

# 2023 Rhode Island Request for Proposal for Offshore Wind Energy

## Per ACES Statute

### *Question and Answer Response #7*

#### **Confidentiality Question**

1. **Bidder Question:** Section 3.4 of the RFP states that "[t]o the extent that the bid or its attachments contain confidential information, then the bidder may, at its option, execute non-disclosure agreements with the DEM, the Commerce Corporation, the Division, and the OER." Please provide contact information for each agency so that the bidder may, at its option, facilitate non-disclosure agreement(s).
  - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Pursuant to Section 3.4 of the RFP, the bidder has the option to seek to obtain NDAs with the DEM, the Commerce Corporation, the Division, and the OER. Contact information for these agencies is as follows:
    - i. Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (the "OER"): Christopher Kearns at christopher.kearns@energy.ri.gov
    - ii. Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the "Division"): Linda George at linda.george@dpuc.ri.gov
    - iii. Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ("DEM"): Ron Gagnon at ron.gagnon@dem.ri.gov
    - iv. Rhode Island Commerce Corporation: William Cox at william.cox@commerceri.com

#### **Bid Submission Question**

2. **Bidder Question:** Are bidders required to upload their complete confidential bids submitted to other states to Rhode Island Energy? If so, should the submission be as individual files or in one grouped file?
  - **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Pursuant to Section 2.2.2.6 of the RFP, "An Eligible Bidder that has submitted a proposal in response to any ongoing solicitation for offshore wind issued by another state for the same Eligible Facility must submit a copy of the complete, unredacted proposal submitted by the Eligible Bidder or any affiliate of the Eligible Bidder in response to such procurement as an attachment to any proposal submitted in response to this RFP." The complete, unredacted proposals are required to be submitted, which includes the CPPD Form and other attachments, as necessary.

Please utilize the "Bid Submittal Instructions" posted on the 2023 OSW RFP Documents page on the 2023 RI OSW RFP website, in order to submit these proposals. The format of the bid submission can be individual files or one grouped file, as long as the proposal is provided and easily identifiable for the Rhode Island Energy evaluation team.

## Pricing Question

**3. Bidder Question:** Is there a difference between the Inflation-Adjusted Pricing found in Section 2.2.4.2.1 of the 2023 RI OSW RFP, and the multi-state bid indexed price option?

- **Rhode Island Energy Response:** Yes.

Per the Multi-State Proposal Form, which can be found as Appendix H to the 2023 RI OSW RFP, “if a Multi-State Bid includes an indexed price option, the indexed price option must conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts 83C IV RFP regarding Indexed Price Bids.” Pursuant to the “Non-Conforming Pricing” section of the 2023 RI OSW RFP (Section 2.2.4.2.4), “Rhode Island Energy may consider alternative pricing utilized by Bidder in a proposal in response to any ongoing solicitation for offshore wind in New England issued by another state for the same Eligible Facility provided that such pricing has a positive or neutral impact on the Company’s ratepayers.” Rhode Island Energy will accept a multi-state bid that utilizes the Massachusetts 83C IV RFP’s Indexing Adjustment Mechanism, as defined by the Massachusetts 83C IV RFP and clarified through Massachusetts’ posted question-and-answers. The Massachusetts 83C IV RFP’s Indexing Adjustment Mechanism includes a variety of indices.

In contrast, the Inflation-Adjusted Pricing option in the 2023 RI OSW RFP only adjusts for inflation. This is an optional, alternative conforming form of pricing for the 2023 RI OSW RFP. For Inflation-Adjusted Pricing, after the inflationary adjustment period, the maximum change per year of 3% applies to the price of energy (in \$/MWh) and the price of RECs (in \$/REC) independently. This pricing option is specific to the 2023 RI OSW RFP, and is not accepted in the MA OSW RFP or the CT OSW RFP.

**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.