

# Feedback Form

## Hydrogen Innovation Fund: Draft Application Guideline (Program Rules) and Materials Webinar—February 22, 2023

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Following the February 22, 2023 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#). For more details on the Hydrogen Innovation Fund, please see the [Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy engagement page](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by March 8, 2023.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

## Funding Requirements

Topic	Feedback
Do you have any general feedback on the funding requirements?	No comments.

## Evaluation Criteria

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Are the evaluation criteria clear and complete?	No comments.

## General Comments/Feedback

Regarding Section 2.1 Eligibility: Project Types and Timelines, the timeline for research / feasibility studies is challenging. With successful applicants being notified of the outcome in Q3 2023, the December 31, 2023 deadline would leave as little as a 3 month period to complete the study and report. For studies of the magnitude outlined in the Hydrogen Innovation Fund draft materials, it would be very difficult to meet this deadline. Instead, we suggest a June 28, 2024 deadline for research / feasibility studies. This would allow at least 9 months for successful applicants to complete research / feasibility studies.

Regarding Eligible Expenses, the \$50,000 limit for a single consultant or contractor (before requiring a competitive bidding process) is at a level which makes the process unnecessarily onerous. Such a competitive bidding process would add 4-8 weeks to project timelines. It would also add administrative costs that would outweigh the cost savings achieved by the bidding process in many cases. We suggest increasing the limit to \$200,000.