CAPE LIGHT COMPACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for

LEAD VENDOR FOR SINGLE AND MULTI FAMILY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Questions and Answers

The Compact would like to note that there are no changes to the schedule, and all pertinent information can be found at www.capelightcompact.org/rfp. These are all the questions received as of the deadline.

Q: Attachment A Section 3 states the Lead Vendor's energy assessment software must be approved by the Compact. Is there approval criteria or a list of approved tools? Is there anything that would disqualify a particular solution? Does the Compact prefer software with an interactive modeling engine or TRM-based calculations?

A: The Compact does not mandate any one particular software tool. The Lead Vendor may propose the energy assessment software tool it intends to use, subject to the Compact's review and approval. The Compact may require modifications to be made to the tool based on any changes in program requirements or as requested by the Compact.

At a minimum the tool should:

1) Log all data points necessary to execute and report on a Decarbonization Home Energy assessment in compliance with the current RTS Assessment Standards, and/or all necessary data requirements as the program evolves.
2) Efficiently produce all necessary regulatory and Compact specific reporting requirements from data collected from the Decarbonization Home Energy Assessment.
3) Translate data into a customer-facing Decarbonization Action Report or equivalent.
4) Calculate energy savings and incentives consistent with the Compact's required reporting and program methodology for all specified energy efficiency measures the program offers.
5) Ensure customer data security.

Please also review the subsection, “Data Transfer and Reporting Functions”, in Attachment A Section 3. This section explains that the Lead Vendor will develop and maintain a computerized data tracking system. These requirements may include integrating the Lead Vendor’s energy assessment software with other required tracking systems as set up by the Lead Vendor for holistic data tracking and reporting.

The Massachusetts TRM currently references "vendor calculated gross savings" for the RTS 1-4 family measures, so there are no TRM-based calculations that are available at the moment. For 5+ units, the vendor should utilize the TRM calculations where applicable.

Q: If there are unused program funds from 2025/26, will they augment the 2027 budget or is the 2027 figure fixed regardless of carryover?

A: For the budgets, we do work on a three-year plan at the sector level. The current plan is from 2025-2027. There could be roll over from 2025 to 2026, and/or from 2026 to 2027 if there is sufficient budget at the sector level.