



# Request for Proposals

for

Fuel Cell Electricity Generation Projects

of

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource")

and

The United Illuminating Company ("UI")

Issue Date: November 3, 2021

EVERSOURCE AND UI RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS OR PROPOSALS

THE COMPANIES ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO THIS RFP BASED ON PENDING REGULATORY DECISIONS. IN THE EVENT CHANGES ARE MADE, NOTICE OF SUCH CHANGES WILL BE POSTED AND HIGHLIGHTED ON THE COMPANIES' RESPECTIVE WEBSITES.

## 1 **GENERAL**.

- 1.1 **INTRODUCTION TO THE RFP.** The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy ("Eversource"), by its agent Northeast Utilities Service Company, and The United Illuminating Company ("UI") (each a "Company" and collectively the "Companies"), are hereby issuing this joint Request for Proposals ("RFP") in furtherance of Public Act No. 21-162, "An Act Concerning the Solicitation of New Fuel Cell Electricity Generation Projects" (the "Program") established pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244y.
  - **1.2 PROGRAM SUMMARY.** In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244y, the Companies are procuring renewable energy credits from new fuel cell electricity generation projects that began operation on or after July 1, 2021.
  - 1.3 **CAPITALIZED TERMS; HEADINGS.** Capitalized terms used but not defined in the body of this RFP have the meanings given to such terms in the Service Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Credits from Fuel Cell Electricity Generation Projects ("Service Agreement" 1). The headings to articles and sections throughout this RFP are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to all articles, sections and provisions of this RFP, and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this RFP or the Service Agreement.
  - 1.4 **INVITATION TO BID.** You are invited to submit a proposal ("Bid") as a bidder ("Bidder") to be considered for selection to be awarded a long-term agreement for the purchase of Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") produced by your Facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of a fully executed Service Agreement.
  - 1.5 **QUALIFICATION.** To be considered for selection, a Bid must meet all of the requirements set forth in Section 4, ("Bidder Eligibility Requirements"), and adhere to the schedule and other requirements set forth in Section 2, RFP Process.
  - 1.6 **EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA.** Each Company will base its independent evaluation and award(s) on (i) qualified Bids, (ii) total compensation, and (iii) compliance with the RFP Process.
  - 1.7 **PURA APPROVAL.** Any agreement entered into for the purchase of RECs pursuant to this solicitation is contingent upon obtaining Regulatory Approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") as set forth in the Service Agreement. Pursuant to applicable Connecticut General Statutes and PURA requirements, each Company will submit required information to PURA following the Bid award process. If any of the Bids and/or Service Agreements do not meet the objectives of PURA, PURA may reject the Bid(s) and Service Agreement(s). The Service Agreement addresses the possibility that PURA may not approve the Bid(s), and/or Service Agreement(s), and/or individual awards.
  - 1.8 **NATURE OF SOLICITATION**. The Companies will evaluate all conforming Bids; however, the Companies make no commitment to any Bidder that it will accept any Bid(s). The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Service Agreement may be updated between the issuance of this RFP and Service Agreement execution.

- Companies reserve the right to discontinue the RFP process at any time for any reason whatsoever. This is a Request for Proposals and not a binding offer to contract.
- 1.9 **SERVICE AGREEMENT.** In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Service Agreement or any other part of this RFP or RFP Process, the provisions of the Service Agreement are controlling. Bidders should review the Service Agreement thoroughly and submit their Bids based upon the terms and conditions of the Service Agreement, which will solely govern the transactions between the winning Bidders and their counterparty Company through the term of the resulting contracts.
- 1.10 **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The receiving Company agrees to treat Bids in a confidential manner and will use reasonable efforts, except as required by law or regulatory authority, not to disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than in connection with its evaluation of Bidder's participation in the solicitation process described herein. Bidders are hereby on notice that, subject to relevant PURA orders, all Bid submissions are subject to regulatory oversight and all Bids submitted by any Bidder may be publicly disclosed within the time periods set forth in such orders, as may any awarded contract in its entirety. The Companies suggest that Bidders familiarize themselves with the relevant orders, as these regulatory orders may change from time to time.

