

50.000 \$: atmosfair´s climate project award

Wanted: projects reducing greenhouse gases in developing countries, preferably biomass or small hydro power

If your project reduces greenhouse gases, is contributing to sustainable development and can be developed as a CDM Gold Standard project, then you are invited to submit an application for the atmosfair climate project award.

Until Friday, 8th of February 2008 you can submit a project proposal to atmosfair. The winning project will be awarded

- a) 50.000 \$** and
- b) an emission reduction purchase agreement (ERPA) at prices and payment conditions above market.**

The award of 50.000 \$ must be spent on the project for

- purchase of technology or equipment (first priority)
- financial and institutional matters for project set-up (e.g. travel expenses, costs for capacity building...) (second priority)
- Feasibility studies, demonstration or pilot projects (third priority)

Expenditures must be documented by receipts etc.

The emission reduction purchase agreement will serve as a finance source for the implementation of the whole project. Upfront payment is possible.
Example: atmosfair pays 15-20 EUR/tCO₂ guaranteed by binding, long term contracts (10 years). According to baseline emissions (emissions that would have occurred without the project activity), this equals an additional feed-in tariff of ~ 0.8-1.5Ct/kWh in the case of electricity production, guaranteed during 10 years. For an installed capacity of e.g. 1 MW small hydro power, total financing would be around 500.000-700.000 €.

For further information on CDM and Gold Standard, please visit <http://cdm.unfccc.int/index.html> and <http://www.cdmgoldstandard.org/>



Picture: CISA, Honduras

Terms and Conditions for participation

Eligible Participants

Any company or organisation with a project or project idea in a country eligible for CDM may participate.

Award

The award of 50.000 \$ will be granted to one project. Only in case there are two outstanding projects the award will be distributed over two projects.

Criteria for application and selection of prize winners

Projects must comply with the following criteria:

- annual emission reductions of at least 1.000 t CO₂ (i.e. approx. 300 kW installed capacity in case of hydropower) and maximum ~ 20.000 t CO₂ annually.
- high contribution to local sustainable development (technology transfer, employment, rural electrification...)
- proven additionality, i.e. CDM contributes significantly to the economic viability of the project

Applicants must fill in the Project Idea Note attached to this document. Special attention should be paid to the description of the current status of the project and the next steps planned for project implementation.

Applicants must provide full contact details and be reachable during selection period for request of further information.

Procedure and Schedule

Applications shall be submitted to

atmosfair gGmbH,
Attn. Florian Zerzawy
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by Email only, until 8th of February 2008. All information shall be put into an attachment, preferably in two formats: Word and PDF.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit additional information, e.g. evidence for project road map, references, partners (if not already included in the application) until 22nd of February 2008 The winner of the award will be selected by atmosfair until 29th of February 2008.

Project proposals not selected as winners of the award may nevertheless be developed and contracted as CDM Gold Standard projects by atmosfair. In case no project proposal has potential to be developed as a CDM Gold Standard project, atmosfair reserves the right to retain the award.

The jury's decision is final.

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Project Idea Note

Name of Project: _____

Date submitted: _____

A. Project Participants

Project proponent	
Name of the project proponent	
Organizational category	Government Government agency Municipality Private company Non Governmental Organization Other, please specify: _____
Legal status	
Role of the Project proponent	Project Operator Owner of the site or project Owner of the emission reductions Seller of the emission reductions Project advisor/consultant Project investor Other, please specify: _____
Street Address (include web address, if any)	Address, PO Box, City, Country
Contact person	
Telephone / fax	
E-mail	
Main activities	<i>Brief description</i>
Summary of financial performance in last fiscal year	Summarize financials (total assets, revenues, profit, etc.) in € or \$.
Other Project participants, if applicable	
Name of the project participant	
Organizational category	Government Government agency Municipality Private company Non Governmental Organization Other, please specify: _____
Legal status	
Role of the Project Participant	Project Operator Owner of the site or project Owner of the emission reductions Seller of the emission reductions Project advisor/consultant Project investor Other, please specify: _____
Street Address (include web address, if any)	Address, PO Box, City, Country
Contact person	
Telephone / fax	
E-mail	
Main activities	<i>Brief description</i>
Summary of financial performance in last fiscal year	Summarize financials (total assets, revenues, profit, etc.) in € or \$.
<i>Please insert information for additional Project Participants as necessary.</i>	

B. Project Summary: Type, Location, Description, and Schedule

Type of the project	
Greenhouse gases (GHG) targeted	CO ₂ CH ₄
Type of activity	Small Hydro (max. 15 MW) Biomass, Biogas, liquid biofuels (Heat, Electricity, cogeneration, transport) Other, please specify: _____

