

**REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHING AN ECOPARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS IN UNITED STATES AND CHINA**

(For applicants who have already identified their partners from the other country)

The Joint Secretariat of the EcoPartnerships (the Secretariat), co-chaired by the United States of America’s Department of State and the People’s Republic of China’s National Development and Reform Commission, invites new requests for establishing EcoPartnerships between organizations in United States and China.

New EcoPartnerships should be highly motivated, technically and administratively capable of executing actionable and viable projects, relevant to the Framework for the Ten Year Cooperation on Energy and Environment (TYF) between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People’s Republic of China, through technical cooperation, demonstration and/or policy exchanges. New EcoPartnerships should sufficiently respond to the following process demonstrating both programmatic competence and budgetary capacity to successfully implement the intended activities.

The partners must demonstrate their initial interest and details of the collaboration in the Statement of Interest below, and submit it on the Secretariat’s website for consideration, at: www.ecopartnerships.gov/ and/or tyf.ndrc.gov.cn/. The Secretariat will evaluate applications based on the Criteria found on the Secretariat’s website. Based on this review, Candidates selected by the Secretariat for the EcoPartnership Program will then be asked to complete a Statement of Intent with a detailed Action Plan (template found on the respective websites).

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The EcoPartnership focuses on one or more goals of the TYF Action Plans:

- Clean air
- Clean water
- Clean and efficient transportation
- Energy Efficiency
- Conservation of forests and wetlands ecosystems
- Clean, efficient and secure electricity production and transmission

US Partners:

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Chinese Partners:

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Project Concept & relationship to TYF: _____

Proposed Timeframe: _____

Anticipated Outcome: _____

Benefits to US: _____

Benefits to China: _____

Technical Competence of US Partners: _____

Technical Competence of Chinese Partners: _____

Financial Resources: _____

TERMS EXPLAINED

BACKGROUND OF ECOPARTNERSHIPS: The Government of the United States of America (US) and the Government of the People's Republic of China (China) signed the TYF on June 18, 2008 during the 4th US-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), and officially started this important bilateral cooperation mechanism to engage in extensive cooperation in energy and environment within a time span of ten years and jointly tackling the challenges of sustainable development, climate change and energy security. The US and China signed the Framework for EcoPartnerships under the TYF in December 2008 during the 5th SED.

The EcoPartnerships Framework is to advance energy security, economic sustainability and environmental sustainability, and address climate change by encouraging voluntary, cooperative partnerships between enterprises and

academic/research/management/training entities, and other nongovernmental organizations and associations; states, cities, counties and other localities in US and provinces, cities, counties and other localities in China; or any combination of the above. The EcoPartnerships Framework states that these partnerships “are to leverage the accomplishments of the TYF task forces by providing opportunities to test and demonstrate the policies, technologies, and new approaches at sub-national levels. EcoPartnerships are also to facilitate innovations that may include development, commercialization and deployment of energy and environmental technologies.”

Further information on EcoPartnerships is available on the Secretariat’s website: www.ecopartnerships.gov/ and/or tyf.ndrc.gov.cn/, including seven existing EcoPartnerships.

PROJECT CONCEPT should briefly highlight the energy, environment, climate change, technical and/or economic goals of the cooperative partnership and articulate the partnership’s relevance and contributions to one or more of the TYF Action Plans.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES should be identified reflecting environmental, energy, climate change and economic benefits, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Enhanced technical, planning or policy capabilities of the partner;
- Reduced negative impact on the environment (e.g. resource consumption, pollution emissions, including greenhouse gases, waste, loss of forest cover);
- Enhanced resource productivity in the economy (e.g. economic efficiency);
- Expanded effects of environmental improvement on society (e.g. congestion costs, improvement in wellbeing, social costs);
- Expanded policy interactions on implementing/deploying incentives for cleaner options;
- Increased R&D and/or educational exchanges between the two countries;
- Expanded commercial exchanges and attendant job creation and income generation within two countries;
- Increased promotion, deployment and adoption of advanced clean technologies.

BENEFITS TO US AND CHINA should clearly outline measurable impacts for each country in terms of energy, environmental, economic, technical and/or social benefits and scalability of techniques/strategies. Priority will be given to applicants who, in addition to addressing at least one of the TYF goals, also demonstrate climate change benefits.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCE of both partners should be clearly identified to demonstrate their respective abilities and experience to successfully implement the project in addition to exemplifying usefulness to the partnership.

FINANCIAL RESOURCE inputs from both partners should showcase project viability for practically executing it for the proposed duration.