

1. Introduction and Background

California Community Power (“CC Power”) seeks qualified energy suppliers and developers (“Respondents”) to participate in this 2023 Request for Information on Offshore Wind (the “RFI”). CC Power would like to thank you in advance for your time commitment in participating. The response deadline for submissions is 5:00 P.M. Pacific Prevailing Time (“PPT”) on May 17th, 2023.

CC Power is a joint powers authority made up of members from 9 Community Choice Aggregators (“CCA”): CleanPowerSF, Central Coast Community Energy, East Bay Community Energy, Peninsula Clean Energy, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, San Jose Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Sonoma Clean Power, and Valley Clean Energy.

The goals of this RFI are as follows:

1. To collect information that may inform a subsequent offshore wind request for offers, if any; and
2. To collect information that will help CC Power and its members in their long-term resource planning, including identifying candidate resources for meeting incremental capacity and clean energy needs to fulfill resource planning, capacity, and policy obligations and goals.

As detailed in Section 3 below, CC Power requests the following information on offshore wind projects:

- A. Contact Information
- B. Technology/Project
- C. Project Financing
- D. Project Development
- E. Environmental Stewardship, Environmental Justice, and Workforce Development
- F. Contract Terms/Structure
- G. Project Benefits

2. Eligibility and Preferences

The purpose of this RFI is to gain understanding into the readiness, timelines, costs, performance characteristics, interconnection, delivery and transmission viability and related matters, coastal port and construction plans and considerations, and possible barriers for offshore wind projects developable off the coast of California or the greater Pacific Northwest, typically with a focus on deliverability of the energy and capacity to the CAISO controlled grid. CC Power recognizes that some information sought here may be unavailable or preliminary; however, qualitative responses are still requested in these cases.

Eligibility:

This RFI is open to two categories of Respondents, whose responses will be considered separately:

- (1) Developers with successful lease bids in the Morro Bay or Humboldt Wind Energy Areas (“WEA”), as defined by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”)
- (2) Developers who BOTH a) are in possession of offshore wind project development rights outside of California waters AND b) are considering future offshore wind development in California in BOEM or non-BOEM jurisdictional waters

These are referred to below as **eligibility category 1 and 2 Respondents**.

3. Requested Information

A. Contact Information

- Respondent/Company Name
- Authorized Contact (name, title, phone, email)

B. Technology/Project

- Eligibility category 1 Respondents only:
 - i. Describe the offshore wind project you are planning to develop in the California lease area awarded to your company by BOEM. Please include:
 1. The specific Morro Bay or Humboldt lease area you have been awarded or provisionally awarded
 2. Planned project size in MW, or range of expected sizes; these should correspond with capacities submitted in your Excel data form
 3. Information on technology and specific suppliers to be used, including type and MW capacity of individual turbines, floating platform technology, and balance of system components such as mooring, marine power cabling, floating substations, etc.
 4. The same information as items 1-3 above for projects you have already developed or are developing elsewhere
- Eligibility category 2 Respondents only:
 - i. Describe the offshore wind project(s) you have developed, are operating, or are developing. Please include:
 1. Specific project locations
 2. Project size in MW
 3. Information on technology used, including type and MW capacity of individual turbines, floating platform technology, and balance of system components such as mooring, marine power cabling, floating substations, etc.

C. Project Financing

- Please describe financing that was or will be needed for project development, construction, operation, and decommissioning.
- Describe your access to and experience with project financing, and the finance community's experience and/or comfort with your company's preferred offshore wind technology.
- Describe other sources of funding/revenue, such as grants, tax credits, preferential loans, or other revenue sources to which you have or expect to have access.

D. Project Development

- Please describe development risks associated with the project(s), including:
 - i. Securing a California BOEM or state-issued site lease (eligibility category 2 Respondents only)
 - ii. Permitting requirements
 - iii. Construction requirements
 - iv. Transmission / interconnection requirements
 - v. Environmental impacts
 - vi. CAISO deliverability assessment or equivalent study process
- Describe your past success and experience with wind energy project development, including identifying and securing rights to appropriate sites, addressing project environmental impacts, receiving necessary permits, and completing interconnection. Describe the principal challenges in developing these projects and how they were addressed.
- Describe your experience with direct stakeholder engagement. Of particular interest is experience engaging commercial and sport fishing interests, Native American Tribes, Defense Department, and disadvantaged communities that may face both opportunities and negative impacts associated with offshore wind development. Please include efforts to mitigate negative stakeholder impacts such as changes to project design/configuration.
- Describe your company's structure, including parents and subsidiaries, and qualifications

(including qualifications of key employees prior to joining your company) in developing offshore wind projects, or other utility-scale renewable energy projects. You may include resumes or CVs for up to five key team members.

- What infrastructure was or will be needed for your project(s) to succeed? What expectations or assumptions regarding infrastructure does your indicative pricing in Section 3.F and your data form reflect? For eligibility category 1 Respondents, please elaborate on how you expect i) transmission and interconnection and ii) port infrastructure in California or nearby to be available for your project, and the extent to which the costs of such infrastructure matters are included in the submitted pricing. For eligibility category 2 Respondents, please discuss how you secured transmission and interconnection rights as well as equipment supplies, and how you expect to conduct these processes on the west coast of the U.S.
- What supply chain assumptions factor into your project development plans?

