

California Community Power 2026 Project Development Playbook RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there is a certain price range or level of effort contemplated for this proposal in its entirety? Or categorically e.g.: California energy project permitting? The logic behind this question is that this type of deliverable could be anywhere on the scale from extremely detailed (execution-ready) to high-level (informative towards business planning), with the former commanding a much higher level of effort, so it would be helpful for CCP to share its budget range expectations.
 - a. Response: CCP purposefully left out a proposed budget from the RFP to encourage Respondents to indicate what they see as a relevant scope for developing enough understanding about the budget, workstreams, staffing and third party resource needs, and timing of the pursuit of a greenfield development effort. CC Power may elect to break up the selected Respondent's proposed scope into an iterative phasing approach, starting initially higher level with a lower budget, before moving into a more detailed scope with more budget, upon securing further support from its members to continue with such activities. In response to the RFP, CC Power suggests Respondents provide their proposed scope for what they deem appropriate and actionable, but also tee up a scope consisting of a reduced level of detail that can still be used for budgetary and project planning purposes that may serve as a first phase. CC Power will entertain options for the first phase of between \$30,000 to \$100,000, and may elect to go into more detail thereafter with a bigger budget.
2. Can the required CAISO/California development experience through COD be demonstrated collectively by the Prime Consultant and its subcontractors or teaming partners?
 - a. Response: Yes, CCP will consider the experience of both prime consultant and subcontractors with respect to how the respondent describes the role of each.
3. Would CC Power consider an engineering/Owner's Engineering firm as Prime, supported by a development partner with direct CAISO solar+BESS experience through COD?
 - a. Response: Yes
4. Can the project finance qualifications, including tax equity and debt financing experience, be provided by a specialized subcontractor or teaming partner?
 - a. Response: Yes
5. Is a California PE license or any other California professional/business registration required for the Prime Consultant or any member of the proposed team?

- a. Response: A PE license is not required
- 6. If CC Power proceeds with a future greenfield or mid-stage project, could the Project Manager scope potentially be added to the selected Consultant's agreement, or would that work be procured separately?
 - a. Response: This work would be procured separately, but qualitative selection criteria of that procurement effort may include prior engagement experience
- 7. RESPONDENT QUALIFICATIONS: Section 2.2 requires demonstrated first-hand experience managing development of utility-scale solar generation and lithium-ion energy storage projects within CAISO, and also states that expertise need not reside in a single firm. Will CC Power consider a respondent whose own development experience is concentrated in distribution-interconnected California projects, with the utility-scale workstreams carried by named subcontractors, as meeting that requirement?
 - a. Response: Yes, CC Power will consider qualifications of subcontractors whose role in the project is clearly articulated
- 8. SUBCONTRACTOR PRESENTATION: Are letters of commitment expected with the proposal?
 - a. Response: While not required, if subcontractors are a critical part of a respondent's proposal it is expected that there is a mature commercial relationship between respondent and subcontractors.
- 9. INTERCONNECTION SCOPE: Should the Playbook address wholesale distribution interconnection under Rule 21 and WDAT in addition to the CAISO transmission interconnection process, or is the 100 MW reference case intended to hold scope to transmission?
 - a. Response: CC Power is primarily concerned with projects directly interconnecting to the transmission system, not the distribution system (i.e., excluding Rule 21 and WDAT projects).
- 10. PARTIAL AWARD: The RFP notes CC Power may select individual tasks or award to multiple respondents. Should the cost proposal price each deliverable category separately, and are any deliverables higher priority than others?
 - a. Response: Respondents should break down any major, distinct deliverables into discrete work items with their own cost estimates (e.g., cost of developing a complex project management and oversight tool should be separated out in case CC Power does not wish to include it within the scope).

CC Power will use the deliverables from this RFP to scope out budget, project plan, resources, and timeframes for what proceeding with a utility-owned solar plus storage resource will look like, and thus will emphasize deliverables relating to development workstreams, deliverables, timelines, costs, subject matter expertise, and risks over deliverables such as project controls,

communication frameworks, etc. that come more into the execution of the project plan.