

## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: Bid Window is Now Open!

Published Date: October 24, 2019

The Bid Window for the Utility-Scale Wind RFP is **NOW OPEN**.

**All Bids must be submitted** during the Bid Window **between 10 AM and 12 PM (noon)** Central Prevailing Time **TODAY** and **you must be available** by phone during the cure deficiency period following the Bid Window between 12 PM (noon) and 1 PM Central Prevailing Time.

The confidential information for purposes of submitting your Bids has a **purple background**. Your login information for access to the secure bid transfer site and security code are provided in your confidential information. **Please notify the Procurement Administrator immediately if you are missing materials needed to submit your Bid and this information will be re-issued to you.**

The Procurement Administrator evaluates Bids submitted in accordance with the Utility-Scale Wind RFP for each Project that qualifies pursuant to a successful Part 1 Proposal and that fulfills all the requirements of the Part 2 Proposal as specified in Article V of the RFP Rules by 1 PM on the Bid Date. The Act requires the Procurement Administrator to notify Bidders that the Procurement Administrator may, in its discretion, enter into post-bid price negotiations with Bidders. The Procurement Administrator has decided that there will be no post-bid negotiations.

Please contact us at 202-466-9218 for any questions regarding the bid submission process.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Supplier Fee

Published Date: October 22, 2019

A Project selected through the Utility-Scale Wind RFP and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission will be assessed a Supplier Fee that will be due within seven (7) business days after ICC approval of the Bids. The Supplier Fee is **\$0.21 times the Annual Quantity of RECs** bid for a Project (which is equivalent to about \$0.014 per REC assessed on the anticipated quantity of RECs over the entire 15-year delivery term).

For illustrative purposes, we provide below an example of the calculation of the Supplier Fees that will be due to the Illinois Power Agency. If a Project is selected through the Utility-Scale Wind RFP and is approved by the Commission, and if the annual quantity that the Bidder submitted in its Bid for the Project is 100,000 RECs, then the Supplier Fees due would be \$21,000, which is calculated as follows:

Supplier Fee per REC = \$0.21 per REC of the Annual Quantity Bid  
Annual Quantity Bid = 100,000 RECs

Supplier Fees for Project = Supplier Fee x Annual Quantity Bid  
= \$0.21 x 100,000 RECs = \$21,000

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: Invitation to Bidder Training

Published Date: October 18, 2019

**Training for Bidders in the Utility-Scale Wind RFP is scheduled for TODAY, Friday, October 18, 2019 from 12 PM to 2 PM Central Prevailing Time.**

The objective of the training session is for you to practice all aspects of the bid submission procedure that you will use on the Bid Date. During the training session, you will also have the opportunity to call the Procurement Administrator to ask questions about the Bid Form and bid submission procedures.

Please refer to the **Bid Form Guide** as well as the Invitation to Bidder Training document provided with your Part 1 Notification (sent on October 9, 2019). **Once you have submitted your Bid Form during the training session, please call the Procurement Administrator at 202-466-9218<sup>®</sup> to confirm that we have received your Bid Form.**

Please contact the Procurement Administrator if you are missing any of the materials for the training session or if you are not able to participate.

**Please reply to this email with “YES” if you are participating in the bidder training OR please reply to this email with “NO” if you are unable to participate in this bidder training.**

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – Invitation to Bidder Training

Published Date: October 17, 2019

**Training for Bidders in the Utility-Scale Wind RFP is scheduled for TOMORROW, Friday, October 18, 2019 from 12 PM to 2 PM Central Prevailing Time.**

The objective of the training session is for you to practice all aspects of the bid submission procedure that you will use on the Bid Date. During the training session, you will also have the opportunity to call the Procurement Administrator to ask questions about the Bid Form and bid submission procedures.

Please refer to the **Bid Form Guide** as well as the Invitation to Bidder Training document provided with your Part 1 Notification (sent on October 9, 2019). **Once you have submitted your Bid Form during the training session, please call the Procurement Administrator at 202-466-9218<sup>☎</sup> to confirm that we have received your Bid Form.**

Please contact the Procurement Administrator if you are missing any of the materials for the training session or if you are not able to participate.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – DEADLINE: Part 2 Proposals Due Today!

Published Date: October 17, 2019

Part 2 Proposals for Projects that completed the Part 1 Proposal are due by **12 PM (noon) CPT TODAY, October 17, 2019 (except for your Bids, which are due October 24, 2019).**

Bid assurance collateral must be provided in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit separately to each of the Companies (Ameren Illinois Company and Commonwealth Edison Company) according to the instructions provided to you by the Procurement Administrator on October 9, 2019. Other information required by the Part 2 Proposal must be provided through the online Part 2 Form. You can access the online Part 2 Form using the login credentials provided to you to access the online Part 1 Form.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com) if you require assistance.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals Due October 17!

Published Date: October 15, 2019

Part 2 Proposals for Projects that completed the Part 1 Proposal are due by **12 PM (noon) CPT Thursday, October 17, 2019 (except for your Bids, which are due October 24, 2019)**.

