

1. What is the expected budget range for this project?

An approximate maximum budget is \$210,000. Please note price will be a factor in the evaluation of proposals.

2. For MA and CT the Phase 1 research summarized program designs information, since the program designs are very similar and offered statewide. For the Phase 2 research, how does NEEP want early replacement participant samples to be drawn for these states?

It is reasonable to pool these programs for purposes of sampling.

3. Does NEEP want to include additional PAs in Table 1 that were not surveyed for Phase 1 – e.g., MA Unitil, MD First Energy, etc?

More organizations are sponsoring Phase 2, so it would be appropriate to include additional PAs.

4. The RFP requests 90/10 confidence and precision for the estimated age of the existing equipment that was replaced. Is this at the regional level, or does NEEP also have precision targets at the PA program level, which would require larger sample sizes?

Regional level, per measure type.

5. Does NEEP want median RULs developed for each program, and not participant, as stated?

Median RUL would be estimated for each sampled participant, based on the estimated age of the existing equipment and the secondary survival function data.

6. How can NEEP help to ensure participation by PA program managers and timely provision of program participation data for the surveys and analysis?

In addition to technical advisors, NEEP will have a staff person on contract who can assist with outreach and follow-up with PAs. That is not a guarantee of timely feedback, but we hope it helps. Also, we are open to modifying the schedule after the kick off meeting if we learn up front of issues that might cause delays.