

83D Questions and Answers

Note: The following questions arrived after the May 2, 2017 deadline to submit questions. The Evaluation Team offers the following responses but please note that no further questions will be answered.

- (120) “Prospective bidders are encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent to Bid form within 32 days, which is attached as Appendix A to this RFP. Please submit the Notice of Intent to bid to marfp83d@gmail.com. The Evaluation Team will endeavor to email updates regarding this RFP to prospective bidders who submit a Notice of Intent to Bid. This does not relieve bidders of their responsibility to check the website for news and updates. Prospective bidders who submit a Notice of Intent to Bid are not obligated to submit a proposal, and proposals will be accepted from bidders who do not submit a Notice of Intent to Bid. Any Notices of Intent to Bid submitted will be made public to encourage potential bidders to match Clean Energy Generation projects with transmission in combination proposals.” If I read the sentence (in bold) correctly, a Notice of Intent to Bid is not required to submit proposals on July 27, 2017. If that is true, what is the advantage of a Notice of Intent to Bid or why is a Notice of Intent to Bid even necessary?

Answer: A notice of intent to bid is not required in order to submit a proposal on July 27.

- (121) Regarding the CPPD Form Part V, the instructions state that combination bids (i.e. RPS class 1 + firm hydro combined) need to complete Part V-Firm Hydro, Part V-RPS Class I, Part V-Firm Energy and Part V-Combination. Can you please explain how Part V-Firm Hydro and Part V-Firm Energy are different? The notes say that Part V-Firm Energy is intended for RPS Class 1 resources that are to be firming up with firm hydro (a “combination bid”), so it’s unclear what Part V-Firm Hydro would be with respect to a combination bid that is different than Part V-Firm Energy?

Answer: Part V-firm Hydro is the delivery profile associated with hydropower deliveries only while Part V-Firm Energy is the total amount of hydropower and class I resources that a bidder is offering as a firm product.

- (122) We read the RFP documentation to say the filing of the Intent to bid is encouraged, but not necessarily mandatory to have a bid considered. Could you please clarify this interpretation for us?

Answer: Please see the response to question 120.

(123) We further would appreciate some guidance on Paragraph 2.2.1.7 “Minimum Contract size”. What is the definition of “generation unit”? What constitutes a minimum 20 MW generation unit: We would develop and operate the minimum 20 MW unit in each of the three scenarios and offer them as one generation units with minimum 20 MW. Scenario b and c would just offer more flexibility.

- a. One contiguous solar PV installation

Answer: A contiguous new RPS Class 1 Generation Unit project that exceeds twenty (20) MW of net generating capability would meet the minimum contract size as specified in section 2.2.1.7 of the RFP.

- b. 2-3 individual areas in close proximity with an aggregate capacity of minimum 20 MW developed and constructed by the bidder, one combined interconnect, one bid

Answer: Please refer to section 2.2.1.7 of the RFP and the response to question 2. The bidder must demonstrate that the proposed project is a single generation facility.

- c. 2-3 individual areas in close proximity with an aggregate capacity of minimum 20 MW developed and constructed by the bidder, 2-3 interconnects, one bid

Answer: Please see the answer to 123(b) above.

- (124) Section 2.2.1.9 requires that bids “must include technical reports or system impact studies that approximate the ISO-NE interconnection process, including but not limited to clear documentation of study technical and cost assumptions, reasoning, and justification of such assumptions”. For Projects interconnecting through a non-FERC jurisdictional (local transmission owner) interconnection process (for example 20MW project on a sub-transmission line), if a system impact study has not yet been completed by the Transmission Owner, what level of third-party study, if any, is mandatory to be submitted with the RFP bid? This question is driven by the fact that information may not be available to the Project sufficient for completing its own study equivalent to what can be done for a FERC-jurisdictional interconnection, for a project interconnecting on a sub-transmission system.

Answer: Please see response to questions 16 & 117.

- (125) Could you please clarify whether you direct all proposals to be submitted using your locked-down MS Word document, or whether you would permit us to use a similar format that we create (based on your template) to present information in a way that allows us to format the response for a clearer review? Some proposals are significantly more complicated, and allowing us to format our own document will make the proposal easier for your team to follow.

Answer: You may submit your bid using a similar form as the word version on the website. Please note however that all information must be provided and or questions answered for the bid to be considered a complete bid.

- (126) Can I propose a project that has two interconnection points?

Answer: Please see response to questions 2 and 3.

- (127) Although the period for bidders to ask questions has passed, we were hoping to gain clarification on the Evaluation Team's preference in organizing submission of multiple project proposals. Is it acceptable and conforming to Section 3.4 of the RFP for a bidder to organize multiple proposals of the same technology type (e.g., solar only) within one overarching Response Package? The aim here is to avoid redundancies in providing company-level information required in Sections 5 and 11 of the bidder response form and, in doing so, provide the Evaluation Team with the most succinct and holistic view of the bidder's proposal. Please let us know if separate Response Packages conforming to Appendix B of the RFP must be completed in full for each proposed project, or if a grouped Response Package can be submitted as outlined above.

Answer: For each proposal, all information must be provided in its entirety as specified in section 3.4 of the RFP to be considered a complete bid.

- (128) Is there any studies that have to be performed (interconnection study? And if so what level of study) if the bidder is an import from New York?

Answer: §2.2.1.9 of the RFP details the necessary studies required for bids. This section applies to all bidders and all resources.

- (129) Does the participant need to register with NEPOOL and ISO-NE FCM prior to bid submission on July 27th?

Answer: Bidders do not have to register their projects with NEPOOL prior to the due date for submission of proposals on July 27. §2.2.1.8 of the RFP outlines the requirements for a bid, if the bidder elects to participate in the IFCM auction process.