

MBCP Go Local RFO-Q&A

[Weekly responses to questions submitted via RFO@mbcommunitypower.org July 20, 2018](#)

Q: Can seller markup either of the PPAs to reflect recommended changes to the document?

A: Yes, MBCP will allow for redlined versions of either PPA to be submitted as part of the proposal. However, MBCP's preference is to use the posted PPAs with minimal changes.

Q: What are the two columns in the Excel template for the Backcast, and what information does Seller provide in these columns?

A: After careful consideration, MBCP and Level 10 have decided that the Backcast data will no longer be a requirement. Level 10 has the capability to generate a Backcast based on weather data acquired through Vaisala.

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Q: How would MBCP prefer storage priced?

A: Capacity pricing in \$/KW-mo. needs to be levelized to \$/MWh for the LevelTen system. Bidders can include a \$/KW-mo. price for capacity in the Alternate Pricing attachment J.

Q: Can multiple projects be submitted into the Level10 portal?

A: Yes, each project should be submitted separately. Guidance for naming convention can be found in the MBCP overview. Separate project submittals will also need to complete supplemental information documents and upload them to the Level10 platform.

Q: MBCP requires financial statements to be included in the proposal. Will these documents be confidential or available to the public upon request?

A: Upon further consideration MBCP will not request financial statements during the initial phase of the RFO process. However, any project that is short-listed will require the developer to submit financial statements once an NDA is executed.

Q: How is MBCP incentivizing storage?

A: MBCP recognizes that adding storage to a renewable project will increase levelized costs. However, MBCP will evaluate renewable + storage projects to determine if the added benefits and flexibility are worth paying a premium price.

Q: If proposing renewable + storage do the capacities stack?

A: Developers can submit projects that range in size from .5MW to 5MW, 1MW to 3MW is preferred. All configurations of projects must fall within these bandwidths.

Q: Can developers located outside of the tri-county area respond to MBCP's RFO?

A: Yes, the location of the developer is not limited to the tri-county area. However, the project(s) being proposed must be located in the tri-county area.

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Q: Where can I locate relevant presentations and forms for this RFO?

A. The Go Local RFO overview and instructions, Q&A's and presentations can be found on MBCP's Energy Procurement Website: <http://mbcommunitypower.org/energy-procurement/>

MBCP will be collaborating with LevelTen Energy to evaluate offers to our 2018 Go Local RFO. Developers and other interested parties will submit pricing, project details, and all other necessary offer materials through LevelTen's streamlined, online RFP software platform.

Links to LevelTen Energy's offer forms will be posted no later than Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Q: The RFO states that the target project output is 1 to 3 MW. Would MBCP consider projects outside of this bandwidth?

A: MBCP is open to receiving projects above and below the stated parameter. Our preference will be for projects in 1 to 3MW range. All proposals, irrespective of size, must conform to CAISO requirements and meet all other requirements listed in the Go Local RFO overview and instructions.

Q: Are there any development stage criteria that have been established for projects participating in MBCP's Go Local RFO (i.e., site control, interconnection or permitting progress)?

A: MBCP has established specific criteria for assessing project development progress. These requirements are specified in MBCP's Go Local Overview and Instructions. Development milestones are an important factor in MBCP's evaluative process and proposals that meet all stated criteria will be given preference during such evaluation. The Go Local RFO Instructions do not state a minimum requirement for permitting at the time of offer submittal, though MBCP is unlikely to execute a contract with a project that has not completed or is close to completing the permitting process.

Q: "Project Location" is listed as an evaluation consideration. Is there a document that references locations developers should avoid or aim for within the tri-county region?

A: For any proposal to be accepted the generating facility must be physically located and interconnected within any member jurisdiction of MBCP's service territory (the "Eligible Territory"). The location of projects will be assessed upon the impact on economic growth and contribution to overall economic vitality as well as the other factors stated in the "Evaluation of Responses" section of the Go Local Overview and Instructions.

Q: May a respondent request a meeting before the submittal deadline to introduce itself to MBCP, provide project details, ask questions, etc.?

A: No. Prior to bid submittal, MBCP staff will not schedule any meetings with project developers. In an effort to maintain procedural fairness and integrity for all prospective respondents, no requests for meetings and/or calls will be accepted.

Q: Can MBCP provide any guidance related to product pricing that may be considered during the Go Local RFO process?

A. MBCP will not discuss contract pricing prior to the response deadline. All Go Local RFO participants should deliver the best, commercially viable project proposal for MBCP's consideration.

Q: The "single, flat price/MWh throughout the contract term" without an escalator makes it difficult to maintain operations and maintenance in the out years. Is the price submitted firm?

A. All long-term offers must include a firm/binding, levelized fixed price option. Once the minimum bid requirements have been satisfied, a respondent may propose alternative pricing mechanisms of its choosing to MBCP. However, MBCP will predominately assess the levelized fixed price in evaluating the merit of the proposal.

Q: What is the process for certifying products as "renewable"? What are the criteria that will be used to make such determinations?

A. Any generating resource supplying renewable products must be certified as California RPS Eligible by the California Energy Commission (CEC) and must be registered with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) to enable renewable energy certificate transfers to MBCP.

For information regarding the CEC's certification process, please review California's RPS Eligibility Guidebook at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/index.html>.

Additional information regarding the WREGIS registration process may be reviewed by accessing WREGIS' website: <https://www.wecc.biz/WREGIS/Pages/Join-WREGIS.aspx>.

All respondents should familiarize themselves with applicable eligibility criteria, as described in these sources.