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**SMART METER ENABLED
THERMAL EFFICIENCY
RATINGS (SMETER):
INNOVATION COMPETITION PHASE 2**

Questions and answers



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1. 'Contractors are invited to submit full applications of no more than 10 pages' – For clarity, please confirm the 10-page allowance is for questions 1-5 only and that declarations and supporting evidence is not part of this page count?

Answer: This is correct. As we state in the application form, the 10-page limit excludes declarations and supporting evidence such as CVs.

2. The application guidance notes state that 'BEIS would take on any products at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 8 & 9' which would require technologies to be at pre-commercial deployment stage. However, the competition scope states that companies should be able to demonstrate their SMETER methods in real homes, which would suggest that any technology from TRL 6 and above would be acceptable for this field trial? We also note that technologies previously developed in phase 1 of this competition still require further development and are, therefore, not a pre-commercial deployment stage.

Answer: To clarify, we will consider proposals for products at TRL 7 for participation in the Phase 2 field trial. However, those at TRL 6 will not be accepted, as these have not yet been demonstrated to work in an operational environment. Applicants will need to provide reassurance of accuracy and suitability for installation in real, occupied homes.

Our priority for Phase 2 of the SMETER Innovation Competition is to trial products that work. Ultimately, the closer a product is to TRL 9, the more confident we will be that this is the case and the easier bidders are likely to find it to provide evidence to underpin their bid.

We will assess participants of Phase 1 of the Innovation Competition, on their suitability to proceed to trial, in a similar way to bidders for this proposal.