Location of the project	
Region	East Asia & Pacific / South Asia / Central Asia / Middle East / North Africa / Sub-Saharan Africa / Latin America & the Caribbean <i>(select whatever is applicable)</i>
City, Country	
Brief description of the plant or facility site	

Project details	
Project description and proposed activities (including a technical description of the project)	
Technology to be employed	<i>Please also provide examples of where the proposed technology has already been employed.</i>
Contact details of the technology provider (producers, vendors)	<i>Please add website, if applicable</i>
Business Rationale & Commercial Strategy	A brief description of the business rationale and commercial strategy underlying the project.
Capability in implementing the project	A description of the knowledge and experience of the Project Participants in building and operating similar projects.
Management	A description of the management team, organizational structure, capacity building activities, and implementation plan.

Sector Background	
General sector structure and organization	A brief description of the energy sector, e.g. consumption figures, main stakeholders etc.
Relevant governmental policies	A brief description of policies and strategies related to energy and the project, e.g. Feed-In-Tariffs,

Expected schedule	
Current status or phase of the project	Project idea, planning, implementation etc. <i>[select whatever is applicable and indicate whether the documentation (for e.g., the feasibility study) is available for review]</i>
Earliest project start date	Month & Year in which project will be operational
Estimate of time required before becoming operational	Month & Year of expected financial closure: Month & Year for completing legal matters: Month & Year in which negotiations will be completed: Month & Year in which construction will be completed:
Next major steps toward design and financial closure and expected dates of concluding these steps	
Project lifetime (no. of years)	
Proposed crediting period for the project (no. of years)	

C. Financial Details

Total project costs estimate <i>(Please provide a breakdown and/or explanation where appropriate)</i>	
<i>Besser einen financial plan mit costs und return</i>	
Development cost	€ or \$
Installed project cost	€ or \$
Other costs	€ or \$
Total project cost	€ or \$
Sources of finance identified <i>(Please provide a breakdown and brief summary where appropriate)</i>	
Equity	Names and amounts by provider in € or \$
Debt - Long-term	Names and amounts by provider in € or \$
Debt - Short term	Names and amounts by provider € or \$
Contribution of direct local beneficiaries (if applicable)	
Not yet identified	€ or \$
Expected financial returns	€ or \$ (all expected financial returns of the project activity besides CDM, e.g. for selling electricity)
Is ODA involved in project financing?	If yes, provide amount and explain project activities for what ODA is used
Impact of CDM contribution	Describe amount/share of CDM contribution sought, and the amount expected in advance payments
Economic viability	Describe economic viability of the project, e.g. IRR with and without CER revenues (assume a CER price of € 15/t CO ₂ e)

D. Expected benefits for sustainable development

Estimate of Greenhouse Gases abated (in tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents)	Annual: xx tCO ₂ e/year Up to a period of 10 years: xx tCO ₂ e
Baseline scenario/analysis	CDM projects must result in GHG emissions being lower than "business-as-usual" in the Host Country. Please indicate briefly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How would the future look without the proposed CDM project? What would the estimated total GHG emissions be?
Effects of the project regarding local/regional/global environment	Brief description
Effects of the project regarding Social and economic aspects	Brief description
Effects of the project regarding technological development	Brief description
Stakeholder Consultation	How are local stakeholders involved in the project? Has a consultation been planned or concluded? Brief description

E. Project-Related Risks and Outstanding Issues

Project risks and issues	
Project risks and mitigation	Mention the major risks and issues with a brief explanation of mitigating factors, especially as they relate to the implementation of the project
Outstanding issues	Mention any other outstanding issues that may be relevant to the project and its performance.

F. Additional information

Pictures	Include at least five pictures from the project location, technology to be employed, local beneficiaries, etc.
Appendixes	Include any information that may be useful for project screening, e.g. feasibility study, business plan for the project, legal documents, references, etc. <i>(if applicable)</i>

G. Use of award

First priority: Purchase of technology or equipment	Expected expenditures in € or \$, Type of expenditure
Second priority: Financial and institutional matters for project set-up	Expected expenditures in € or \$, Type of expenditure
Third priority: Feasibility studies, demonstration or pilot projects	Expected expenditures in € or \$, Type of expenditure

I/We hereby declare that the information provided on this application form and in the appendixes is full and correct. I/We declare my/ our acceptance of the terms and conditions of participation for the atmosfair award.

 Place, Date

Signature, Stamp