



Questions and Answers

Request for Proposals Valuation Method for Electric Ancillary Services

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Q1: Is there a budget maximum or budget envelop that bidders should be aware of when developing our proposals?

R1: The maximum funding available for this project is \$119,000 excluding taxes.

Q2: With reference to Scope of Work, item 4, will OERA make available a list of points of contact at IPPs, Nova Scotia Power System Operator, Nova Scotia Power Inc., Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, NSDEM or other interested parties? Alternatively, will OERA or the Project Management Committee help facilitate a working group session to solicit inputs from these parties?

R2: Yes, OERA will provide some contacts and work with the consultant beginning at the kickoff meeting to identify other participants.

Q3: With reference to Scope of Work, item 5, please clarify what “the best value of ancillary service for ratepayers” means. Should it be “the best value of electricity service for ratepayers including ancillary service?” Otherwise a potential solution may lead to lower ancillary service costs but higher costs for energy and/or capacity.

R3: If the consultant believes that there is a conflict within the definition of best value for ratepayers please identify the conflict and explain the trade offs and cost implications within the proposal. Further definition will be deferred until the project kickoff meeting.

Q4: With reference to Scope of Work, item 8, if an in-person presentation were to be opted by OERA/Project Management Committee, will the consultant be required to organize the hosting of such a meeting? Where would such a meeting take place and what costs associated with such meetings should be covered by the consultant?

R4: In person meetings can be held at OERA’s office in Halifax if this is convenient and cost effective for the consultant. OERA is quite comfortable with virtual meetings and will not rate one type higher than the other when evaluating proposals.