Bid assurance collateral must be provided in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit separately to each of the Companies (Ameren Illinois Company and Commonwealth Edison Company) according to the instructions provided to you by the Procurement Administrator on October 9, 2019. Other information required by the Part 2 Proposal must be provided through the online Part 2 Form. You can access the online Part 2 Form using the login credentials provided to you to access the online Part 1 Form.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com) if you require assistance.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Part 2 Window is Open!

Published Date: October 10, 2019

Part 2 Proposals for Projects that completed the Part 1 Proposal are due by **12 PM (noon) CPT Thursday, October 17, 2019 (except for your Bids, which are due October 24, 2019)**.

Bid assurance collateral must be provided in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit separately to each of the Companies (Ameren Illinois Company and Commonwealth Edison Company) according to the instructions provided to you by the Procurement Administrator on October 9, 2019. Other information required by the Part 2 Proposal must be provided through the online Part 2 Form. You can access the online Part 2 Form using the login credentials provided to you to access the online Part 1 Form. An overview of the Part 2 process is attached to this message.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com) if you require assistance.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – Instructions for Submission of Bid Assurance Collateral are Available Upon Request!

Published Date: October 9, 2019

The Part 2 Proposal requires that a Bidder submit bid assurance collateral in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit sent to each of the two (2) Companies: Ameren Illinois Company (“AIC”) and Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”). **Instructions for submission of the bid assurance collateral are now available upon request – simply reply “YES” to this email.**

Whether or not you request these instructions at this time, these same instructions will also be included in the notification to Bidders with successful Part 1 Proposals by October 9, 2019.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: NO WIND PROCUREMENT EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2020 OR FOR 2021; REMINDER: Last Opportunity to Submit a Proposal For a Utility-Scale Wind Project is Tomorrow

Published Date: October 1, 2019

The deadline for submission of Part 1 Proposals to participate in the Fall 2019 Utility-Scale Wind RFP is **12 PM (noon) CPT tomorrow, Wednesday, October 2, 2019**. This RFP is the second of two procurements that were approved under the IPA’s initial Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“Long-Term Plan”). **In the draft revised Long-Term Plan released on August 15, 2019, future procurements for RECs from new utility-scale wind projects have NOT been scheduled for 2020 or for 2021.**

The Part 1 Proposal submission process is entirely online. If you need your login credentials re-issued, or **if you have not received credentials for the number of accounts you need, please reply to this message** with the number of accounts you require.

Please click [here](#) to ask a question about the Utility-Scale Wind RFP.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP: Do You Still Have Your Login Credentials?

Published Date: September 30, 2019

The Fall 2019 Utility-Scale Wind RFP seeks to procure Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) from new utility-scale wind projects. The Part 1 Window is open and **the deadline to submit your Part 1 Proposal is Wednesday, October 2.**

**If you requested credentials to access the application website, you should have received them. If you qualified a Project in the Fall 2018 Utility-Scale Wind RFP or in the 2017 Wind and Solar RFP, you can re-use the same login credentials that you have used previously.**

**Are you unsure whether you still have your credentials? Are you presenting more Projects than you initially planned?** If so, please reply to this email with: **“YES”** as well as the number of accounts you require. **We will re-issue your credentials.** Please also provide a phone number so that we can confirm receipt of your credentials with you.

**Please respond as soon as possible** so that the Procurement Administrator can ensure that you have access to the application website. If you are not presenting a Proposal in this procurement and would **prefer not to receive reminders intended for Bidders**, reply **“I’m passing on this event”**.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due October 2nd!

Published Date: September 26, 2019

The deadline for submission of Part 1 Proposals is **12 PM (noon) CPT on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.**

**The Part 1 Proposal submission process is entirely online. Do you have your login credentials so that you can submit your Proposals?** If you need your login credentials re-issued, or if you have not received credentials for the number of accounts you need, **please reply to this message** with the number of accounts you require.

Please click [here](#) to ask a question about the Utility-Scale Wind RFP.

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP: Do You Still Have Your Login Credentials?

Published Date: September 25, 2019

The Fall 2019 Utility-Scale Wind RFP seeks to procure Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) from new utility-scale wind projects. The Part 1 Window is open and **the deadline to submit your Part 1 Proposal is Wednesday, October 2.**

**If you requested credentials to access the application website, you should have received them. If you qualified a Project in the Fall 2018 Utility-Scale Wind RFP or in the 2017 Wind and Solar RFP, you can re-use the same login credentials that you have used previously.**

**Are you unsure whether you still have your credentials? Are you presenting more Projects than you initially planned?** If so, please reply to this email with: “YES” as well as the number of accounts you require. **We will re-issue your credentials.** Please also provide a phone number so that we can confirm receipt of your credentials with you.

**Please respond as soon as possible** so that the Procurement Administrator can ensure that you have access to the application website. If you are not presenting a Proposal in this procurement and would **prefer not to receive reminders intended for Bidders**, reply “I’m passing on this event”.

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## Fall 2019 Utility-Scale Wind RFP

### Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: RSVP for the Webcast Today!

Published Date: September 25, 2019

The Illinois Power Agency's long-term renewable resources procurement plan as approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission provides for a 2019 procurement of Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") from new utility-scale wind projects. The Utility-Scale Wind RFP will seek to procure 1,000,000 RECs delivered annually under 15-year fixed price contracts.