## 2 RFP PROCESS.

2.1 **SCHEDULE.** Attachment 1 hereto provides the schedule for this RFP ("Table 1"). The Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.

#### 2.2 BID SUBMISSION.

- 2.2.1 **Bid Forms**. Each Company will develop and maintain its own form to be used for Bid submission ("Bid Form").
- 2.2.2 Submission of Bids. Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Company-specific instructions provided by each Company. Bidders must comply with the instructions to ensure that their Bids are complete. In addition to completion of the Bid Form, Bidders must provide a Bid Certification Form and Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information and may be required to provide additional documentation as deemed necessary by the EDCs. Bidders who wish to claim the bid preferences for the use of technologies that are manufactured in Connecticut and/or located on Landfills or Brownfields will also be required to submit affidavits, as set forth in Section 2.3.3 below. These documents are defined and explained in Section 2.3, below. Specific instructions for how to provide these additional documents may vary by Company and are set forth in the Company-specific instructions.

**TO EVERSOURCE**: Bids must be submitted via the Eversource website. This website can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/save-money-energy/explore-alternatives/renewable-energy-credits/fuel-cell-projects

- 2.3 **BID DETAILS.** Bidders must submit their Bids by using the Bid Form, which contains the majority of the information necessary for the Companies to evaluate Bids. However, additional/supplemental information is or may be required as set forth below.
  - 2.3.1 "Bid Certification Form". This form is mandatory. Every Bid must be accompanied by an executed Bid Certification Form, which must contain three signatures, one by the Bidder, one by the Service Agreement Counterparty, and one by the owner of the project site. The Bid Certification Form is an integral part of the Bid, and Bids that do not include a complete and executed Bid Certification Form, including all required signatures, will not be considered. Each Company's website contains a Bid Certification Form with the Company-specific instructions as to how such form is to be submitted.

The Bid Certification Form consists of the following:

- Page 1 Instructions for completion of Pages 2 through 4
- Page 2 Bidder's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Bidder or a duly authorized representative of the Bidder is making a number of certifications, including that the information provided in the Bid is complete and accurate, and that the Bidder and the project meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this RFP as discussed in Section 4 below.
- Page 3 Service Agreement Counterparty's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Service Agreement Counterparty ("Seller") or a duly authorized representative of the Service Agreement Counterparty is making a number of certifications, including that the Seller has reviewed the statements and certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the project Bid are true and accurate to the best of the Seller's knowledge.
- Page 4 Affidavit of Owner of the Project Site's Notarized Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: The owner of the project site must sign this affidavit which is required to be witnessed by a Notary Public. By signing the affidavit, the owner of the project site or a duly authorized representative of the owner of the project site is making a number of affirmations and certifications, including that the owner of the project site has reviewed the statements and certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the project site are true and accurate to the best of the knowledge of the owner of the project site.

