

**MCEC RFP:  
WOODY BIOMASS COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS  
FOR RURAL COUNTIES IN MARYLAND**

*Questions and Answers – November 18, 2024*



**1. Q1 Reference: RFP**

Question: Why is this the route you are going to promote wood energy?

Answer: This is the route we're choosing because of the information environment that exists regarding biomass in Maryland. Skepticism is high, especially from environmental organizations, and overall knowledge is low, so educational and informative content to bolster our ongoing push is valuable. However, more specifically, examining the ways that biomass can benefit businesses, communities, and local governments in vulnerable rural areas is consistent with the broader climate space's focus on environmental justice, as opposed to simple mitigation,

**2. Q2 Reference: RFP**

Question: Who is requesting this RFP? There will be questions about this, especially given the political climate.

Answer: This particular grant is funded by MAERDAF, and the funding is going through the Greater Cumberland Committee. The match comes from the same USFS Wood Innovations Grant that funds the Wood Energy Coordinator position at MCEC.