



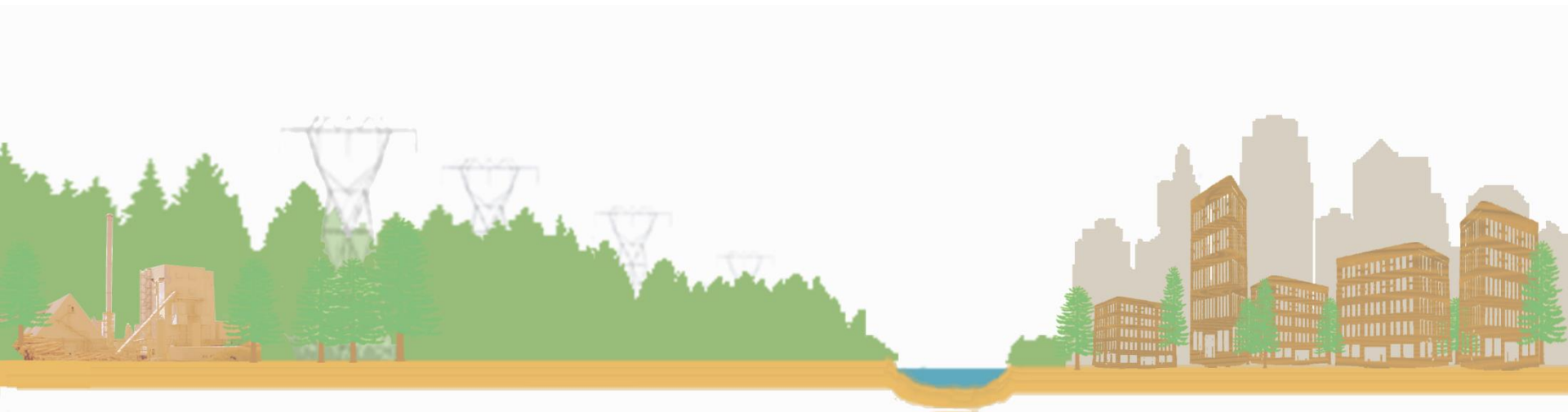
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2019 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity

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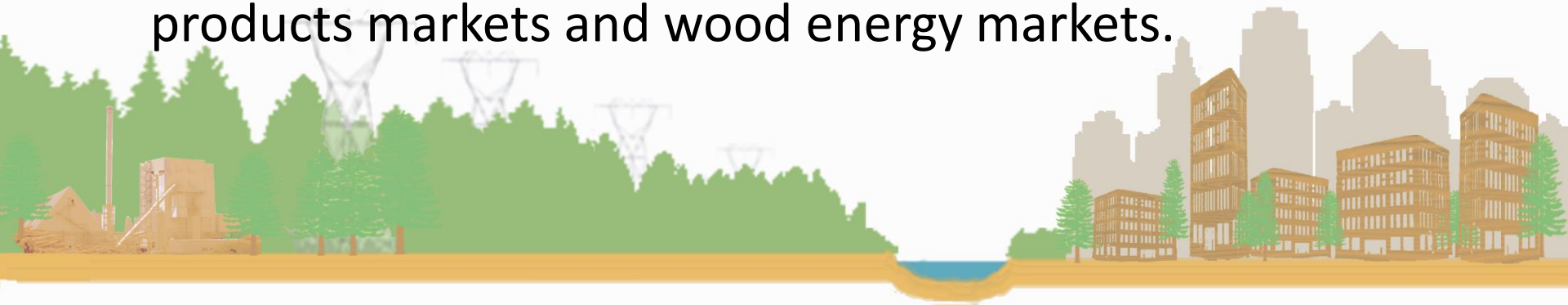
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Background

- Substantially expand and accelerate wood products markets and wood energy markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.
- RFP supports The Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79), Rural Revitalization Technologies (7 U.S.C. 6601), and the nationwide challenge of disposing of hazardous fuels and other wood residues from National Forest and other lands in a manner that supports wood products markets and wood energy markets.



