

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

## Nuclear Development Incentives

### Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of Idaho is actively seeking to attract nuclear energy developers to establish operations within the state. Idaho offers significant advantages including a strategic geographic location, business-friendly regulatory environment, and strong workforce development programs. Through this Request for Information (RFI), the State seeks comprehensive input from industry leaders to better understand the factors that influence location decisions and to identify specific initiatives that would make Idaho the preferred destination for nuclear investment.

## 2. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

### 2.1 State Overview

Idaho possesses unique advantages for both nuclear development:

- Stable geological conditions suitable for nuclear facilities
- Existing nuclear expertise through Idaho National Laboratory (INL)
- Fiber optic infrastructure and connectivity
- Pro-business regulatory environment
- Available land resources
- Skilled workforce and educational partnerships

### 2.2 RFI Objectives

This RFI seeks to:

- Identify key factors influencing site selection decisions
- Understand infrastructure requirements and preferences
- Assess regulatory and permitting considerations
- Evaluate workforce and talent needs

- Determine effective incentive structures
- Explore partnership opportunities with state agencies and institutions
- Gather input on potential barriers to investment

### **3. SCOPE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED**

#### **3.1 Company Profile and Experience**

Please provide the following information about your organization:

##### **A. Company Information**

- Company name, headquarters location, and primary business focus
- Years of operation and key markets served
- Current portfolio of facilities (locations, capacity, technology types)
- Planned expansion or development timeline (next 5-10 years)
- Investment capacity and typical project scale

##### **B. Idaho Interest Level**

- Rate your current level of interest in Idaho locations and provide a brief explanation (high/medium/low)
- Previous evaluation of Idaho sites or engagement with state officials
- Specific regions within Idaho of interest, if any
- Timeline for potential Idaho projects

#### **3.2 Site Selection Criteria**

**A. Primary Location Factors** Please rank the following factors in order of importance:

- Electricity costs and reliability
- Land availability and cost
- Water access and rights
- Transportation infrastructure (rail, highway, air)
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Proximity to transmission lines/substations
- Geological stability and seismic considerations
- Regulatory environment and permitting efficiency
- Workforce availability and skill levels
- Proximity to research institutions or national laboratories
- State and local tax structure
- Available incentives and financing
- Community acceptance and stakeholder support
- Environmental considerations

##### **B. Additional Factors**

- Other critical factors not listed above
- Deal-breaker factors that would eliminate a location from consideration

### **3.3 Infrastructure Requirements**

#### **A. Electrical Infrastructure**

- Required electrical capacity (MW)
- Voltage level and redundancy requirements
- Backup power requirements
- Grid interconnection preferences
- Other electrical infrastructure requirements

#### **B. Physical Infrastructure**

- Land requirements (acreage, zoning preferences)
- Water requirements and brief explanation of how water would be used (gallons per day, quality specifications)
- Transportation needs (rail access, heavy haul capabilities)
- Telecommunications requirements (fiber, bandwidth, redundancy)
- Security and safety considerations

#### **C. Workforce Requirements**

- Number of employees (construction phase vs. operations)
- Skill levels and specializations required
- Training and certification requirements
- Preferred proximity to educational institutions
- Housing and community service needs for workforce

### **3.4 Regulatory and Permitting Considerations**

#### **A. Permitting Priorities**

- Federal Permits and approvals required
- What permits and approvals required in other states on other operational projects
- Typical timeline expectations for permitting process
- Preferred level of state/local government involvement
- Experience with streamlined permitting processes
- Environmental review and compliance priorities

#### **B. Regulatory Environment**

- Key regulatory agencies and relationships
- Preferred approach to ongoing regulatory oversight
- Safety and security regulatory requirements

- Environmental compliance priorities

### **3.5 Economic and Financial Considerations**

#### **A. Investment Profile**

- Typical capital investment range for your projects
- Reactor type
- Construction timeline and plan for workforce ramp-up and needs
- Expected operational lifespan
- Local procurement and supply chain opportunities

#### **B. Economic Impact**

- Direct employment (construction and operations phases)
- Estimated payroll and average wages
- Local tax revenue generation potential
- Indirect economic impacts and multiplier effects