A webcast will be held at **10:30 AM Central Prevailing Time today, September 25, 2019** and is open to all prospective bidders. The objective of the webcast is to present the main terms of the final standard contract form and to provide an overview of the RFP Process and Rules including qualification requirements.

If you wish to participate, and have not done so already, please **RSVP for the webcast** by providing your name, company, and the number of lines needed at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com). Call-in information and the WebEx link will be provided to respondents prior to the call.

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### Utility-Scale Wind RFP – POSTING: Final REC Contract; REMINDER: RSVP for Webcast Wednesday!

Published Date: September 23, 2019

The Procurement Administrator has issued the final REC Contract for the Utility-Scale Wind RFP to the [Final Materials](#) page of the Utility-Scale Wind section of the procurement website. These documents are dated September 23, 2019. The final RFP documents are expected to be posted tomorrow, September 24.

A webcast will be held at **10:30 AM Central Prevailing Time on Wednesday, September 25, 2019** and is open to all prospective bidders. The objective of the webcast is to present the main terms of the final standard contract form and to provide an overview of the RFP Process and Rules including qualification requirements.

If you wish to participate, and have not done so already, please **RSVP for the webcast** by providing your name, company, and the number of lines needed at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com). Call-in information and the WebEx link will be provided to respondents prior to the call.

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## Fall 2019 Utility-Scale Wind RFP

### Utility-Scale Wind RFP – POSTING: Preliminary Proposal Documents

Published Date: September 4, 2019

The Procurement Administrator has posted the following documents to the [Draft Documents](#) page of the Utility-Scale Wind section of the procurement website:

- Draft RFP Rules;
- The standard forms of the Pre-Bid Letters of Credit that may be used to post bid assurance collateral;
- An overview of the minimum requirements for documents that may be required in order to demonstrate control of a Project site; and
- A confidentiality statement.

Please direct any questions regarding the Utility-Scale Wind RFP process to the “[Ask a Question](#)” page of the procurement website.

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### Utility-Scale Wind RFP – REMINDER: Deadline to Submit Comments on the Draft Standard Contract is September 5

Published Date: September 3, 2019

The Utility-Scale Wind RFP seeks to procure 1,000,000 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale wind projects under 15-year fixed price contracts. **On August 19, the Procurement Administrator invited interested parties to submit their comments on the DRAFT Wind REC Contract.** This DRAFT Wind REC Contract, posted to the [procurement website](#), is proposed to be the standard contract form between each winning supplier and Ameren Illinois Company (“AIC”) and Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”).

The comment process is explained in the Invitation to Comment posted [here](#). The process can be summarized as follows:

- Use the DRAFT Wind REC Contract to submit your comments in Microsoft Word tracked changes; you may provide explanatory notes as well.
  - Send your comments by email to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com)
  - Provide your telephone number and email in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments.
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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Invitation to Comment on the Draft Standard Contract Form

Published Date: August 19, 2019

Public Act 99-0906 (the “Future Energy Jobs Act”) was signed into law on December 7, 2016 and became effective June 1, 2017. Pursuant to this legislation, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) filed its long-term renewable resources procurement plan (“LTRRPP”) on December 4, 2017, which was approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) with modifications on April 3, 2018. The approved LTRRP provides for the procurement of RECs from new utility-scale wind projects.

The Utility-Scale Wind RFP seeks to procure at least 1,000,000 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale wind projects under 15-year fixed price contracts.

On August 19, 2019, the Procurement Administrator posted to [procurement website](#) a draft standard contract form, the “DRAFT Wind REC Contract”. This DRAFT Wind REC Contract is proposed to be the standard contract form for the Utility-Scale Wind RFP between each winning supplier and Ameren Illinois Company (“AIC”) and/or Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”). The Procurement Administrator has also posted a redline document showing the changes between the FINAL Wind REC Contract from the Fall 2018 Utility-Scale Wind RFP and this DRAFT Wind REC Contract.

**The Procurement Administrator invites interested parties to submit their comments on the DRAFT Wind REC Contract.** The comment process is explained in the Invitation to Comment posted [here](#). The process can be summarized as follows:

- Use the DRAFT Wind REC Contract to submit your comments in Microsoft Word tracked changes; you may provide explanatory notes as well.
- Send your comments by email to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com)
- Provide your telephone number and email in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments.

**The deadline to provide comments is 6 PM Central Prevailing Time on Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

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## Utility-Scale Wind RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Procurement Event for RECs from New Utility-Scale Wind Projects

Published Date: July 9, 2019

Public Act 99-0906, which became effective June 1, 2017, calls for the subsequent forward procurement of Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) from new utility-scale wind projects. The IPA seeks to procure 1,000,000 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale wind projects under 15-year contracts.

The schedule for the Utility-Scale Wind RFP is posted to the [Calendar](#) page of the procurement website. The first event will be the release of an invitation for interested parties to comment on a draft standard contract form to be used by all winners of this procurement event.

If you wish to receive information regarding this procurement event and you have not already done so, please register [here](#).

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