- Eversource requires that the Bid Certification Form must be attached to the Bid as one single PDF (.pdf) file prior to submission as part of the completed Bid. Both the Bid and Bid Certification Form are submitted at the same time.
- UI requires that the Bid Certification Form and all other required documents be uploaded on the last page of the online Bid in accordance with UI's bid form instructions, as posted on UI's LREC/ZREC RFP web page. The most current UI Bid Certification form on UI's Fuel Cell Procurement web page must be used.
- 2.3.2 "Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification". This form is mandatory. Each Bid is required to include a calculation of the Average Annual Production for the Facility by a Connecticut licensed Professional Engineer "certifying" the system size and average annual production for its project, based on the typical facility conditions for an average year ("PE Certification"). The Companies will not provide a form of PE Certification, but any such form must comply with the guidelines in this section and must include project-specific information including but not limited to project size, and a complete project site address. For purposes of Section 2.3.2 of this RFP, "certifying", "certify" and/or "certification" means an expression of professional opinion by a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer regarding facts or findings that are the subject of the certification and does not constitute an express or implied warranty or guarantee. For all other provisions of this RFP, the terms "certifying", "certify" and/or "certification" have their typical and customary meanings. The Companies reserve the right to seek additional information related to a PE Certification, and to reject average annual production calculations that are not reasonable in the Companies' sole judgment and discretion.
- 2.3.3 Affidavits and/or Certification that Project Meets Bid Preference Criteria. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244(y) states that "projects shall be selected utilizing a competitive process that gives preference to fuel cell electricity generation projects that utilize equipment manufactured in the state or sited on brownfields, as defined in Section 32-760, or landfills." To the extent that Bidder's project satisfies one or more such criteria and Bidder elects to claim such preference(s), Bidder is required to include one or more affidavit(s) and/or certification(s) with supporting description in this Form.
  - 2.3.3.1 Bidder's Affidavit that Project Uses Connecticut Manufactured Generation Technologies. This affidavit must be from Bidder identifying the technology to be used and the name and address of the Connecticut company (or companies) where the Manufacturing was conducted. This affidavit must confirm that no less than 50% of the total value of the generation technology to be installed was or will be Manufactured in Connecticut, as such term is defined below.

- 2.3.3.2 Technology Supplier's Affidavit that it Supplies Connecticut Manufactured Generation Technologies. This affidavit must be from an officer of the Connecticut company, indicating the company's name and address and certifying that the generation technology that the Bidder proposes to install was or will be Manufactured at its facilities in Connecticut. This affidavit must also identify the technology and confirm that no less than 50% of the value of the technology to be installed was or will be Manufactured in Connecticut, as such term is defined below.
- 2.3.3.3 Bidder's Certification that Project will be Installed on a Landfill or Brownfield. For projects built on either Landfills or Brownfields to qualify for the bid preference, the project must be wholly located on either a Landfill or Brownfield. However, if the size of the Landfill or Brownfield cannot accommodate the entire project footprint, then the project can still be eligible to receive the qualitative preference, provided at least 75% of the total project footprint is within the Landfill or Brownfield, and the entire Landfill or Brownfield land that is legally and technically available for development is utilized. Such designation shall be explained in Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information. The EDC's reserve the right to consult with DEEP regarding the qualification for the Landfill or Brownfield bid preference.
- 2.3.3.4 "Manufactured" shall mean "[T]he activity of converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing the form, composition, quality or character of the property for ultimate sale at retail or use in the manufacturing of a product to be ultimately sold at retail. Changing the quality of property includes any substantial overhaul of the property that results in a significantly greater service life than such property would have had in the absence of such overhaul or with significantly greater functionality within the original service life of the property, beyond merely restoring the original functionality for the balance of the original service life."
- 2.3.3.5 "Brownfield" has the same definition as is contained in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 32-760: "any abandoned or underutilized site where redevelopment, reuse or expansion has not occurred due to the presence or potential presence of pollution in the buildings, soil or groundwater that requires investigation or remediation before or in conjunction with the restoration, redevelopment, reuse and expansion of the property".
- 2.3.3.6 "Landfill" means any property that is listed on the Closed Landfills list, available at: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/site">https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/site</a> clean up/brownfields/closedlandfillslistpdf.pdf.
- 2.3.3.7 The submission of the complete and accurate affidavits and/or certification as noted below may result in the bid for that project being discounted by the following percentages for evaluation purposes:

