

2022 Rhode Island Request for Proposal for Offshore Wind Energy

Per ACES Statute

Additional Bidder Questions Submitted After March 8, 2023

Questions

1. **Bidder Question:** Concerning the non-refundable Bid Fee required in conjunction with each bid proposal – what is the fee associated with proposals that have the exact same technical parameters as another bid (interconnection, layout, turbines, capacity, etc.), but are differentiated by the amount of local economic development being provided? Does Rhode Island Energy see this as a change in the physical aspect of the project requiring a bid fee of \$100,000, or as an additional pricing offer and require the \$25,000 bid fee?
 - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** The aforementioned alternative bid that alters the amount of local economic development, but not adjusting the technical parameters of the proposal requires an additional bid fee of \$25,000 per proposal after the first proposal (which requires a fee of \$500,000). An alternative bid that maintains the exact same technical parameters as another bid, and only differing in the amount of local economic development, is not seen as a change in the physical aspect of the project.
2. **Bidder Question:** Can you provide information on the bid proposal transfer process Bidders are required to use to provide proposals to Rhode Island Energy?
 - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Rhode Island Energy has posted a link on its website the provide instructions on how to process proposal document transfers. Please refer to the document called “Bid Transfer Instructions” found at the following link:
<https://ricleanenergyrfp.com/2022-offshore-wind-rfp/2022-offshore-wind-rfp-documents/>
3. **Bidder Question:** Can you provide information on the wire instructions Bidders should use to process the transfer of bid fees?
 - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Please contact the Rhode Island Energy (RIE) OSW Team at RIEOSWRFP@pplweb.com. Upon request, the RIE OSW Team will provide the requested wire transfer instructions via email to support the transfer of bid fees associated with prospective bids (due by Noon on March 13, 2023).

Note: RFP refers to the “Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy,” Issuance Date October 14, 2022 (as amended), by the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy.