

1. What financial and accounting mechanisms have been developed to isolate the costs of a project developed pursuant to the authority provided by Section 402 of the ARRA? For purposes of this question, "costs" shall include loan principal, related interest, annual expenses associated with ancillary services, annual expenses associated with compliance of reliability standards for TIP related facilities, operation and maintenance expenses associated with the physical plant, the costs associated with the employment of any Western employee or contractor providing services in the constructing, financing, facilitating, planning, operating, maintaining, or studying construction of new or upgraded electric power transmission lines and related facilities developed using funding provided by Section 402.

*Western has established a separate Treasury account, accounting fund codes, unique project numbers and work orders for all TIP activities within its financial management system. Regular audits of TIP costs and financial statements validate the source of funds used for program and project activities.*

2. How many Western employees and/or contractors are currently working on a project funded using the borrowing authority provided by Section 402 of the ARRA? Please specify whether employees or contractors devote all or part time to performing work related to the TIP.

*The amount of employee/contractor participation on the two projects currently using Section 402 borrowing authority varies; 3-9 employees/contractors may work on a project at any one time. All Western TIP employees work on the program on a full-time basis.*

3. How many applications does Western have pending for projects that will be funded using the borrowing authority provided by Section 402 of ARRA?

*There are no pending project applications for the use of Section 402 borrowing authority.*

4. Does the Federal Register notice improve the eligibility criteria for any proposed projects, and if so, which projects?

*No.*

5. Has Western provided ancillary services for TIP funded projects from resources owned and operated by either the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?

*No.*

6. What have been the historic costs incurred by Western in reviewing submitted Statements of Interest?

*Western did not separately track costs it incurred in reviewing Statements of Interest because the costs were not material. These costs were paid from the non-reimbursable Recovery Act appropriation provided to Western to economically and efficiently perform Section 402 activities.*

7. How many Statements of Interest have Western personnel reviewed since March 1, 2009?

*Western has reviewed approximately 220 Statements of Interest since March 1, 2009.*

8. What have been the historic costs associated with the review of Business Plan Proposals?

*Business Plan Proposals were introduced in the Federal Register notice issued on September 27, 2013, so there are no historical costs.*

9. How many Business Plan Proposals have been reviewed since March 1, 2009?

*None. Business Plan Proposals were introduced in the Federal Register notice issued on September 27, 2013.*

10. What is the source of funding, including but not limited to appropriations, use of receipts, and access to funds borrowed from the Treasury pursuant to Section 402, for current Western employees and/or contractors performing work pursuant to the TIP?

*Funding for Western employees and contractors performing work for TIP comes directly from project developers or, in the case of one project, from funds borrowed from the Treasury. No federal appropriations are being used.*