

2023 Rhode Island Request for Proposal for Offshore Wind Energy

Per ACES Statute

Question and Answer Response #2

General Question

1. **Bidder Question:** Are bidders allowed to submit only Multi-State Proposals to Rhode Island Energy, without submitting a Single-State Proposal?
 - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Yes, bidders may submit a Multi-State Proposal, which includes Rhode Island Energy, as the sole bid to Rhode Island Energy, and this will be considered a conforming bid, as long as all other Rhode Island Energy RFP requirements are met.

Interconnection Question

1. **Bidder Question:** Does Rhode Island Energy intend to issue a revised Appendix F Informative Deliverability Study Scope to address QP 700, QP 837/QP 1116, and QP 806/1109?
 - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Yes, Rhode Island Energy will post a revised Appendix F: Informative Deliverability Study Scope, on Rhode Island Energy's Long-Term Clean Energy Procurement website at <https://ricleanenergyrfp.com/2023-osw-rfp/2023-osw-rfp-documents/>.

Siting & Permitting Question

1. **Bidder Question:** Does the below requirement to acquire rights to locate the project components apply exclusively to private and local property rights (as applicable)? Or is it also meant to include rights to locate delivery facilities on state-controlled property? The timeline for securing access and site control to state-controlled property does not accommodate securing permissions before bid submission.

Reference – RFP Appendix A, Section 6: *“If the bidder has not secured all of its real property rights onshore, it must provide at least one alternative for each unsecured real property right. For each route the bidder must: (i) specifically describe the portions of the route for which the bidder has acquired sufficient rights to locate its Offshore Delivery Facilities proposed and (ii) provide a reasonable and achievable detailed plan (with a timeline) to acquire sufficient rights to the remainder of the necessary Offshore Delivery Facilities locations.”*

- **Rhode Island Energy Response:** At the time of bid submission, the bidder must provide a plan for how the bidder plans to acquire all the necessary real property rights onshore, which should include a description of the rights already acquired, and the plan with a timeline to acquire the remainder of the rights. The bidder does not need to have all necessary real property rights onshore acquired at the time of bid submission, but if the bidder has not

secured a particular real property right onshore, the bidder must provide at least one alternative option for that unsecured real property right. For example, if the bidder intends to construct an onshore substation, but does not have the real property rights acquired, the bidder must provide a primary and an alternative location for the onshore substation, and detail the plan and timeline that would be utilized to acquire the real property rights of each location. Furthermore, the bidder must provide the onshore route to and from each onshore substation location, describe the property rights status, plan, and timeline for those routes, and must provide an Environmental Characterization of those routes.

Note: Unless stated otherwise, RFP refers to the “Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind Energy,” Issuance Date October 13, 2023 (as amended), by the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a Rhode Island Energy.