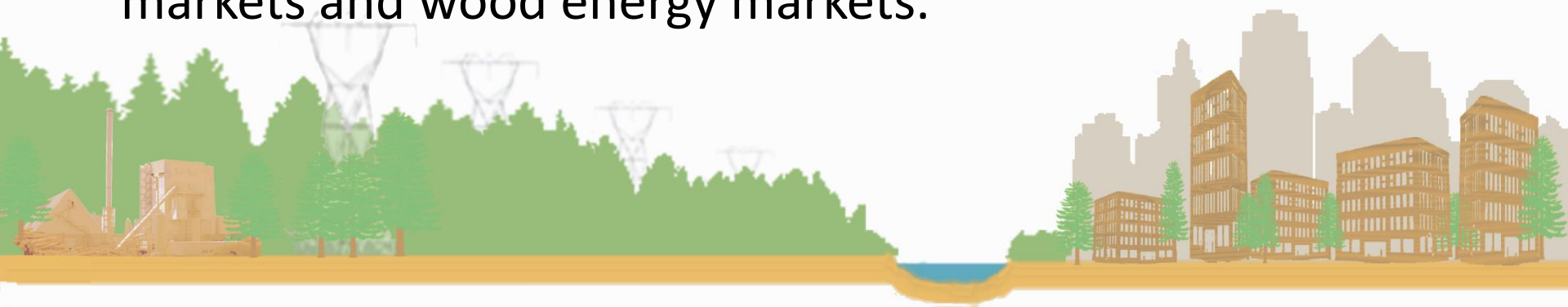


Background

Goals of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity are:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities

The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets.





Funding

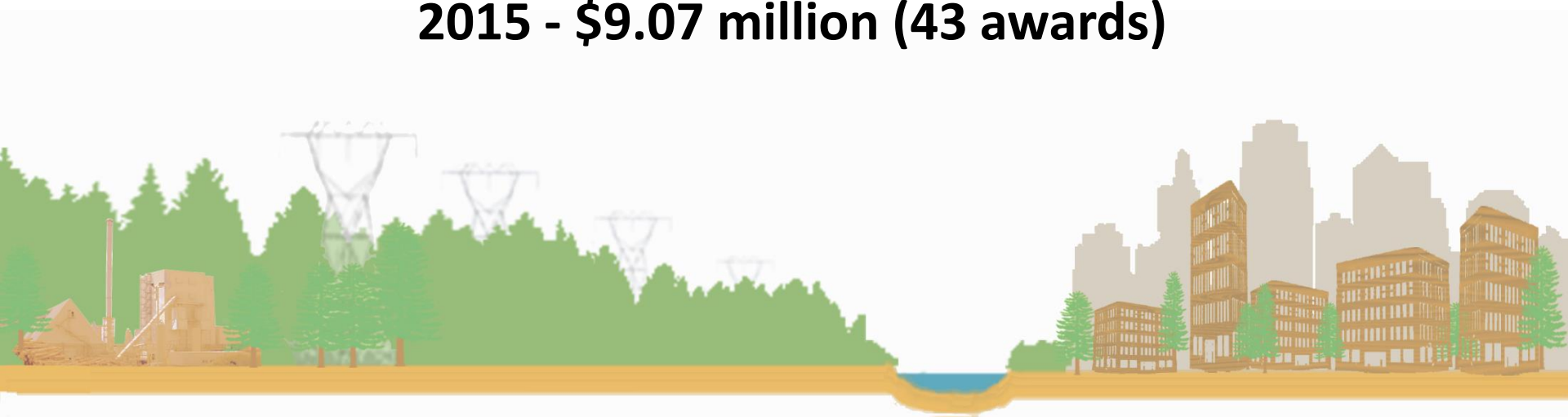
- 2019 Available Funding: Up to \$8 million. Most awards (excluding match) will not exceed \$250,000

2018 - \$7.85 million (34 awards)

2017 - \$8.34 million (38 awards)

2016 - \$8.35 million (41 awards)

