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## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### 166129 (NRCan-5000060114)

#### **Report on the Impacts and Opportunities associated with Clean Energy Projects for Utilities Serving Remote Communities across Canada**

##### **Question #21:**

P. 10 of the RFP states that “Bidders should demonstrate their capability and describe their approach in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work” and that “The technical bid should address clearly and in sufficient depth the points that are subject to the evaluation criteria against which the bid will be evaluated.” However, the mandatory and technical criteria (M1-M3 and R1-R8) do not indicate a score associated with a technical approach. Can you clarify if contractors are expected to provide a methodology/approach, and if so, how it will be evaluated?

##### **Answer:**

The instructions provided on page 10, Section 3.1 of the RFP do not constitute a mandatory requirement. Bidders must meet the technical mandatory criteria found in Appendix 1

*“In their technical bid, Bidders **should** demonstrate their understanding of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation and explain how they will meet these requirements. Bidders **should** demonstrate their capability and describe their approach in a thorough, concise and clear manner for carrying out the work.”*

##### **Question #22:**

Does the potential federal election affect this RFP in any way?

##### **Answer:**

We are not in a position to respond to this question

##### **Question #23:**

Is the RFP asking the Proponent to establish an Advisory Committee (for the presentation in Task 6), or is NRCan/CIRNAC going to have an AC that is separate than the Project Proponents?

##### **Answer:**

The advisory committee is already in place and is chaired by NRCAN/CIRNAC

##### **Question #24:**

Will the materials for the literature review be provided or are we expected to source them?



**Answer:**

The contractor shall be responsible for sourcing relevant literature; however, the Crown may cite references to be included in the review.

**Question #25**

Please clarify who is responsible for data collection from utilities. Will that be NRCAN having a role in issuing the request for data or collecting the data from utilities? Are there tools in place to be assured timely collection of this data?

**Answer:**

The contractor shall be responsible for collecting data. If needed, the Crown will be available to contact utilities to confirm the legitimacy of the contractor's data request.

**Question # 26**

Would NRCan consider modifying the Security requirement at Part 6 such that no protected information would be shared with proponents until the required security clearances are obtained?

**Answer:**

Please see RFP Amendment 2