

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFP No 2017-02

July 25, 2017

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXPERT SERVICES RELATED TO Energy Efficiency and Grid Modernization

	Questions	Answers
	<p>1) Contract Structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Will the OCA consider contracting with multiple vendors that are working in a coordinated effort but under separate contracts?b. Will the OCA consider contracting with a primary vendor coordinating additional vendors under a single contract?c. What is the OCA's preferred approach to working with multiple vendors? <p>2) Scope of Work Workload "buckets". What percentage of the total workload does the OCA expect for each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. grid modernization, distribution system and distributed resource planning processes and associated performance-based compensation;b. cost recovery and cost allocations and associated performance-based compensationc. demand response, strategic electrification, and energy efficiency	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The OCA would be willing to enter into an agreement with a contractor which would, in turn, enter into subcontractors that bring additional specialized expertise to the table.</p> <p>The OCA does not have a preferred approach to working with multiple vendors. We are comfortable with a contractor/subcontractor arrangement as well as with separate contracts with multiple vendors.</p> <p>Assuming the OCA identifies one or more contractors that can provide suitable assistance in all three of these areas, we anticipate that approximately 45 percent of the total workload will involve grid modernization and related issues, 45 percent will be related to energy efficiency programs and the remaining 10 percent will be dedicated to the issues identified in B above. The OCA perceives considerable overlap with respect to the referenced issues and will endeavor to avoid considering them in isolation.</p>

	<p>program design/implementation/financing/E M&V and associated performance-based compensation.</p> <p>3) Please identify all active and anticipated proceedings the OCA believes will prompt workload for the winning bidder/bidders for the scopes of work described in the RFP.</p> <p>4) Please identify all active stakeholder groups in which the OCA anticipates the winning bidder/bidders will participate. For each group, please estimate 1) the frequency and duration of associated meetings; and 2) the OCA's expectations for in-person participation (all/some/none) by the winning bidder/bidders.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petition to be filed in September 2017 for approval of the 2018-2020 Energy Efficiency Resource Standard implementation plan 2. Subsequent update filings related to the approved EERS plan 3. IR 15-296 (review of Grid Modernization Working Group) 4. Subsequent utility-specific grid modernization plan proceedings 5. Least cost-integrated resource planning dockets for electric and natural gas utilities 6. Other dockets, depending on need and capabilities of contractor(s) <p><i>The stakeholder working groups are as described in this letter from the NHPUC. See also Order No. 26,029 (June 23, 2017) at 58-66. We assume and expect that in the aggregate these various working groups will involve 2-3 meetings per month of roughly 2-3 hours' duration. In the interest of efficient allocation of resources, and in light of the fact that some consultants may be a considerable distance from Concord, New Hampshire, we are flexible with respect to whether our consultant(s) will attend such meetings in person, participate by phone, or simply consult with members of the OCA staff as we prepare for and/or debrief from working group meetings.</i></p>
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