California Community Power 2025 Clean Generation and Capacity Resource RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

1. For procurements under the 2025 Clean Generation and Capacity Resource Request for Proposals, does CC Power have any preference between BTA and PPA bids? And will BTA bids for projects outside of CAISO be accepted?
    a. All bids will be reviewed using least cost, best fit evaluation criteria. Where a BTA and a PPA may have equal value, accounting for considerations such as the value of a pre-payment transaction, and a low risk profile, CC Power may have a qualitative preference for pursuing a BTA in lieu of a PPA, but CC Power reserves the right to exercise judgement in its evaluation process. BTA projects must be connected to the CAISO-controlled grid.

2. Could you please clarify the distinction between Base Storage Cost ($/MWh installed) and Battery Module Cost ($/MWh installed) that you ask for in rows 66 and 67 of your Offer Form?
    a. As described in more detail in Section 3.5 of the RFP Instructions, the Base Storage Cost is intended to reflect those costs of a storage project that would not be affected tariffs (e.g., site control, interconnection, balance of plant, EPC, O&M, taxes, etc.), whereas the Battery Module Cost is intended to be reflect the costs of the battery modules before accounting for any import tariffs, which may be applicable upon importing the battery modules into the US. We recognize that other components of a storage project may also be subject to tariffs, but in the interest of simplicity we have elected to focus on the greatest cost component of the storage project, which, if affected by the imposition of tariffs, would thus have the greatest impact to the underlying cost of the storage facility. This same principle applies with respect to (i) solar projects and their solar photovoltaic panels and (ii) wind projects and their wind turbine blades, which respectively are expected to drive the greatest uncertainty on development cost, and thus price to CC Power. For projects that do not wish to pass through any tariff exposure to CC Power or are planning on sourcing domestically, they may elect to put all the cost of the project into the Base Storage Cost or Base Generation Cost or bid the Tariff Passthrough as 0%.

3. My question is whether we can get to the 20MW minimum capacity by combining two or more projects.
    a. The minimum capacity listed in the RFP instructions is on a per-project basis.

4. Can CC Power confirm that 4-hour standalone storage projects will be considered under this RFP?
    a. Yes, CC Power will accept both 4-hour and 8-hour duration storage projects and the ESSA can be updated for any shortlisted project to reflect storage duration.

5. For Energy Service Storage Agreements, is there a preference for pricing in the form of a monthly tolling payment plus variable operating cost or just a monthly tolling payment?
    a. The offer form does not request VOM as an input, so we ask that you include all assumptions in the contract price. We have updated the RFP Instructions to remove the conflicting information relating to a variable operating cost.

6. Are you interested in WDAT/distribution connected projects, provided they meet all the eligibility criteria?
    a. Provided they meet all other requirements in the RFP instructions, yes we will accept project offers that have a WDAT.

7. During the evaluation process, will the proposals be disclosed to CC Power's member CCAs?
    a. Yes, CC Power's members are the ultimate beneficiaries of any offtake agreement and are thus heavily involved in the selection process.

8. The Build-Transfer Agreement references Exhibits A-1 (Technical Specifications) and A-2 (Scope of Work), but these do not appear in the document or on the RFP website. Could you please confirm where these exhibits can be accessed?
    a. These Exhibits do not currently exist. CC Power will develop these specific Exhibits in partnership with a selected Build Transfer counterparty based upon the details of the project being proposed in the Offer Form.

9. Can CC Power confirm that an NDA is not required at this stage? If one will be required later in the process, can you please advise on expected timing?
    a. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, if CC Power receives a public records request after the conclusion of the RFP, all proposals subject to the request may be disclosed. However, CC Power will endeavor to coordinate with Respondents to redact specific market sensitive information that has been appropriately marked or identified as such and can be withheld under applicable law (see, e.g., CPUC D.06-12-030, D.20-07-005). Please see Section 6.6 of the RFP Instructions for more information. CC Power intends to enter into an NDA with interested Respondents who are shortlisted to protect negotiation discussions.

10. I am reaching out to confirm whether projects that have not yet been submitted to the CAISO interconnection queue are considered conforming under the CC Power 2025 All-Source RFP.
    a. CC Power will consider projects that have not yet submitted an application for interconnection if they are long lead time or innovative resources, such as geothermal, offshore wind, alternative storage technologies, or other emerging technologies. CC Power will deem solar plus lithium-ion storage, standalone lithium ion, or wind projects that do not have an interconnection application as non-conforming and remove them from consideration.

11. In the RFP document (specifically the "Offer Requirements" section) we noted that eligible bids are required to include a completed System Impact Study (SIS) or equivalent. Is there any flexibility in this requirement, particularly for a large-scale portfolio of distribution-connected solar + storage resources? Could proof of an interconnection queue position be satisfactory?
    a. CC Power will evaluate projects not yet in the interconnection queue but intending to submit into QC16 in October 2026. These projects will not be eligible to be shortlisted for PPA negotiations, but CC Power may wish to sign an exclusivity agreement contingent on the project posting an exclusivity agreement deposit and meeting critical path development milestones.