

TO ALL PLANHOLDERS OF RECORD.

RE: Request for Proposals (RFP) – Solar Array and Back-up Battery

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Transmitted herewith is Addendum No. 1. If the Addendum is **not** received in full, please contact Cari Clizbe using contact information listed above. If all pages of the Addendum are received, please sign this sheet and include it in your bid package.

Company's Name

Company's Representative

Date

ADDENDUM NO. 1
December 3, 2024

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This document forms a part of and modifies the RFP as noted below. Offerors should acknowledge their receipt of this Addendum to the street address or email address listed below with your RFP submission package. Failure to do so may subject Offerors to disqualification.

FOR: Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Public Works Department
929 Fir Street
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Attention: Cari Clizbe
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The following corrections, clarifications and/or deletions to the RFP are hereby made a part of said documents.

This addendum consists of four (4) pages.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Could you confirm that this is not a low-bid project and clarify the approach to scoring beyond budget compliance (Page 7)?

A. [Cowlitz Indian Tribe reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to award and execute a contract with the contractor that is in the best interest of the Tribe. Evaluation Criteria is provided in the RFP.](#)

Q. How is the 100 kW (DC) PV capacity anticipated to be split between the two sites (Page 12)?

A. [Contractor is responsible for answering this during the design phase of this project.](#)

Q. How is the 500 kW BESS capacity expected to be allocated across the locations (Page 12)?

A. [Contractor is responsible for answering this during the design phase of this project.](#)

Q. Could you confirm the desired kWh capacity of the BESS in addition to its kW capacity? How should this kWh and kW capacity be split between the two sites (Page 12)?

A. [Contractor is responsible for answering this during the design phase of this project.](#)

- Q. If several firms are partnering to provide professional services and construction respectively, does the bid bond need to cover all firms or just the construction contractor? Could the construction contractor hold the bond for the joint venture (Page 8)?
- A. [Cowlitz Indian Tribe is anticipating awarding one contract for this project. Please follow the RFP for Bond requirements.](#)
- Q. Is there a specific timeframe for the completion of construction? Could you confirm whether the project has external deadlines, such as funding obligations (e.g., EPIC grant deadlines) (Pages 6 and 12)?
- A. [We would like to be completed with the project by June 30, 2025, but we may have some flexibility if materials and or equipment have long lead times before they are delivered.](#)
- Q. Does the BESS need to consist of four specific MG125 ELM units, or could it be a system with an equivalent aggregate capacity of 600 kW (Page 12)?
- A. [In-kind equipment will be considered. — But equipment must meet minimum specifications.](#)
- Q. Are the listed capacities (100 kW DC solar and 500 kW BESS) final, or are they flexible pending site conditions and optimization (Page 12)?
- A. [These are final.](#)
- Q. Has a conceptual design been completed? If so, can we review a preliminary layout (Page 12)?
- A. [Please refer to the Scope of Work provided in the RFP.](#)
- Q. Is there a tribal workforce requirement as part of the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance) (Page 7)?
- A. [No.](#)
- Q. Could you clarify whether there is a TERO tax applied, and if so, the rate or calculation method (Page 7)?
- A. [None.](#)
- Q. Will the Tribe accept bids from collaborations, partnerships, or joint ventures (Page 6)?
- A. [Yes.](#)
- Q. Is the Tribe planning on taking responsibility for the ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M) of the BESS, or should this be included as part of the proposal (Page 12)?
- A. [Tribe will take responsibility.](#)
- Q. Are there anticipated challenges with NEPA/SEPA or interconnection permitting? Would CIT be open to coordination with local agencies to streamline this process (Page 12)?

A. There are no anticipated challenges at this time. Cowlitz Tribe has a good working relationship with local agencies and is willing to work with awarded contractor to streamline this process.

Q. Could you clarify the specific expectations for performance reporting and community impact measurements post-installation (Page 12)?

A. Collect a minimum of 1 year of information on the performance of the system and its impact on clean energy production and community resilience

Q. Does the above project currently have an estimated value, completion or mobilization date?

A. \$1.3 million

Q. Is this for a 100 kW System + Battery at 1044 11th Ave and another separate 100 kW system and battery at 1055 9th Ave? Contractor is responsible for answering this during the design phase of this project. In total, 200 kW of solar and 1,000 kWh of battery storage? 100Kw total. Or is it just 100 kW system on 1044 11th Ave (expansion) and the battery ties into both 1044 11th Ave and 1055 9th Ave for backup?

A. The battery is for 1055 9th Ave.

Q. Could I please get an engineer's estimate or cost range for this project, if one is available?

A. \$1.3 million

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1