

## Bonneville Power Administration: Stakeholder Question/BPA Responses:

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Bonneville Power Administration welcomes parties to provide questions/comments related to the March 23, 2023 Request for Offers. Parties may contact Mark Miller at 503-230-4003, or [memiller@bpa.gov](mailto:memiller@bpa.gov).

The following are a summary of the questions received by BPA and BPA’s responses:

Date Submitted/ Question	3/28/2023 Must bids be for a flat ATC block for the entire term, or would BPA consider bids that are flat ATC blocks for a partial term (e.g., Jan 2024-Sept 2024)?
BPA’s Response	<i>Bids must to be for the entire 12-month period, flat ATC. Amount can be 1 MW up to 150 MW.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	3/28/2023 Do preference customers need to participate in the initial request for offers due April 24 in order to be eligible for the preference offer released on May 1?
BPA’s Response	<i>If a Preference Notice is needed, a Preference Notice will go out to all preference customers irrespective of initial participation in the RFO. If a public preference entity offers the highest value bid, no Preference notice would go out for those MWs.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	3/28/2023 If a customer selects the BPA System Busbar as the Point of Delivery, does this mean our POR for our transmission would be BPAPOWER?
BPA’s Response	<i>Correct, For NT and most PTP customers BPAPOWER will work but if a PTP customer acquires LT PTP, or redirects LT PTP as a LT product, then BPAP may need to provide you with a project or set of Projects as the POR.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	3/29/2023 <i>As far as the mechanics go for the California Resource Adequacy (RA) product, can you walk me through how it would work if the buyer wishes that BPA stays the Scheduling Coordinator (SC) of the energy? I imagine BPA submits the Supply Plan, Buyer submits RA plan and needs the MIC. Does Buyer have any tagging duties in this case? Will the Buyer have any CA emissions to report or will BPA stay as the importer of the RA Capacity?</i>
BPA’s Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BPA normally acts as its RA buyer’s SC.</i></li> <li>• <i>BPA submits the Supply Plan, the Load Serving Entity submits the Resource Plan.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BPA bids the energy in day-ahead and real-time, consistent with the CPUC and CAISO RA rules. A few counterparties only care about CAISO RA rules for certain transactions, which changes how we do it slightly, but not significantly.</i></li> <li>• <i>Buyer has no tagging requirements. BPA will cc the buyer on the tag so that the buyer can track the ACS MWs.</i></li> <li>• <i>The buyer needs to have the import allocation rights, MIC, at the POD.</i></li> <li>• <i>And correct, the buyer would not have any emissions to report. BPA is the importer of record.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Traditionally, BPA and the buyer agreed on an RA price (CPUC compliant structure is \$/MWh) and because BPA is the SC, BPA would also get paid the clearing price each hour from the CAISO. BPA's compensation would be the combination of those two payments. In this RFO's fixed price structure, BPA will only realize the one payment, what is paid by the buyer, because BPA will pass the CAISO award payment back to the buyer. The price the buyer bids should reflect that it is receiving the CAISO award payments.</i></p> <p><i>BPA recommends potential bidders read and understand the RA Confirmation template in the RFO document. It provides a good idea of how things work and what BPA and the buyer are committing too.</i></p>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/5/2023 Does BPA have a preference for a certain POD between COB and NOB?
BPA's Response	<i>BPA does not have a strong preference, but all things equal, COB may have some slight advantages for BPA.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/5/2023 Is BPA willing to entertain a bid that has the purchase split between COB and NOB?
BPA's Response	Yes.
Date Submitted/ Question	4/5/2023 Can an entity make two bids, each at different PODs?
BPA's Response	Yes.
Date Submitted/ Question	4/5/2023 Will BPA consider Bids that do not include all twelve months and all hours?
BPA's Response	<i>No, not in this RFO process.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/5/2023 Will BPA entertain non-conforming bilateral arrangement while the RFO is open?

BPA's Response	<i>No. After the RFO is completed, and dependent on available inventory, BPA will be open to discussing bilateral transactions.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/13/2023 If a Preference Offer phase is required, would BPA allow a price refresh at the end of the Preference Offer phase, using an unbiased formulaic approach referencing an index?
BPA's Response	<i>No.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/13/2023 When a non-Preference bidder is selected, conditioned on the results of a Preference offer process, will the conditional winner be notified of the results of the Preference Offer by May 8th?
BPA's Response	<i>May 8th, or the morning of the 9th.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/13/2023 Will any bids made by a party be disclosed to or discoverable by third parties via FOIA or other means?
BPA's Response	<i>The bid would be protected from public release, but if awarded the contract, with pricing or other business sensitive info redacted, could become public. Once a party has an executed confirm with BPA, any party can file a FOIA requesting specific information.</i>  <i>BPA would inform the party of the request and provide the opportunity to request an "Exemption 4" to withhold specific information. The party would need to submit a thorough explanation of how you would be harmed. BPA leadership would make a determination as to whether your situation meets Exemption 4 or not.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 Would BPA consider index price instead of the fixed price for this RFO?
BPA's Response	<i>No, the main objective of this RFO is to secure an expected amount of revenue for fiscal year 2024.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 Would it be acceptable to BPA to accept multiple bids at different volumes? For example, 50 MW at X price, 100 MW at X price, and 150 MW at X price?
BPA's Response	<i>BPA will use a systematic approach to evaluate all bids to ensure the greatest value to the agency. This bidding approach is acceptable to BPA.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 How will BPA rank bids? Solely on bid price or are there other non-monetary aspects considered?

BPA's Response	<i>BPA ranks bids based on the value to BPA; the primary factor in determining value, other than price, is the cost to deliver to the POD.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 There are three products open for the RFO? Does the 150 MW in the RFO include all three products?
BPA's Response	<i>Correct. No more than 150 MW will be awarded in total.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 How will BPA prioritize awards with differing award amounts? For example, first highest bid is for 120 MW and the second highest bid is for 50 MW. Will BPA award the remaining 30 MW to the second highest bidder?
BPA's Response	<i>BPA will award the remaining 30 MW to the second highest bidder, if that bidder is willing to accept a partial award.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 The RFO speaks to a statute that says BPA can curtail surplus energy sales provided BPA provides 60 day written notice to the buyer. How will this affect the winning bidder?
BPA's Response	<i>BPA is obligated to first meet its load obligations within the region. Under an extreme emergency BPA could curtail energy deliveries to meet its regional load obligations; however, it would not be in BPA's interest, and there is no record of BPA ever exercising this right.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	4/17/2023 Will BPA post the results of this RFO?
BPA's Response	<i>No.</i>
Date Submitted/ Question	Is BPA required to report the sale of energy products under this RFO to the Electronic Quarterly Reporting system managed by FERC? Will it contain, term, counterpart, price, and quantity?
BPA's Response	<i>Yes, consistent with FERC regulation of whole power sales.</i>