## **4. INCENTIVE PREFERENCES AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **4.1 Financial Incentives**

Please indicate the relative importance and preferred structure for:

#### **A. Tax Incentives**

- Property tax abatements or exemptions (duration, percentage)
- Sales tax exemptions on equipment and materials
- Corporate income tax credits or reductions
- Personal income tax considerations for relocated workforce
- Special assessment districts or tax increment financing

#### **B. Direct Financial Support**

- Grants or direct subsidies
- Low-interest loans or loan guarantees
- Infrastructure development cost-sharing
- Workforce training and development funding
- Research and development tax credits

#### **C. Non-Financial Incentives**

- Expedited permitting and regulatory review

- Dedicated project management and liaison services
- Infrastructure development partnerships
- Workforce development program partnerships
- Marketing and promotional support

## **4.2 Partnership Opportunities**

Please rank and briefly explain how important the following partnership opportunities are in selecting a location for your project.

### **A. State Institution Partnerships**

- Collaboration opportunities with Idaho National Laboratory
- University research partnerships (University of Idaho, Boise State, Idaho State)
- Workforce development partnerships with state colleges and technical schools
- Technology transfer and innovation partnerships

### **B. Infrastructure Partnerships**

- Public-private partnerships for infrastructure development
- Joint development of transmission or transportation infrastructure
- Shared services or facilities with other industrial users
- Regional economic development collaborations

## **4.3 Regulatory Support**

- One-stop permitting and approval processes
- Dedicated regulatory liaisons
- Pre-approved site certification programs
- Master planning and zoning support
- Environmental review coordination

# **5. COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS**

## **5.1 Alternative Locations**

- Other states or regions currently under consideration
- Key advantages of competing locations
- Successful incentive programs in other jurisdictions
- Best practices observed in other states

## **5.2 Decision Timeline**

- Typical timeline for location decisions
- Key milestones and decision points

- Critical factors that accelerate or delay your project(s)
- Preferred engagement process with state officials

## **6. BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES**

### **6.1 Potential Obstacles**

- Regulatory or permitting challenges specific to your industry or proposed project
- Infrastructure limitations or gaps
- Workforce availability or skill gaps
- Community acceptance or stakeholder concerns
- Market access
- Supply chain or logistics challenges

### **6.2 Risk Mitigation**

- Key risks that state partnership could help address
- Insurance or indemnification considerations
- Long-term stability and predictability needs
- Technology or market risk factors

## **7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **7.1 Response Format**

- Maximum 25 pages (excluding appendices)
- Electronic submission preferred (PDF format)
- Company letterhead and authorized signature required
- Responses may be submitted by individual companies or industry consortiums

### **7.2 Confidentiality**

- Mark proprietary or confidential information clearly
- Idaho Public Records Act considerations will be noted
- Non-disclosure agreements available upon request
- Aggregate data may be used in public reports without company identification

## **7.3 Submission Details**

### **Submit responses to:**

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## **8. EVALUATION AND NEXT STEPS**

### **8.1 Response Evaluation**

- All responses will be reviewed by state economic development team
- Follow-up discussions may be requested with selected respondents
- Information will be used to develop targeted attraction strategies
- Aggregate findings may be published in summary format

### **8.2 Future Engagement**

- Individual company meetings and site visits may be arranged
- Invitation to participate in Idaho industry forums or conferences
- Updates on state initiatives and policy developments
- Ongoing dialogue and relationship building opportunities

### **8.3 No Commitment**

This RFI does not constitute a commitment by the State of Idaho to provide any specific incentives or support. All future agreements will be subject to separate negotiation and approval processes.

### **8.4 Public Records**

OEMR is subject to the Idaho Public Records Act, Idaho Code § 74-101, *et seq.*, and must disclose records upon request that are not specifically exempt. If you wish to keep information confidential, please mark all records and all pages as confidential. OEMR will keep records confidential to the extent allowed by law.

**Thank you for your interest in Idaho. We look forward to your response and to exploring how Idaho can become your preferred location for nuclear development.**