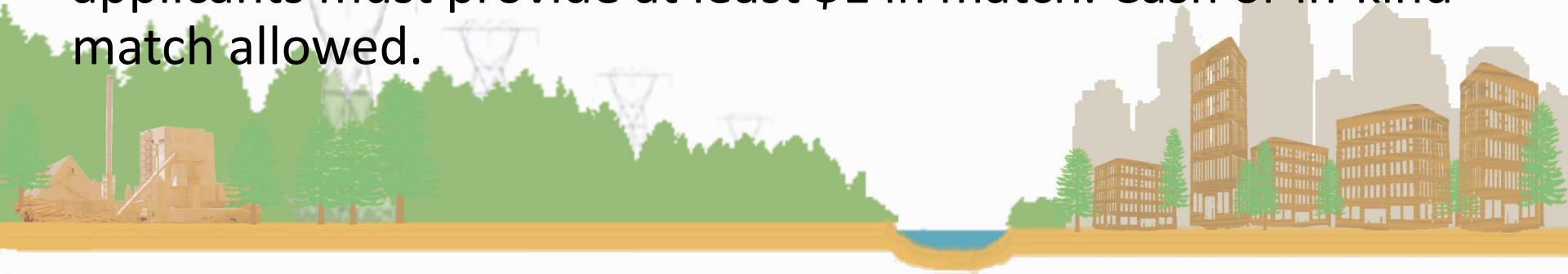
2015 - \$9.07 million (43 awards)





2019 Key Pieces of Information

- January 23 – Proposal submission deadline
- Regional Coordinator must receive **all** submittals by e-mail at 5pm local time in the region you submit
- Eligible applicants include for-profits; State, local, and Tribal governments; school districts; communities; not-for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and special purpose districts
- Applicants must contribute at least 50% of the Forest Service requested funds. For every \$2 of Federal funding requested, applicants must provide at least \$1 in match. Cash or in-kind match allowed.

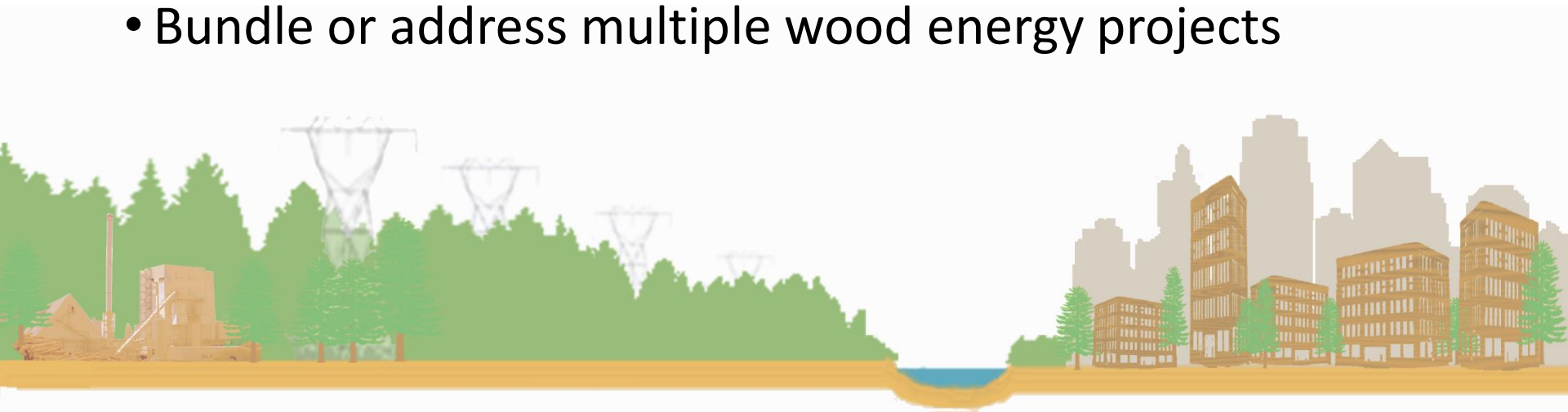




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Preference will be given to proposals that:

- Make use of wood generated from National Forest System and other forest lands with high wildfire risk
- Collaborate with industry partners
- Support commercial building markets or other markets that use innovative wood products
- Bundle or address multiple wood energy projects





2019 Key Pieces of Information

Other items to note:

- Proposals incorporating technologies that are commercially viable will be competitive
- Basic research, equipment purchases **except stationary wood energy equipment**, and construction will NOT be considered
- Expenses for self-marketing and self-promotion are not eligible expenses
- Proposals should align with Forest Service Regional priorities and State Forest Action Plans





