

Frequently Asked Questions

Guidelines for completing the Solicitation for Statements of Interest from the Alaska Wood Energy Task Group

Please complete the applications to the best of your ability. Scoring will be based on completeness of answers and understanding of local resources.

- **Do I need to know the exact age of my building?** No, an approximate age will do.
- **Our cost of fuel changes from month to month, what should I use for my cost?** The cost information is to provide the monthly bills/usage for fuel. If you do not have information at that detailed level, put in an average cost (i.e. yearly cost divided by 12) or use the high and low range.
- **Our area does not have High Hazard fuels or forest fires, what do I use for this question?** Just let us know that you live in a region that does not experience forest fires.
- **Our area does not have any wood processors or processing residues. How do we answer that question?**
Just let us know there are no known wood processors in your area.
- **Our community lives in a region of the State that does not have any forested areas (i.e. North Slope), how do I answer question number 4?** Please explain where your community is located, and even if there are no forests, discuss any available biomass resources or options for obtaining them.
- **What is a Land Management Plan?** The US Forest Service, the State of Alaska, and other agencies such as BIA and DNR all have plans; in addition, many Native corporations also have management plans. These plans are public documents and include sections such as a timber harvest schedule, hazardous fuel mitigation, and wildlife habitat programs.
- **We don't know what kind of woody biomass system we want – do we have to decide now?** No – this application can help you decide which system is right for you. Some people already know what they are interested in.
- **What do you mean by Public Benefit?** Anything that benefits the community. For example, cost savings for the community, jobs created, educational opportunities, utilizing a renewable resource, community sustainability and decreased dependency on fossil fuels are a few.
- **Who can I contact for more information?** *E-mail Charles Westmoreland, energy coordinator with Southeast Conference, at energy@seconference.org.*