**FAQs – Material and Supplies**

**Q1.** Does a large amount of material raise red flags?

**A1.** No, as long as they can be justified by your technical narrative.

**Q2**. We will be buying a lot of small items (nuts, bolts, glassware, shop material) Do I have to list costs for every one?

**A2**. You are permitted to aggregate or estimate like items for general categories of materials and supplies. Categories less than $1,000 do not have to be itemized.

**Q3**. Will I require a quote for any items budgeted?

**A3.** Be prepared to offer some justification for the budget item either with a quote, an electronic snip of a web-based catalogue, or past experience with similar items.

**Q4**. Can I just cut and paste the web address of the items I find online into the budget justification form?

**A4.** No, DOE reviewers are not allowed to click on links for security reasons. Best to snip an image from a website and include in the budget justification form.

**Q5**. Can I purchase a laptop computer as Material and Supplies?

**A5.** You can as long as it will be dedicated to the performance of the grant. If for personal or general use, this cost may be included as an indirect expense.

**Q6**. Do material and supplies have to be sourced from US manufacturers?

**A6.** They do not. US source limitations only apply to labor and equipment.

**Q7**. Do material and supplies include machined parts, plating of other material processes, and quality control testing?

**A7.** Yes