



ED-900D – Requirements for Design and Engineering Assistance

When the primary purpose of the EDA investment is to accomplish only the design and engineering work required for the construction of a complex and/or environmentally sensitive project, this form must be completed. EDA will award grants for design and engineering work **only** when there is a reasonable expectation that construction of the project can and will begin soon after the completion of design and engineering. EDA's funding of the project for the design and engineering work does not in any way obligate EDA to fund construction of the project. See 13 C.F.R. § 305.4.

Note: Prior to beginning final design activities, the Applicant may be required to provide EDA with the documentation EDA determines is necessary to complete its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

1. Insert the project description from Section B.1. of the ED-900GA.

2. Explain the reasons why the design and engineering work needs to be completed as a separate project from the project's construction phase, including any specialized/complex features and/or the environmentally sensitive nature of the project.

3. Estimate how many months will be required for the design and engineering work to be completed. Include the number of months needed to obtain all the applicable permits and approvals from state and federal regulatory authorities (such as the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc).

4. Describe the proposed method of financing and funding sources that will be used to finance the construction of the project upon completion of the design and engineering work, including current financial commitments made, if any, and any possible requests to federal agencies (EDA or another federal assistance agency).

5. Estimate how many months will be required after the design and engineering work is completed for the project's construction phase to begin, including the timeframe required to obtain the construction funds for the project if applicable.