

2023 PG&E CPE Local RA RFO – Questions and Answers

1. Is a system RA product that is located in a local area, but not explicitly sold as local RA, able to submit as a non-compensated self-shown RA product in the CPE RFO?

Response: The resource must be identified on the CAISO NQC List as being in a Local area. Additional details about the resource can be found in Section II.B of the Solicitation Protocol.

2. Does PG&E have an idea of when the CPUC will release the benchmark for local premiums?

Response: The CPUC has published the pre-determined prices. The link to the prices has been posted on the 2023 CPE Local RA RFO's website. The RFO's website can be accessed at: <http://www.pge.com/2023cperfo>.

3. What are the site control eligibility criteria for new resources to submit a bid?

Response: Section VI.E – Site Control of the Solicitation Protocol outlines eligibility criteria for Site Control. For new resources that are In-Front-of-the-Meter, Participants must demonstrate site control at the time of the Competitive Offer submission.

Examples of acceptable forms of Site Control are:

- 1) Fee Title
- 2) Recorded Exclusive Easement
- 3) Executed Option Agreement
- 4) Lease (Non-revocable) and
- 5) Lease Option (Non-revocable)

For Aggregated Behind-the-Meter (BTM) Customer-Connected, Demand Response, and Existing Resources Participant is not required to provide this demonstration.

Please see Section V of the Solicitation Protocol for the definition of New and Existing resources.

4. Will you accept offers for projects where the site control agreement is currently in process? If so, what evidence would be required by the CPE to support this when submitting a bid?

Response: When completing/submitting Appendix B1 (Supplemental Resource Information), Tab "Section 6C", Row 14 (and subsequently in rows 16-20 as needed), please provide the status of each parcel with and without Site Control for the proposed Offer. As instructed, please indicate the method of Site Control for each specific parcel for the proposed Offer. For parcels without Site Control, please indicate what is missing

and what your plan is to address the deficiency for the parcel/s and date you expect to acquire the site control.

5. Will you accept an offer from a resource that has a lease option in process?

Response: Participants may submit an Offer from a resource that has a lease option in process provided Participant satisfactorily completes Appendix B1 (Supplemental Resource Information), Tab “Section 6C”.

6. How do you determine a resource’s Local Area and Sub-Area?

Response: To identify a resource’s local area and sub-area, please reference the links provided below:

Links:

- Local Area:
 - Access the latest version of the CAISO’s Net Qualifying Capacity Report which can be found under the “Net qualifying capacity (NQC) and effective flexible capacity (EFC)” section of the website linked below.
 - <http://www.caiso.com/planning/Pages/ReliabilityRequirements/Default.aspx>
- Sub-Area:
 - Navigate to the Activities – Technical Reports section of the 2024 CAISO LCTS portal linked below. From there, users can access a report titled “Attachment A - List of Physical Resources Accounted for in the 2024 and 2028 Local Capacity Technical Studies” which provides details about the resource’s sub-area.
 - <https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/RecurringStakeholderProcesses/Local-capacity-requirements-process-2024>

7. If a resource has multiple Sub-Areas according to the CAISO LCTS, which Sub-Area should I select in the Offer Form?

Response: If a resource has multiple Local Sub-Areas, the Participant may select any applicable Sub-Area of their choosing in the Offer Form. Then, when completing Appendix B1 – Supplemental Resource Information, the Participant should note within the Section 1 or 2 tab (based on whether the resource is new or existing) on Cell B14 (for either tab) that the project is located within multiple Sub-Areas and list them.

8. Is it necessary to register for a 2023 CPE Local RA RFO event in PowerAdvocate if my colleague from the same participating entity already has?

Response: No, only one registration per Participant is required, and it is recommended that the Participant uses a single registration to submit bid forms in PowerAdvocate.

9. What counts as a “preferred resource”?

Response: For the definition of a preferred resource, Participants are encouraged to review Attachment 2A, Section VI.B. (page 28) of the 2023 PG&E CPE RFO Solicitation Protocol.

10. When submitting multiple Competitive Offer bids for different resources, do I have to submit multiple respective Offer Forms as well?

Response: Yes, as outlined in Attachment 2B, Section XI (Page 47) of the 2023 CPE RFO Solicitation Protocol: “Each competitive Offer should be uploaded as a “Commercial and Administrative” document type in PowerAdvocate. Each Competitive Offer should be submitted as a separate zip file. Document file names should not contain any special characters such as “* & #”. Please keep file names short and include short references to the Participant’s name (such as an acronym), project name, and the appendix that is being submitted (e.g., App B).

Participants are required to submit a separate offer form for each Competitive Offer that it plans to submit by the respective offer deadline. Further, in accordance with Attachment 2B, Section XIV (page 49) of the 2023 CPE RFO – Solicitation Protocol: “Each Participant’s Competitive Offer must be complete at the time of submission. Failure to provide all required information and documents may result in PG&E CPE determining a Competitive Offer as being incomplete and not eligible for qualification. PG&E CPE will only seek to enter into an Agreement with Competitive Offers that are Qualified. The Competitive Offer package checklist is shown within Table XI.2 (pages 47-48) of the 2023 PG&E CPE RFO Solicitation Protocol.

11. Should I use the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Mapping Tool or the Census Tract Score when filling out the Offer Form?

Response: For the purposes of the Offer Form, a Participant may use the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Mapping Tool or the Census Tract Score. When filling out Appendix B1 (Supplemental Resource Information) – tab “Section 6a” – row 69, please use the same score as used on the Offer Form. The Participant may also use this section to include any additional relevant information regarding CalEnviroScreen Scores.