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Subject: RE: INFRA/MEGA/RURAL Question

Hello Paul:

Please still submit only one application for the same project, but indicate in the funding plan sections a separate funding plan for the Rural grant. Use the INFRA and/or Mega funding plan as the main funding plan for the 424 form and cover letter, etc.

Thank you,
The MPDG Opportunity Team

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Hello,

In reviewing the USDOT Notice of Funding for the MPDG program, I have a question.

- 1) I understand a lead agency (State DOT) can only submit three total applications, and presumably, only one per project, but I have to ask.
 - a. Is it permissible for an applicant to submit two applications for the same project (still not going over three total by lead agency) that maximizes a Federal award request of 80% meeting the RURAL program criteria, and another application that reflects a 60% grant request that meets the MEGA/INFRA program?
 - b. Reasoning for my question is it appears that per guidance in the Cover Page – (Page 31 of NOFO) you have to OPT – OUT of MEGA, INFRA, or RURAL instead of being able to OPT-IN and being able to ask for differing amounts for each of the three considered programs. We obviously want to maximize our chances by keeping eligibility for all three, which limits a RURAL ask to only 60% of eligible project costs (similar to INFRA and MEGA) if applying for all three. NOFO has some tricky language. Applications which seek funding above the statutory maximum share for MEGA and INFRA will only be eligible for an award from the Rural program.

Thanks,
Paul

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