

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL “RFP No. PS20210169
NEU: LOW-CARBON THERMAL ENERGY SUPPLY FOR NORTHEAST FALSE CREEK

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

ISSUED ON: August 27, 2021

Q1.1	What level of cost definition is expected for the submission?
A1.1	The rates submitted by the Proponent will form the basis for negotiating the energy purchase agreement with the identified lead Proponent(s). The level of cost definition should be informed by what the Proponent requires in order to prepare its commercial proposal and provide the rate offering requested.
Q1.2	Has the City done any preliminary engagement with BCUC?
A1.2	Not directly for this procurement. The City is interested to know what a Proponent’s view is on the role of the BCUC over the term of the agreement and how it may impact future rates.
Q1.3	If COV requires to occupy space at the Genco site, will the COV be supporting site procurement and site opportunities?
A1.3	Consistent with the first stage of procurement (RFEOI, March 2020), the City does not have a site secured and is seeking a Proponent who can identify a viable site for energy generation as part of the Proposal. In addition, the City is seeking space and provisions for the required distribution system equipment, although these space requirements would be modest in footprint compared to the generation equipment. The Proponent should strive to provide as much detail and certainty on the proposed plant siting as possible as this is a key consideration of the Proposal. It is the City’s preference that the Proponent has ownership of the site to maximize certainty, but is open to other siting arrangements provided the Proponent can demonstrate viability and security of the site. While the City encourages Proponents to submit Proposals that meet all the requirements, the City will entertain Proposals that offer alternate solutions if the Proposal can demonstrate the associated cost savings or best overall value to the City.
Q1.4	Is it realistic to get this all together by Sept. 30 to guarantee rates for 30 years?

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A1.4	<p>This is a continuation of the procurement initiated in March 2020 as an RFEOI. It was anticipated that Proponents selected to advance to the next round of procurement would refine their proposal while the RFP was being finalized including, but not limited to, siting, fuel type and technology.</p> <p>The rates provided as part of the commercial proposal will form the basis for negotiations with the identified lead Proponent(s) with the intention of securing defined rates for the Capacity Charge and Non-Energy Operating Cost Charge.</p> <p>While there are limitations to how long the procurement can be extended, the City is open to modest extensions if formally requested to by the Proponents.</p>
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