

Swine Biogas Cost Share Program Phase I Screening Application Instructions

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Completed Phase I Screening Applications meeting the program criteria will be invited to complete a Phase II Application.

Program Eligibility Requirements

- The Applicant must have a Letter of Interest from Align RNG, which needs to be included with the Phase I Screening Application upon submission.
- Applicant is in compliance with all laws, regulations, zoning requirements, and other federal, state, and local governmental rules, and has no unpaid taxes, penalties, or judgments outstanding.
- Applicant and its proposed swine biogas equipment must be located within the State of North Carolina
- Applicant must have a design capacity of less than one million (1,000,000) pounds of steady state live weight.
- Applicant must enter into a contract with Align RNG with a duration of ten (10) years or more for the purchase by Align of the biogas produced by the anaerobic digester.
- If Applicant leases the premises on which the Business or Farm is situated, there is a minimum of ten (10) years remaining in the term of the lease, and the lease will not expire prior to the expiration of the biogas contract with Align.
- The maximum amount of cost-share that Applicant may ultimately receive (subject the sole and absolute discretion of Program Sponsors) is the lesser of (a) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or (b) seventy-five percent (75%) of the portion of actual construction and equipment costs of the biogas equipment that exceed Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$440) per thousand (1,000) pounds of steady state live weight.

Step by Step Instructions for Phase I Screening Application:

<u>Applicant Name</u>: Your Name or Business Name. This will be the entity that will receive the payment of cost share funds at the completion of the project.

<u>State of Residency/Formation</u>: State of residency or business formation

<u>Contact Person:</u> The point of contact for the Applicant (may be the same as Applicant Name)

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<u>Business Address</u>: Full address of the business as registered with the NC Secretary of State. This is the address where you will receive mail.

<u>Farm Address</u>: Address of the farm where the digester will be located. May be the same as the Business Address.

Email Address: Email address for Applicant

Contact Phone: Best phone number to reach the Applicant

County: NC county of the farm

Integrator: Who the grower is contracted with

Do you Lease or Own the Premises: Circle Lease or Own for current status of farm ownership

<u>Lease Expiration Date (if applicable)</u>: Date of farm lease expiration

Landlord: Name of Landlord, if leasing

Will you agree to enter into a ten-year binding contract with Align for the purchase and sale of all biogas produced as part of this Cost Share Program? : Circle yes or no. All applications that circle no will not be reviewed. This is required to proceed to the Phase II Application.

<u>Steady State Live Weight Design Capacity</u>: Enter in the number of pounds of SSLW for which the farm is designed

Facility Type: Enter in the type of swine facility

Mailing Completed Phase I Screening Applications

All completed Phase I Screening Applications need to include a copy of the Letter of Interest from Align.

Completed Phase I Screening Applications can be submitted via email or mail:

- 1) By email: Send to asand@ncsoilwater.org and put "Digester Phase 1 Application" in the subject line
- 2) Send by USPS with Delivery Confirmation / UPS / FedEx:

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