



Questions and Answers Log

Consumers Energy Company
2022 VGP RFP for Solar and Wind Generation Projects

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General RFP Questions

Q1: How many total MW would this [RFP] be aiming to target? Is there any allocated MW separately for Solar and Wind?

A1: The total MWs required is dependent on customer demand, the exact number of MWs won't be final until the final RFP is launched, this is to ensure the most accurate data is presented. There are no separate allocations or tranches between Solar and Wind.

Q2: Will the VGP RFP result in an auction like the ongoing Consumers Energy 2021 IRP RFP for solar generation projects?

A2: The Consumers Energy 2021 IRP RFP for solar generation projects solicited both Power Purchase Agreements and Utility Owned Assets. The bid event for the Power Purchase Agreements was a live reverse capacity auction and the bid event for Utility Owned was a Sealed Bid Event. Since the 2022 VGP RFP is soliciting for Utility Owned only, the bid event will be a Sealed Bid Event.

Q3: Will any projects located outside of Michigan be considered?]

A3: Only projects located within Michigan, MISO Zone 7, will be considered for this RFP.

Q4: Will there be any consideration for Renewable Resources other than solar and wind such as Landfill Gas to Electricity, or Anaerobic Digester Gas to Electricity?

A4: For this solicitation, only solar and wind Renewable Energy will be considered due to the structure of the Large Customer-Renewable Energy Program (LC-REP).

Q5: Are Respondents required to execute an NDA to participate in the solicitation process? If so, could a form of NDA be provided?

A5: No NDA is required of Respondents to participate in the 2022 VGP Solicitation. Additional information addressing confidentiality can be found in the 2022 VGP RFP document, Section 13, "Confidentiality of Information".



Q6: In the draft RFP document, under the screening requirements table on Page 7, it mentions "report on fatal flaws or risks.". Could you provide your definition of this or help clarify?

A6: A Report on Fatal Flaws and Risks must be prepared by a non-affiliated third party. Fatal Flaws and Risks would include: any project attribute that doesn't meet Screening Requirements, projects which can't meet stated Commercial Operational Date, submittals missing information as defined in VGP RFP section 8.5 "Checklist of Required Proposal Contents", or projects which have other identifiable risks to project viability.

Q7: If submitting the same utility-scale solar project via two separate size configurations (i.e. a 100MWac Project X configuration & a 200MWac Project X configuration), are separate 3rd-party production estimate reports required for each configuration despite it being for the same project/location? Or will one production estimate report suffice for both project sizes?

A7: A single third-party production estimate will be allowed for varying project size configurations so long as all the factors which may affect production are uniform between the scenarios and this is clearly explained and called-out within the submitted proposal.

Q8: If submitting the same utility-scale solar project via two separate size configurations (i.e. a 100MWac Project X configuration & a 200MWac Project X configuration), are separate 3rd-party fatal flaw/risk assessments required for each configuration despite it being for the same project/location? Or will one fatal flaw/risk assessment report suffice for both project sizes?

A8: A single Fatal Flaw analysis will be allowed for varying project size configurations so long as all the factors which may affect the viability of all proposed configurations is uniform, consistent, and this is clearly explained and called-out within the submitted proposal.

Q9: Relating to the Developer Project Scorecard, how should bidders submitting DAA bids claim points for items that are relatively outside of Bidders' control in a DAA-structured bid? I.e., construction labor or pollinator habitat? Should Bidders input "0" or "N/A"?

A9: DAA structured bids will be exempt from submittal requirements for several project scoring categories, these categories will be denoted within the scoring documents. The bidder should keep the pre-populated DAA language in the Comments column and add the score from the Comments column in the Category Score column.

Q10: Is there a pre-defined list of Developer Project Scorecard items that Bidders solely proposing DAA bids should automatically mark as "0" or "N/A"?

A10: DAA structured bids will be exempt from submittal requirements for several project scoring categories, these categories will be denoted within the scoring documents. The bidder should keep



the pre-populated DAA language in the Comments column and add the score from the Comments column in the Category Score column.

Q11: Is the \$300 Project Application Fee per each proposed Project? I.e. if Bidder intends to submit two separate projects—Project X & Project Y— via separate DAA bids, does the Bidder need to submit a \$300 Fee or \$600 Fee?

A11: Yes. The \$300 Project Application Fee would be required for each unique project proposed. In the example described, the total amount of Project Application Fees due would be \$600.

Q12: If submitting term sheet modifications within an Excel template, when is this due? Is this due when the Respondent and Project Qualification Application is due i.e. March 31st, 2022?

A12: Term sheet modifications will be accepted and will be due March 31st, 2022. Currently there are no plans to reissue term sheets for this solicitation.

Q13: Please confirm that 3rd-party production reports & fatal flaw/risk assessment reports are due March 31st, 2022.

A13: The production reports and fatal flaw/risk assessments should be included in the Respondent and Project Qualification Application Submission, and the submission deadline for these documents is March 31st, 2022. If the production report or fatal flaw analysis isn't complete for submission by March 31st, we would ask that any draft data and a reason for delay, along with estimated completion date be included with any submission.

Q14: Please clarify the 250MWac maximum capacity threshold as it relates to aggregate proposed capacity. Would a Bidder be allowed to submit a 100MWac Project X & a 200MWac Project Y but not as a single bundled offer? I.e. Consumers would be able to choose either project or both, but the bid is not contingent on Consumers taking all 300MWac? In this sense they would be separate bids, neither of which when taken alone would surpass the 250MWac maximum threshold.

A14: In the scenario described, a bidder would be allowed to submit separate bids for a 100MW and a 200MW project since both would be under the 250MW Maximum Offer Capacity allowed.

The 250 MW Maximum Offer Capacity applies to both aggregate and single projects. The 250 MW Maximum Offer Capacity in the existing draft RFP is based on customer demand and subject to change in the final RFP. Total capacity solicited in this RFP may exceed maximum project size depending on customer demand.



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Submitting Additional Questions

All questions regarding this RFP should be submitted to the RFP Submission Email Address VGPRFP@enel.com. All questions and answers of a non-trivial nature will be posted on Enel X's Solicitation Website on a periodic basis.

Any Respondents who discover inconsistencies or errors in, or who are in doubt as to the meaning or intent of any part of, the RFP documents shall request an interpretation from Enel X via the RFP email address:

VGPRFP@enel.com

If a Respondent fails to notify Enel X of a known error or an error that reasonably should have been known prior to the final submission date, the Respondent shall assume any and all risk, and shall not be entitled to change its proposal after the submission due date.

In the event that Enel X receives a question that it is unable to answer due to the question's technical complexity or material effect on the solicitation results, Enel X reserves the right to contact Consumers Energy for clarification. In contacting Consumers Energy for clarification, Enel X will not disclose information to Consumers Energy that would reveal the respondent or project related to the question.