E. Environmental Stewardship, Environmental Justice, and Workforce Development

- How will your project consider and address diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility considerations?
- How will your project consider and address environmental stewardship and/or environmental justice opportunities and concerns?
- How will your project consider and address the use of organized labor, local hiring, and apprenticeships, including Project Labor Agreements or multi-part union agreements?

F. Project Offtake and Timeline

Where applicable, please include the following information in the provided Excel data form in addition to your narrative response.

- Please describe your expected project timeline including interconnection, construction and online date, and at what point your company would be prepared to enter into long-term PPAs (eligibility category 1 Respondents only)
- Please describe your preferred contract terms, including:
 - Term length
 - Pricing structure (e.g. flat over contract term or periodic escalator)
 - Products offered (either bundled energy + capacity attributes + environmental attributes, or energy + environmental attributes)
 - Project ownership
 - Project operations and management
 - Scheduling rights
- For benchmarking purposes, please provide indicative (non-binding) pricing in the Excel data form for a flat (no escalation), fixed-price (\$/MWh) offtake with the following terms:
 - 20-year contract term
 - Preferred project size indicated in Section 3.B above
 - Full offtake of bundled energy, capacity and environmental attributes
 - Seller as project owner and operator
 - Buyer as scheduling coordinator
- If pricing varies with any of the above terms, please also provide in the data form variant details that indicate other offtake configurations for consideration.

G. Project Benefits

- Aside from the value that CC Power could directly realize through utilization of the energy, capacity and environmental products, please describe any other monetary value streams that you believe your technology and/or specific project location can provide and please identify which party in the transaction is most appropriately able to monetize the value streams.
- Please describe any additional societal, health, economic, scientific, water saving, or environmental non-monetary benefits not captured above that your project could realize or has realized, beyond the climate and GHG reduction benefits of renewable energy.

4. Deadline and Submission Requirements

The **deadline for submissions to the RFI is 5:00 P.M. PPT on May 17, 2023**. Please submit a narrative response in either Word or PDF format that addresses each of the questions outlined in Section 3 above as well as a data form in Excel format that addresses each of the items in the provided Excel form, some of which will be duplicative of the narrative info.

Submissions must be emailed to the following email address: solicitations@cacommunitypower.org. Your submission will be shared by CC Power with applicable CC Power members listed in the introductory paragraph and may be used to inform CC Power's and its members' planning and actions.

If you have any questions about this RFI, please submit them to solicitations@cacommunitypower.org by 5:00 P.M. PPT May 3rd, 2023. CC Power will work to provide answers no later than 5:00 P.M. PPT May 10th, 2023. Such answers will be posted to CC Power's website at the following location: <https://cacommunitypower.org/solicitations/>.

Please note public records act implications (see below), and mark documents confidential as appropriate.

5. General Terms and Conditions

- A. By submitting a response to this RFI, Respondent acknowledges that the Respondent has read and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this RFI and any addenda subsequently issued prior to the due date for a submittal.
- B. CC Power reserves the right to cancel, modify, or amend this RFI, in whole or in part, at any time through written addenda. Any addendum shall be made available to potential Respondents on CC Power's website. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the response being found non-responsive or not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of CC Power.
- C. CC Power reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and to waive irregularities without explanation.
- D. CC Power reserves the right to request supplementary or follow-up questions or inquiries to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information from any one or more of the Respondents.
- E. CC Power is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations, statements, or explanations made by any individual acting or purporting to act on CC Power's behalf, unless it is provided in writing from CC Power directly.
- F. CC Power and its members, either collectively or individually, shall not be liable to any Respondent or party in law or equity for any reason whatsoever for any acts or omissions arising out of or in connection with this request for submittals.
- G. CC Power and its members, either collectively or individually, shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any Respondents in preparing any information for submission in connection with this RFI process or any and all costs resulting from responding to this RFI. Any and all such costs whatsoever shall remain the sole responsibility of the Respondent.
- H. CC Power, as well as each member CCA in CC Power, reserve the right to withdraw from this RFI, in part or in

its entirety, at any time.

- I. The RFI does not constitute an offer or promise to buy or create an obligation for CC Power and its members, either collectively or individually, to enter into or to promise to engage in any transaction, arrangement, competitive bid or solicitation, negotiation, or agreement with any Respondent.
- J. CC Power has the right to reissue the RFI at a future date.

K. Public Records

All documents submitted in response to this RFI will become the property of CC Power and the member CCAs upon submittal and will be subject to the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) (“CPRA”). In order to designate information as confidential, a Respondent must clearly stamp and identify the specific portion of the material designated with the word “Confidential.” Respondents should not over-designate material as confidential. Over-designation would include stamping whole agreements, entire pages or series of pages as Confidential that clearly contain information that is not confidential.

CC Power and its members, either collectively or individually, shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the CPRA or otherwise by law. In the event CC Power and its members, either collectively or individually, receive a CPRA request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked “Confidential”, “Trade Secrets”, or “Proprietary”, Respondent agrees to defend and indemnify CC Power and its members from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, incurred in connection with any action, proceedings, or liability arising in connection with the CPRA request.