



NEW MEXICO RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY (RETA)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Renewable Energy Transmission and Storage Study

ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

#	RFP Reference	Question	Answer
1	Section II, Subsection C, Page 14, Item 29, Line 2-4	<p>Please clarify whether the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form applies to positions other than Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and please define “other identified official.”</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>“Other identified official” refers to the Governor, Treasurer, Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House, and any other official you deem applicable.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
2	Section II, Subsection B, Page 18, Item 1, Line 5-6	<p>What information is required for the labelling for any envelope, package, or box containing the proposal?</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The sealed envelope, package, or box containing the proposal must include the offeror’s name and indicate it is a proposal to RETA’s Request for Proposals – Renewable Energy Transmission and Storage Study.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
3	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 20, Lines 2-6	<p>Please clarify whether RETA or the offeror is responsible for delivering and executing the “survey instrument.” Please also define “among other things” as it pertains to this survey instrument.</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The offeror is responsible for creating the survey instrument. “Among other things” refers to the items in the tasks and sub-tasks list.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
4	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 22, Lines 20-22	<p>Please define the agency, certification standards, or certification requirements that are to be used for this action by the applicant.</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The term “certify” requires the offeror to provide sufficient documentation of the method and information used to create its analysis.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>

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5	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 22, Lines 23-25	<p>Please define the agency, certification standards, or certification requirements that are to be used for this action by the applicant.</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The term “certify” requires the offeror to provide sufficient documentation of the method and information used to create its analysis.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
6	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 23, Lines 26-28	<p>Please clarify the definition of “technical support” for the one-day statewide planning workshop. Specifically, will the applicant be responsible for workshop invitations, logistics, and materials?</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The offeror will be responsible for the substance and substantive materials for the one-day statewide planning workshop. RETA will collaborate with the offeror to prepare invitations, provide logistical support, and organize the workshop.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
7	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 23, Lines 29-32	<p>Please clarify the applicant’s responsibilities with regard to compensation of the advisory board. Please also clarify the applicant’s role (if any) with regard to communications with, meeting coordination with, or other duties related to interfacing with this board.</p> <p>(Submitted August 5, 2019)</p>	<p>The offeror is not responsible for the advisory board’s compensation and has no role with respect to the advisory board’s communications, meetings, and other duties.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
8	Section I, Subsection A, Page 1, Lines 7-15	<p>The State of New Mexico has facilities located in both the Western Interconnect and in the Southwest Power Pool. Is it correct to assume RETA is seeking renewable resource and storage growth for a 10-12 year period in both regions?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>To the extent Southwest Power Pool needs to be included to analyze New Mexico’s future growth, it will need to be considered. The focus of the study, however, should be New Mexico.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>

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9	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 10-12	<p>Does RETA anticipate the study of expanded HVDC interties between interconnections, or should existing DC transfer capabilities be assumed?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>If a HVDC intertie presents the most effective option to utilize future renewable generation, it should be considered.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
10	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 2-7	<p>Will the contractor be required to develop the survey instrument? Who is the intended audience for the survey? Or does RETA intend the survey instrument is a formatted listing?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>The contractor will prepare a survey instrument to aid in the collection of information needed to develop the requested study outcomes. The audience will be developed with the RETA Advisory Committee's assistance.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
11	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 7-9 & 13-15	<p>Related to access to data needed for the analysis, what data will RETA be able to provide?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>RETA has no specific data to provide other than the 2010 Study done by LANL, which is a public document. Other materials, such as PNM's Resource Planning work, will need to be collected by the contractor. No assumption is made that the contractor will have access to confidential or proprietary information.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
12	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 7-9 & 13-15	<p>Related to access to data needed for the analysis, if RETA cannot provide data, will RETA be able to require entities with data to provide it?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>RETA has no authority to compel others to provide information. It will, however, work as needed with other New Mexico State entities to gain publically available information.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>

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13	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 7-9 & 13-15	<p>Related to access to data needed for the analysis, is there a requirement to use specific data from specific sources?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>No specific sources are required.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
14	Section IV, Subsection A, Page 21, Lines 7-9 & 13-15	<p>Related to access to data needed for the analysis, is there a requirement to use specific programs to accomplish the project goals? For example, AURORA, PROMOD, GRIDVIEW, or other production cost analysis tools? Or PSS®E, PSLF, or other power flow analysis tools?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>No specific analysis program or programs are required so long as access to the programs is possible for future follow-on work.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
15	Section I, Subsection A, Page 1, Lines 7-8 & Section I, Subsection B, Page 1, Lines 6-8	<p>In the introduction, RETA states the purpose of the study is to determine the optimal amount of renewable energy over the next 10-12 years. Later, RETA states the contractor will determine the total renewable potential, including transmission lines to be developed. Please clarify the renewable energy goals of the study and whether RETA has specific scenarios for assessment.</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>The underlying goal of the study is to suggest one or more optimal renewable energy futures for New Mexico. This needs to be a balance of realistic expansions of renewable energy and the transmission and storage necessary to enable it. No specific scenarios have been developed or are required.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>
16	Section III, Subsection C, Item 1, Page 19, Line 29	<p>Due to the price cap for the study, will RETA entertain optional additional scope that would be priced separately?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>Proposed work beyond the price cap is allowed. The study as outlined within the RFP, however, must be completed within the cap.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>

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17	General	<p>Will there be stakeholders involved in the study?</p> <p>(Submitted August 10, 2019)</p>	<p>The study is being performed by RETA at the request of the New Mexico Legislature. While it will hopefully be useful to many stakeholders in New Mexico's energy future, RETA is the sole recipient.</p> <p>(Answered August 12, 2019)</p>