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1) For Category 1, there appears to be considerable ambiguity as to what the proposed funding \$12M is supposed to cover. We presume that many of the testing will require custom testing setups to be designed and constructed. The costs will therefore depend considerably on the nature as well as the number/amount of specimen and devices to be tested.

Will the \$12M of funding cover a certain fixed time period or a fixed number of tests? Or will there be continuing funding from CAEC to cover operating expenses commensurate with annual vouchers issued?

2) Some of the tests are well-established and there are national labs responsible for setting standards or regulating certification. Others deal with emerging technologies without established testing standards. Is a Category 1 test bed limited to the former? Or is the test bed also supposed to bring in a best practice (assisted through academic research) for the latter type of technologies as well?