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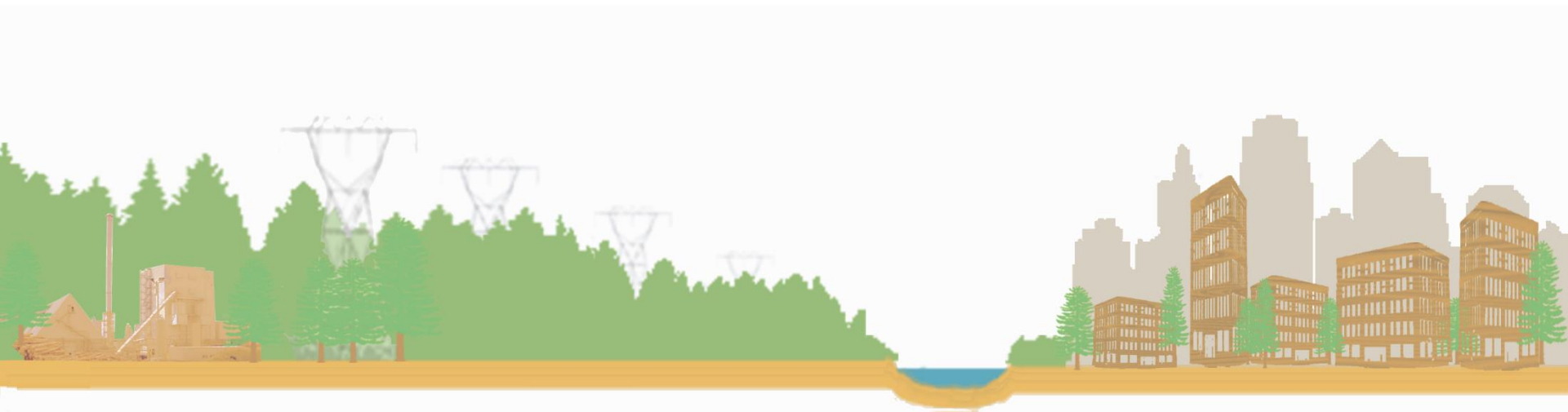
- Two-part application
 - Part 1: 5 page MAXIMUM per proposal, not including the Cooperator Contact Information page or appendices.
 - Basic Project Information
 - Project Goals and Objectives
 - Project Description
 - Project Impact
 - Qualifications of Team and Partners
 - Annual Progress Reports and Final Reports
 - Budget Summary and Justification