- 2.3.3.7.1 Manufactured Affidavits: Any Bidder who is determined by the EDC to meet the criteria for the Manufactured bid preference, as evidenced by the EDC's review of both the Bidder's Affidavit that Project Uses Connecticut Manufactured Generation Technologies and the Technology Supplier's Affidavit that it Supplies Connecticut Manufactured Generation Technologies shall qualify for a bid preference equal to ten percent (10%) for evaluation purposes. For example, a \$100 bid for a project that meets the Manufactured criteria would be evaluated using a bid price of \$90; Bidder would still receive \$100 under the agreement if selected as a winning Bidder.
- 2.3.3.7.2 Landfill or Brownfield Affidavit: Any Bidder who is determined by the EDC to meet the criteria for the Landfill or Brownfield bid preference, as evidenced by the EDC's review of the information included in Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information shall qualify for a bid preference equal to twenty percent (20%) for evaluation purposes. For example, a \$100 bid for a project that meets the Landfill or Brownfield criteria would be evaluated using a bid price of \$80; Bidder would still receive \$100 under the agreement if selected as a winning Bidder.
- 2.3.3.7.3 Bidders shall be eligible to qualify for either or both of these bid preferences. For purposes of clarification, the following are the only combinations of bid preferences available to eligible customers, and will result in the bid preference amounts as described below:
  - Manufactured only 10%
  - Brownfield only 20%
  - Landfill only 20%
  - Manufactured and Brownfield 30%
  - Manufactured and Landfill 30%
- 2.3.4 **Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information.** This form is mandatory. Every Bid must be accompanied by an executed Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information form. Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information is an integral part of the Bid, and Bids that do not include a complete and executed Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information, will not be considered. This form will be used to determine if a project will be "standalone" or serving load, if a project meets any of the three criteria outlined in Section 1(c) of Public Act 21-162, and/or if a project qualifies for any of the Bid Preferences.

2.3.5 **Customer Bill:** For any projects proposed at a site with existing customer electric service, a copy of the most recent customer bill must be submitted as an attachment to the Bid.

## 3 **BID EVALUATION.**

- 3.1 The Companies will base their evaluations on total compensation, with any ties to be settled through a random selection process.
  - 3.1.1 Total compensation will be determined by adding the REC price submitted by the bidder, and adjusted for the applicable bid preference, plus the current value of energy compensation. The Companies will assume that the retail rate will escalate 2.5% per year over the twenty-year term. The current energy compensation for all Fuel Cell Solicitation bids is intended for bid evaluation purposes only. Fuel Cell Solicitation projects will receive only the as-bid REC value payments under this tariff. The current energy compensation will be calculated in the following manner:

For behind-the-meter Fuel Cell Solicitation projects, the current energy compensation for purposes of bid evaluation, will be based on the previous 12-month average of the published standard service rate for the rate class indicated on the most recent customer bill plus the 12-month average of all per kWh retail bill charges for the customer's rate class.

For projects that will be behind-the-meter, where there is currently no customer revenue meter at the site or established rate, but where there will be electric service in the future (i.e., will be located behind a revenue meter), otherwise known as a "New Construction" project, the current energy compensation for purposes of bid evaluation will be based on the previous 12-month average of the most reasonable currently published kWh energy rate plus the 12-month average of all per kWh retail bill charges for the rate class that is likely to be applied to the project site as determined by the EDC.

For "standalone" Fuel Cell Solicitation bids, the current energy compensation for purposes of bid evaluation will be based on the previous 12-month average of Eversource's Rate 980 and UI's SG-2 Rate, and will also escalate 2.5% per year over the twenty-year term.

Example Rate Calculations: The following shows example rate comparisons for three Eversource rates. The highlighted cells are bid prices provided by bidders while all other cells are calculated based on the processes discussed above.

Eversource Rate 30		Bid Price (\$/REC)	Current Energy compensation (\$MWh)	Bid Price (\$MWh+\$/REC)	Bid Preference	Evaluated Bid Price (\$/MWh+\$/REC)
	behind-the-meter	\$19	\$96.90	\$115.90	10%	\$104.31

Eversource Rate 37		Bid Price (\$/REC)	Current Energy compensation (\$MWh)	Bid Price (\$MWh+\$/REC)	Bid Preference	Evaluated Bid Price (\$/MWh+\$/REC)
	behind-the-meter	\$19	\$102.60	\$156.00	10%	\$140.40

Eversource Rate 56		Bid Price (\$/REC)	Current Energy compensation (\$MWh)	Bid Price (\$MWh+\$/REC)	Bid Preference	Evaluated Bid Price (\$/MWh+\$/REC)
	behind-the-meter	\$19	\$93.60	\$140.00	10%	\$126.00

