

Proposal Processing

Notifications

Any notification or other written communication from the Procurement Administrator to a Proponent will be sent to the email addresses provided for the Representatives. Any such notification or communication will be deemed received by the Proponent at the time of delivery or transmission, provided that when delivery or transmission occurs after 6 PM on a business day or occurs on a day that is not a business day, receipt will be deemed to occur at 9 AM on the following business day. Any email from the Proponent to the Procurement Administrator should be addressed to Illinois-RFP@nera.com to ensure a prompt reply.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

The exclusive method of responding to the Proposal requirements is the use of the online Proposal Form together with the use of Inserts to the online Proposal Form available as separate forms on the procurement website or from the Procurement Administrator. The Participation Fee must be paid to the IPA according to the instructions provided for this purpose. Documents (supporting documents and Inserts) may be uploaded to the application website or sent to the Procurement Administrator via email. Proposal Assurance Collateral must be posted with each Company in accordance with the instructions provided by the Procurement Administrator for this purpose.

Timing of Proposal Review

All materials for the Proposal must be received by 12 PM (noon) on the Proposal Due Date. If a Proposal is received on any business day during the Proposal Window, the Procurement Administrator acknowledges receipt on the business day the materials are received. The Procurement Administrator sends the results of an initial review by 6 PM on the second business day after the date the Proposal is received. The initial review either states that the Proposal is complete and the Project has qualified, or the initial review lists items of the Proposal that are incomplete or require clarification.

Deficiencies

If the Proposal is incomplete or requires clarification, the Procurement Administrator sends a deficiency notice to the Proponent. If the Proponent receives a first deficiency notice from the Procurement Administrator regarding any item of the Proposal, the Proponent has until 12 PM (noon) on the Proposal Due Date, or until 6 PM on the third business day following the business day during which a first deficiency notice is sent to the Proponent, whichever comes later, to respond. If the Proponent responds to a deficiency notice within the time allowed but the response does not correct all deficiencies, the Proponent will, to the extent feasible, receive a further deficiency notice from the Procurement Administrator with additional time to respond. Such additional time to respond to a further deficiency notice will be no longer than (and may be shorter than) the time allowed under a first deficiency notice. If the Proponent does not correct or adequately explain a deficiency within the time allowed and specified in the deficiency notice, the Proposal will be rejected. If the Proponent does not correct or adequately explain all deficiencies before 6 PM on the date that is two (2) business before the Procurement Administrator submits its confidential report to the Commission regarding the results of a procurement event, the Proposal will be rejected. If the Proposal is complete, the Procurement Administrator sends a notice that the Proposal is complete and has qualified. If the Proposal is rejected, the Procurement Administrator sends a notice to that effect via email.

Coal to Solar Initiative Procurement Events (C2S Procurement)

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Late Proposals

No late Proposals will be accepted under any circumstances. All times in this Procurement are Central Prevailing Times unless specifically noted.