2019 Key Pieces of Information

- Part 2: Required Financial Forms
 - 8 forms

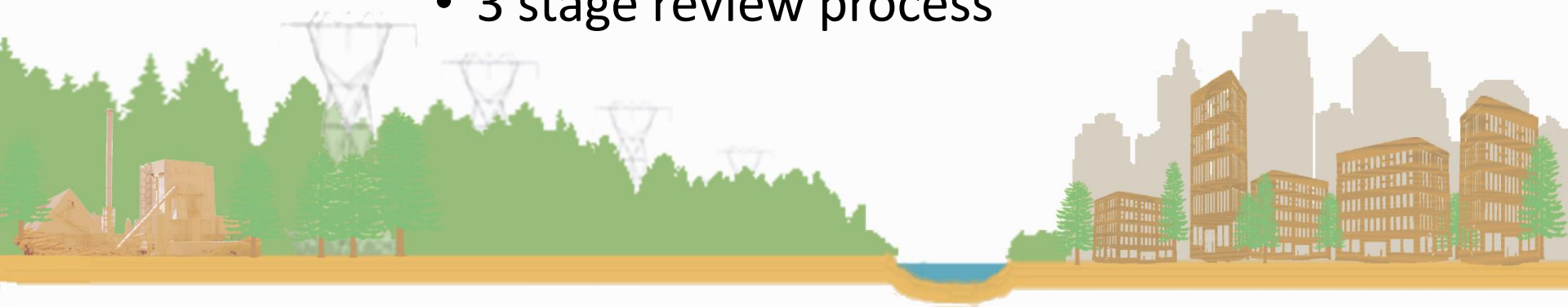




Evaluation Criteria & Review Process

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Project Description	35
Project Impact	35
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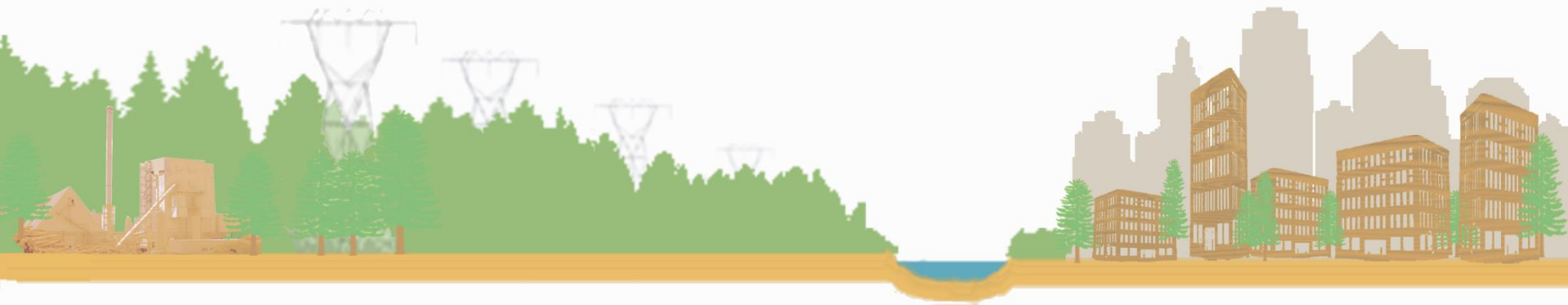
- 3 stage review process





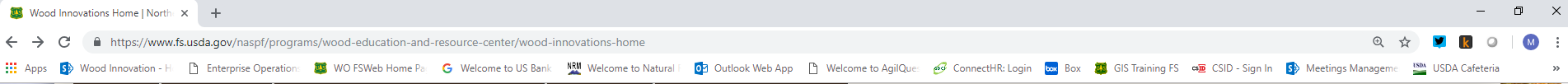
Tips

- Make sure your team has the appropriate skill set and experience for success - collaboration is important to show
- Never assume reviewers know certain facts
- Explicitly state how your proposal relates to the goals of the Wood Innovations Program
- Ensure the contact information page is filled out
- Pay attention to page limit





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Wood is a versatile, durable, abundant, and cost-effective renewable resource that provides numerous environmental benefits, including storing carbon when used in construction and offsetting the release of fossil carbon when used for energy production. The Forest Service and its partners are creating new opportunities for innovative wood products which contribute to diversified rural economies and support sustainable forest management. Innovative wood building materials and wood energy promote healthier forested landscapes for future generations in a socially, economically, and environmentally sound manner.

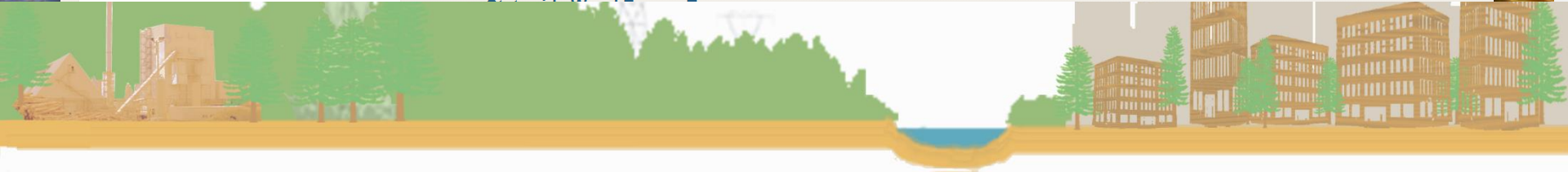
The Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity supports traditional wood utilization projects, expands wood energy markets, and promotes using wood as a construction material in commercial buildings. The Forest Service supports proposals that significantly stimulate or expand wood energy and wood products markets that support the long-term management of National Forest System and other forest lands. The **2019 Request for Proposals** focuses on the following priorities:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands;
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types; and
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

Past funded projects can be explored from the [Wood Innovations funded projects searchable database](#). All funded projects are **required to provide reports** (annual progress reports and final reports as project is completed).

