

CRCOG Bidder Questions & Answers – Additional Questions
Electricity Procurement
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Q1: In the “Technical Requirements” Section, on page 9, suppliers are instructed to “Indicate whether supplier has delivered at least 250,000,000 kWh per year in the ISO-NE region for the last two years.” Will suppliers that have not met this level be disqualified?

A1: Yes, it was meant to disqualify a supplier. However, CRCOG has decided that 125,000,000 kWh/year is sufficient given that the CRCOG usage is lower than in previous years.

Q2: In the “Technical Requirements” Section, on page 9, suppliers are instructed to provide a link to audited financial statements, annual reports, and a Moody’s/S&P credit rating. Please provide guidance to the following questions. If financial information is not public (i.e. for a privately held company), can a hard copy be sent?

A2: Yes.

Q3: If so, would CRCOG be willing to sign a Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement regarding the financial information provided?

A3: CRCOG typically does not sign confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements. The RFQ states that any proprietary information in a response should be identified on each page that contains proprietary information. CRCOG can then keep this information confidential if an FOI request is made.

Q4: If a public credit rating is not available, would a supplier be disqualified?

A4: No.

Q5: Would some other form of financial information be acceptable in lieu of a Moody’s/S&P public credit rating?

A5: Company financials coupled with a D&B report would suffice.

Q6: Regarding the “Ownership of Responses” Section, on page11, please describe how proprietary information will be protected. Would financial information be subject to a FOIA request? Please confirm that any financial information provided would be exempt under CGS Sec. 1-210(b)(5)(B).

A6: CRCOG asks that any proprietary information be labeled clearly as such – in the past, firms have included a section with a watermark of “confidential” on each page of the proprietary information, as an example - if an FOI request comes in, we will exclude that information.

Q7: Page 9 of your RFP, you ask “EDI Capability. Note whether your firm has EDI capability.” What kind of capabilities are you referring to?

A7: Electronic data collection.

Q8: The RFP does not mention Winter Reliability charges – should currently unknown charges be passed through to the customers once they are known? I want to make sure all suppliers are on the same page.

A8: Winter Reliability Charges should be treated as a pass through.