

CLARIFICATIONS/RESPONSES TO QUERIES #2
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Would waste heat from a thermal plant be deemed a renewable energy source? That is, can waste to energy be based on a thermal plant's operation?

Answer: Only if the thermal plant is powered by a renewable fuel would it qualify.

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Please define availability factor. How is the availability factor calculated on a daily, weekly, monthly and an annual basis?

Answer: The Availability Factor stated in the RFP is the IEEE Standard 762™-2006 Weighted Equivalent Availability Factor (WEAF): The capacity weighted equivalent availability factor for a fleet of units. This change in term will be represented in an addendum to the RFP.

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Please define capacity factor. Is the capacity factor calculated considering the technology? Is it a percentage of the plant's availability, i.e. is it 60% of the 25% the plant is available for the 24hour period?

Answer: Capacity factor is defined as the actual energy output of an electric power plant to the grid over a given period of time divided by the energy output if it operated at its rated power output for the entire period. It is generally expressed as a percentage.

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In instances where there is (are) no registered owner(s) for land required for the project site and adjoining land parcels, will the OUR make any allowances as it relates to the requirements for proof of access to a site?

Answer: No. The provisions of the RFP stand.

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Does a project have to be limited to one general project site? Or would the OUR allow the submission of a project that has two different project sites (e.g., located in different parishes)? If yes, under what circumstances/terms would such projects be acceptable?

Answer: If a bidder wishes to submit multiple sites as one proposal, the combined sites would be treated as one proposal and therefore would be evaluated as such. It would either be awarded or rejected as one proposal. There would be no consideration for separation after bid submission. There is a provision for submission of alternative proposals and multiple proposals in the RFP.

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I wonder if the OUR would consider extending the deadline for Proposal submissions - by 4 weeks - so that proposers may have a little more time in meeting all requirements as outlined in the RFP? With December approaching, a month where most government agencies are barely responsive, and an election on the horizon; I urge the OUR to make extending the deadline a strong consideration.

Answer: The bid time of 6 months is considered sufficient taking all factors into account.

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The applicant plans to submit a bundled proposal that incorporates three (3) different sites. Please advise if it is possible to submit as one (1) proposal.

Answer: If a bidder wishes to submit multiple sites as one proposal, the combined sites would be treated as one proposal and therefore would be evaluated as such. It would either be awarded or rejected as one proposal. There would be no consideration for separation after bid submission. There is a provision for submission of alternative proposals and multiple proposals in the RFP.

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How would the interconnection agreement or Power Purchase Agreement be treated? One for each site or one set of agreements covering all three (3) sites?

Answer: If the single proposal is for multiple sites, then there could be one Power Purchase Agreement for the multiple sites, if entire proposal was successful.

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A company from abroad is interested in the 37MW RFP, however, I notice in the tender document it says that identification of the site is solely on the interested party. I am confirming that, this is indeed the case and that there are no identified sites or any mechanisms that overseas companies can access to identify sites for the purpose of the RFP?

Answer: We can confirm that no sites have been identified for this purpose by the Office of Utilities Regulation. However, interested parties can avail themselves of any appropriate assistance or mechanism to identify suitable sites for their project.

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