

## RFP No. 10092644 Renewable Energy

### Questions & Answers

- 1) **Questions:** For the purposes of this RFP, would the CA DWR also be open to proposals that contemplated shorter terms and beginning in 2015? If not, is there an alternate avenue for bidders wishing to offer indicative pricing on this kind of nonconforming bid?

**Answers:** CDWR will only consider proposals with a minimum delivery period of 5 years. CDWR through this RFP is requesting renewable energy beginning no earlier than July 1, 2016, consistent with its renewable energy procurement plan. CDWR does not have an alternative program for proposers of non-conforming proposals.

- 2) **Questions:** Is COB N-S an eligible point of delivery? Or must the power be scheduled at SP15 or NP15?

**Answers:** This is the proposer's responsibility to confirm that the delivery point is an Existing Zone Generator Trading Hub within the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Balancing Authority (BA) area. The proposer must identify the appropriate point of delivery based upon its proposed project location.

- 3) **Question:** Please advise if the Project could be sited on DWR's property (along aqueduct, next to reservoir, next to pumping plant, etc.).

**Answer:** CDWR will not consider responses to this RFP proposing a partnership, co-ownership, or co-development in any facility. Under this RFP CDWR is not soliciting proposals to develop projects on state controlled property.

4) **Questions:**

1. Can the DWR provide additional granularity regarding the point allocations for the various phase three components? It would be valuable to understand how much weight is placed on the individual questions within each category and how many points each response yields.
2. What discount rate will DWR use in evaluating the present value of contract costs?

**Answers:**

1. CDWR will not provide a more-specific breakdown on how points will be broken down within each category. CDWR believes that the point allocations in the RFP are described with an appropriate level of specificity.
2. CDWR will not provide the discount rate that it will use to evaluate the present value of contract costs.

- 5) **Questions:** The project description for RFP No. 10092644 says “CDWR prefers an annual volume of energy between 30,000MWh and 125,000MWh.” If more energy were available would CDWR contract for the additional energy? Or will CDWR restrict its contract to 125,000 MWh?

**Answer:** CDWR will consider at its discretion volumes greater than 125,000 MWh. However, proposals that contain an annual volume of energy that exceeds 200,000 MWh will not be considered, and CDWR will be issuing an addendum to this RFP to that effect.

6) **Questions:**

Will a proposal be rejected if it is not firmed and shaped product for the term? We have renewable small hydro, which is ‘use limited’, with the fuel limitation being water. We can provide annual average estimate of production, monthly updates, and a firm schedule 1 week in advance only.

**Answers:** This is the proposer’s responsibility to verify that firming and shaping is required by the California Independent System Operator for the proposed project.

7) **Questions:**

1. Would DWR consider proposals that offered a 1-4 year PPA?
2. If the proposer is using a 3rd party SC would the proposer have to commit to the same SC for the entire term of the PPA?
3. Can the proposer bid a price for generation and a separate price for scheduling coordinator services?

**Answers:**

1. CDWR will only consider proposals with a minimum delivery period of 5 years
2. No
3. No, The Contract Price must be inclusive of all costs.

8) **Questions:**

- 1) Would the CDWR consider a proposal that required the off take point to be at the bus bar or the closest node to the renewable resource?
- 2) Can you please provide more clarification on who is accepting/responsible for the LMP risk related to the difference between the off take node and the EZ Gen Trading Hub?
- 3) Which EZ Gen Trading Hub is the RFP referring to for the off take point?

When/how will we begin to see answers to submitted questions?

**Answers:**

- 1) Yes, refer to sections 2.8 and 2.9 of the RFP
- 2) Proposer
- 3) CDWR does not have a preferred EZ Gen Trading Hub Delivery Point. The proposer must identify the appropriate point of delivery based upon its proposed project location.

CDWR will post all questions and answers without attribution to the internet site [www.water.ca.gov/paro/RFPs.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/paro/RFPs.cfm)

Proposers are responsible for checking this internet site for all postings.

9) **Question:**

- 1.) "The delivery period must be a minimum of five (5) years and a maximum of 25 years, with delivery commencing no earlier than July 1, 2016....." We cannot sell renewable power for more than about 4 years through the end of 2020.
- 2.) "The price in nominal \$/MWh paid by CDWR for the Product shall either be fixed for the entire term or fixed for the first year of Product delivery with a fixed annual escalation for the remainder of the term." We are only allowed to offer a fixed price on the environmental attribute (REC) and offer an Day Ahead price based at NP 15 for energy.

Would these differences eliminate our offer from consideration?

**Answer:**

Yes, CDWR will only consider proposals with a minimum delivery period of 5 years; the Contract Price must be inclusive of all costs to deliver the requested product as described under section 2 of the RFP.