

California Community Power 2025 T&D Education Consulting Services Request For Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Please confirm the deadline for submitting responses to the Request for Proposals.
 - a. There was an error in the RFP Instructions in Section 2 that incorrectly listed the deadline as August 15, 2025. The correct date for the deadline to respond to the RFP is August 22, 2025 by 11:59 PM Pacific Time, as set forth in Sections 4 and 7 of the RFP Instructions. A revised RFP Instructions document (v1) will be uploaded to correct this error.
2. Can you confirm whether or not a redline to the Professional Services Agreement is required with the submittal of a Proposal on the due date?
 - a. No, a redline to the Professional Services Agreement in Exhibit A is only required following selection by the selected Respondent(s).
3. Will the PowerPoint presentation training be in-person or virtual?
 - a. The PowerPoint presentation training will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and will have the selected Respondent(s) present their materials to the energy procurement staff of CC Power and its members.
4. What is the expected duration of the training delivery?
 - a. The expected duration of the PowerPoint training is anticipated to be approximately 3 to 4 hours, including time for questions and answers. Additional details around specific topics requiring more elaboration may be discussed further within the report.
5. If a potential Respondent does not submit a bid for this RFP, will they still be able to submit a bid for any future RFPs that will support the “Strategy Development” stage?
 - a. Yes, even if a potential Respondent elects not to participate in this RFP, they are eligible to participate in the expected next RFP relating to “Strategy Development”, which is expected to launch in Q1 2026.
6. Will you consider responses that address only part of the proposed scope of the RFP?
 - a. Yes, CC Power recognizes that the scope of the RFP is rather open-ended and that certain Respondents may specialize in specific topics and not in others. Accordingly, CC Power will entertain Proposals that address only part of the scope of the RFP and may elect to select one or more Respondents to address the full scope of the educational training.

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7. Can you please provide more context on the level of detail and breadth envisioned for a Respondent's Proposal to provide the sought after education?
 - a. CC Power seeks a Proposal that looks to provide a decent level of information on each of the topics (i.e., here's an overview of what you should know about how this concept works), but leaving room for further deep-dive as a next stage to get more into detailed mechanics and specific application. The intent is to have a report and a presentation of how things work, focused on concepts that would be helpful to CC Power and its members' roles as CAISO load serving entities, and addressing what CC Power and its members ought to be aware of generally in use of transmission for later strategy exploration. CC Power proposes that it and the selected Respondent(s) will refine the scope of the proposed educational materials ahead of their development to ensure alignment with the goals of informing our members and better educating them, We are not looking at this as an active live training with significant back and forth.

CC Power is also not looking at specific projects at this time, but rather trying to get a better handle of how it and its members should think through and dig into a type of project, when the opportunity would present itself. Generally, more basic, high-level information is being sought, as we are primarily power procurement focused within CAISO, but want to look externally to CAISO more and consider how CC Power and its members may play a role in the transmission space.

For example, if we had a potential opportunity for investment in a transmission line, we would want to know things like: how to quantify what the investment is worth; how to assess what value it provides to CC Power, its members and the market; what key considerations and risks to be aware of relating to transmission ownership and use; what are the cost recovery mechanisms or how to monetize this asset; etc.

The anticipated later "Strategy Development" stage would have CC Power actually seek to do the work of digging into these topics for this theoretical project opportunity itself to quantify the value, the reasonableness of the cost, frame up a term sheet, do diligence on the actual risks, etc.

By way of another example, suppose CC Power wishes to understand the opportunity for wheeling power from out of state generation resources. Current considerations would include: how to identify what the transmission wheeling cost is; how to contract and determine the wheeling path, particularly if multiple wheels are required; how does CAISO EIM overlay with different PTOs or BAs; can transmission rights be secured for 20 years or only shorter terms; what risks would be worn under different contract structures; etc.

If CC Power later determines in the "Strategy Development" stage that it wants to investigate wheeling as a strategy further, such later scope would include researching: where CC Power may expect availability of viable and useful resources; what the required transmission paths may be; whether sufficient import capability exists to bring a resource in; quantification of the expected costs;

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anticipated risks; how to maximize efficient use of the transmission wheeling rights; etc.

Ultimately, at this stage, CC Power is looking for potential Respondents to put forward Proposals that they feel would best provide CC Power and its members with the base information for success in using, procuring, investing in, wheeling, or engaging in transmission assets, rights, or regulatory processes to increase value in serving its members' customer loads.

8. How important is Resource Adequacy to your members' consideration of out-of-state resources and associated transmission requirements?
 - a. Resource Adequacy tends to be an important element in our members' procurement of out-of-state resources, which tend to focus on technologies that cannot be as readily secured in-state, e.g., geothermal, wind, or hydroelectric. Our members must respond to procurement orders or compliance requirements that often require the capacity attributes with the mandated procurement, and thus bundling the capacity attributes with other products tends to be more economical and would be of interest for delivery from out-of-state resources. This can lead to constraints on the requirements around transmission rights, import capability rights, dispatch requirements by CAISO, etc. that may require more involvement, complexity and optimization to manage, which we would like to better understand.