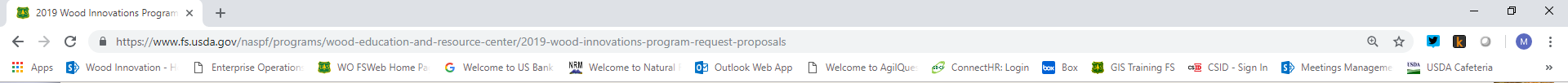
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2019 Wood Innovations Program Request for Proposals

Overview Information

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number is 10.674
CFDA Title is Wood Utilization Assistance

Important Dates:

- October 24, 2018** Issuance of Request for Proposals
- January 23, 2019** Proposal submission deadline
- May 1, 2019** Approximate date for the U.S. Forest Service to notify applicants of results
- August 1, 2019** Approximate date of award

Synopsis of Funding Opportunity:

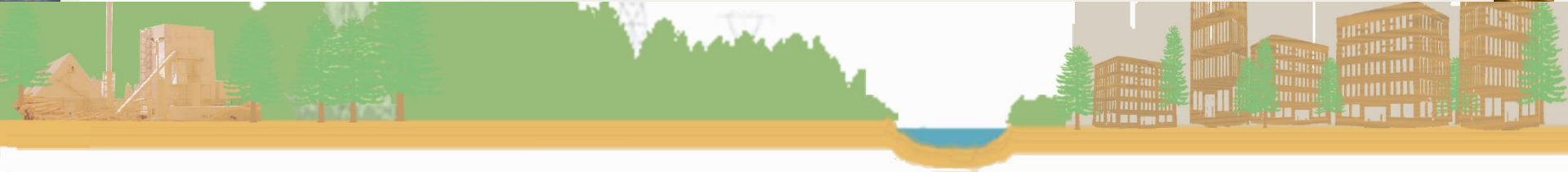
The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.

This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities to:

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Projects can include, *but are not limited to:*





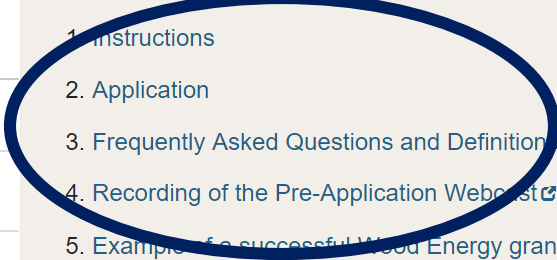
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- Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) Search
- Workshops and Training Opportunities
- Webcast Archive
- Hispanic Worker Integration**
- Hispanic Worker Integration Site
- References for Managing Hispanic Workers
- Urban Wood Utilization**
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- Related Topics**
- Education
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commercial construction market trends.

4. Establishing statewide wood utilization teams and statewide wood energy teams. Only proposals from States without an existing (or former) team will be considered. Current teams are found on this map.
5. Developing a cluster of wood energy projects in a geographic area or specific sector (e.g., prisons, hospitals, universities, manufacturing sector, or industrial sector).



1. Instructions
2. Application
3. Frequently Asked Questions and Definition
4. Recording of the Pre-Application Webcast
5. Examples of successful Wood Energy grant application

6. Example of a successful Wood Products Markets grant application

2018 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity Successful Applicants:

[USDA Forest Service Awards Wood Innovation Grants to Expand and Accelerate Wood Products Markets in 20 States](#)

2017 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity Successful Applicants:

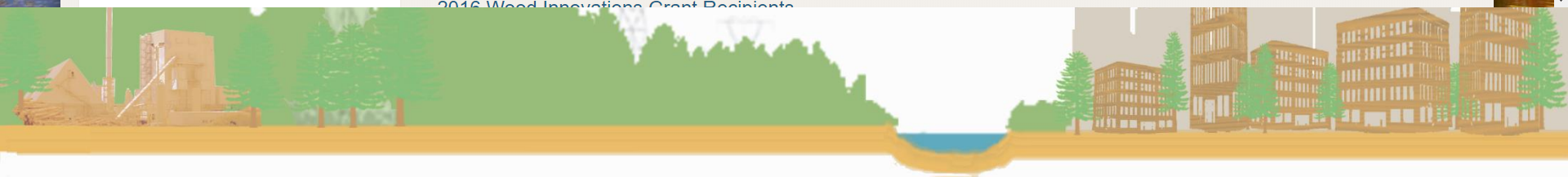
[U.S. Forest Service Awards Grants to Expand and Accelerate Wood Energy and Wood Products Markets in 19 States](#)

[2017 Wood Innovations Grant Recipients](#)

2016 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity Successful Applicants:

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Questions and Discussion

