

## 2018 Rhode Island Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy

### Questions and Answers - Batch #3

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- 1) Please see questions below.
  - a. May bidders use a template for the response or do we have to use the word document that RI provided?
  - b. Will the evaluation committee/National Grid accept USB with password protected?
  - c. When is payment submitted for bid fees?
  - d. How should CEII information be treated? If bidders have attachments/materials that contain CEII, can bidders wait for the evaluation team to request this information?  
“During the evaluation of bids, ISO-NE will, and other authorities may, be requested to provide information to National Grid, OER, and the Division concerning proposals as part of the proposal evaluation process. Information classified as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) will only be shared with National Grid, OER, and the Division who are cleared to receive CEII by ISO-NE or any applicable other authorities. By participating in this RFP, bidders agree that ISO-NE and the other authorities may release information related to the projects which may otherwise be considered confidential under the relevant rules or policies of such organizations, to the entities and individuals involved in the evaluation of bids.”
  - e. Under section 2.2.2.3 it is explained that eligible bids must be below the forecasted market price of energy and RECs over the term of the proposed contract. What indices(s) will bids be compared to?

**Answer:**

- a. Bidders may submit their own template in lieu of populating the Appendix B Bidder Response Form, although such a template should provide the data requested in the Appendix B Bidder Response Form and utilize the same section numbering to facilitate review.
- b. Password-protected USB flash drives will not be accepted.
- c. For a bid to be considered “complete”, full payment for bid fees should be submitted at the same time the proposal is submitted. If a bid is submitted prior to the deadline, but the payment is received after the deadline for proposals, the bid may be rejected as “incomplete” and not considered.

- d. If relevant to their proposal, to facilitate bid evaluation, bidders are encouraged to provide Critical Energy Infrastructure Information as part of their original bid submission.
- e. National Grid plans to use the ENELYTIX model employed by the consulting firm of Tabors Caramanis and Rudkevich. The model will forecast the energy and REC price based on publically available market information and will compare the project developer's bid price to the summation of the model's energy and REC price.

2) Regarding question for next week's Bidder's conference see below..

- a. Are you considering behind the meter solar as part of the this RFP?
- b. Are you considering working with third party suppliers on alternative deal structures to incorporate the renewable power project(s) selected into the supply to your metered location?
- c. Is the Bidder's Conference "live" only, or will there be a call-in number?

**Answer:**

- a. No. As noted in Section 2.2.2.2 of the RFP, a generation unit is not eligible under this RFP if it is net-metered or located behind a retail meter.
- b. No, this is not something National Grid is considering.
- c. There will be a teleconference number provided to registered attendees of the Bidder Conference.

3) We have the following question in relation to the RI Clean Energy RFP:

In Section 1.2(c) of the RFP, it states "*regardless of whether it is located in Rhode Island or not, the project must provide substantial direct economic benefits to Rhode Island.....*". **For projects which are not located within the State of Rhode Island (and therefore do not generate RI tax revenue or employment), if possible please provide examples of the type (and if able, magnitude) of direct benefits that would be considered as acceptable to meet the RFP requirement.**

**Answer:**

One example would be a proposal's operational production data (hourly delivered energy). As noted in Section 2.3.1 of the RFP, all projects, regardless of their location, shall provide other direct economic benefits to the State of Rhode Island. A project's effect upon locational marginal prices and REC market prices will be evaluated in the price analysis of Stage Two.