S.-China Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China, through technical cooperation, demonstration, and/or information exchanges. New EcoPartnerships must sufficiently demonstrate both programmatic competence and financial capacity to successfully implement the intended activities.

Instructions:

Applicants must complete their proposals in **both** English and Chinese and **simultaneously submit both versions** to the U.S. Secretariat at solicitation@lbl.gov **and** to the Chinese Secretariat at ecopartner@163.com by the deadline listed.

Application deadline:

- Wednesday, May 31, 2017,
 - o 11:59 p.m. China Standard Time
 - o 11:59 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time
 - o 8:59 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time

Applications not submitted **in both languages** to both email addresses by the deadline will be disqualified as incomplete, and will not be considered. The English and Chinese versions of the applications should be identical in content to the extent possible.

Clearly address each section of the application. The Advisory Committee that selects new EcoPartnerships uses this information as the basis for its decision. The evaluation criteria are listed on the program [website](#). The solicitation is highly competitive every year, yielding a wide variety of proposals from well-qualified organizations. Therefore, applicants that offer vague responses will be at a disadvantage relative to peers that deliver a thorough, compelling, and viable application.

Applicants should clearly describe the project purpose and anticipated results within the three year period of the EcoPartnership, focusing on the applicants' innovative approach, capabilities and the expected impact that the project will generate. In addition, applicants should have sufficient resources to conduct the project prior to submitting a proposal. If additional fundraising is needed to underwrite any of the key tasks, it is highly recommended that the parties wait to apply to the next solicitation once funds have been secured.

This application should be made in good faith, with the intent to follow-through on the stated activities to the extent practicable. If a proposed EcoPartnership is selected to join the program, the participating organizations will sign a Statement of Intent. It is not a contract, nor is it legally binding, but serves as a public opportunity to signal the intent of all participants to voluntarily work together on the project. This collaboration may be terminated at any time based on the needs of either party in the EcoPartnership, with care taken to provide advanced, written notice as early as possible. The EcoPartnership may also be dismissed from the program if no substantive progress is achieved or if there is a significant deviation from the pilot project proposed in the application.

All sections must be completed. Relevant supporting materials (such as documents, certificates, charts or pictures) can be submitted as appendix material with the application. The example text that follows may be deleted to allow full use of the space.

Section 1: Project Information

Title

Focus Area(s)

Performance Period Start: 2017 End: 2020

U.S. Lead	Name of supervisor overseeing the project (first name last name)	Organizational Affiliation	Email	Phone
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Chinese Lead	Name of supervisor overseeing the project (first name last name)	Organizational Affiliation	Email	Phone
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U.S. POC	Name of supervisor overseeing the project (first name last name)	Organizational Affiliation	Email	Phone
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Chinese POC	Name of supervisor overseeing the project (first name last name)	Organizational Affiliation	Email	Phone
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Section 2: Purpose of the EcoPartnership

Concept

Describe the challenge that your EcoPartnership seeks to address and your proposed solution. How is your solution innovative and different compared to the rest of your field? (5,000 character limit.)

Anticipated Outcomes

By the end of the project, what are the anticipated outcomes in the U.S. and China? (2,000 character limit.)

Please describe the tangible products the project intends to deliver, for example, any planned pilot projects or demonstration sites and their locations; prototypes; or reports. (1,000 character limit.)

What benchmarks will the project use over the 3-year period to ensure progress is achieved? (2,000 character limit.)

Sharing Insights

How will you highlight the results and outcomes of your projects? (1,000 character limit.)

What can you do to ensure that successful results and outcomes of your project contribute to progress within your industry or among your peers? (1,000 character limit.)

Gaps and Opportunities

Which existing activities related to this concept are being pursued in the U.S. and China, and how might they be leveraged by your EcoPartnership? (1,500 character limit.)

Section 3: Project Management

Roles

What is the role of the U.S. organization(s) in the EcoPartnership? (800 character limit.)

What is the role of the Chinese organization(s) in the EcoPartnership? (800 character limit.)

Qualifications

Overview of U.S. technical competence and experience: (1,500 character limit.)

Overview of Chinese technical competence and experience: (1,500 character limit.)

Relationship

How will the partners work together to leverage their respective areas of expertise to bring about a successful collaboration? Highlight previous successful collaboration with the partner. (1,500 character limit.)

How do the applicants expect to benefit from participating in the EcoPartnerships Program? (1,000 character limit.)

How will the partners engage and collaborate together over the 3-year period (i.e. site visits, in-person meetings, teleconferences)? (1,000 character limit.)

Section 4: Resources

What resources/funding are needed to carry out this project? Have these resources/funding already been secured? (500 character limit.)

U.S. partner contribution (direct funding and in-kind support): (500 character limit.)

Chinese partner contribution (direct funding and in-kind support): (500 character limit.)