Eversource Rate 980		Bid Price (\$/REC)	Current Energy compensation (\$MWh)	Bid Price (\$MWh+\$/REC)	Bid Preference	Evaluated Bid Price (\$/MWh+\$/REC)
	"standalone"	\$19	\$30.00	\$49.00	10%	\$44.10

- 3.1.2 For winning Bids, upon notification by electronic mail of its selection as a winning Bidder, Bidder agrees that the Pricing component(s) of its Bid(s) shall remain binding until a Service Agreement is fully executed.
- 3.1.3 As provided in the Service Agreement, Bidder(s) must provide Performance Assurance at the time of Bid submission. The amount shall be based upon the following formula: Project Size in kW (AC) \* \$25.00.
- **4 BIDDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**. All Bids must meet the following eligibility requirements set forth below. Specifically, Bids will be considered from a Qualified Bidder with respect to RECs created or to be created from an Eligible Facility. Failure to meet any of these requirements could lead to disqualification of the Bid from further review and evaluation.
  - 4.1 **RFP RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS.** To be eligible for evaluation, Bidder's Bid must be:
    - 4.1.1 Received by a Company prior to RFP deadline; and
    - 4.1.2 Complete, in that all sections of the Bid Form noted as required must be filled in properly, all applicable documents as outlined in Section 2.3 are submitted by the Bid deadline either via the online bid portal or via email to the respective EDC.
  - 4.2 **SITE CONTROL.** Submission of the completed Bid Certification Form, including the affidavit from the owner of the project site, represents site control.
  - 4.3 **ELIGIBLE FACILITY.** 
    - 4.3.1 Bidder's Facility must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.2 of this RFP.

#### 5 **PROGRAM INFORMATION.**

#### 5.1 FUEL CELL PROJECT DESCRIPTION.

- 5.1.1 Qualified projects are Connecticut fuel cell electricity generation projects, located behind Company customer revenue meters, that achieve commercial operation on or after July 1, 2021, that have emissions of no more than 0.07 pounds per MWh of nitrogen oxides, 0.10 pounds per MWh of carbon monoxide, 0.02 pounds per MWh of volatile organic compounds, and one grain per 100 standard cubic feet. Fuel cell electricity generation projects may be no larger than each EDC's proportional allocation of the statutory limit of 30 MW. For purposes of clarification, Eversource's allocation will be 24 MW, and United Illuminating's allocation will be 6MW.
- 5.1.2 Fuel cell electricity generation projects must qualify as Connecticut Class I renewable energy sources under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-1(a)(26).

#### 5.2 PROJECT ELIGIBILITY.

- 5.2.1 Eligible projects must be located behind the Companies' customer revenue meter for behind-the-meter projects or "standalone" projects.
- 5.2.2 Projects proposed must seek and gain approval to interconnect to the contracting Company's distribution system through the standard Company interconnection process. Projects must meet Company Guidelines for Interconnection ("Guidelines") that have been approved by PURA. The interconnection process is separate and distinct from the Program.
- 5.2.3 Each project must have a separate meter dedicated to the measurement of the project's energy output for the purpose of determining the quantity of Connecticut Class I RECs (the "Production Meter"), and such meter must meet the metering requirements established by NEPOOL GIS and the Company whose service territory the project is located. Bidders should note that the Companies have different metering requirements available on the respective Company's website, and Bidders should familiarize themselves with those requirements. Projects may have additional metering requirements separate and distinct from the Production Meter requirement. These additional metering requirements are not a part of the Program, and Bidders must meet all such requirements.
- 5.2.4 A bid for a single project behind one customer revenue meter cannot exceed 24,000 kW (AC) nameplate capacity for Eversource and 6,000 kW (AC) nameplate capacity for United Illuminating. For the purpose of this Program, nameplate capacity is defined as the aggregate nameplate rating (converted, if necessary, to kW AC).
- 5.2.5 During any single solicitation, for any single project site, the Companies will evaluate only one Bid for a fuel cell electricity generation project.

- 5.2.6 Projects may not be "split" into smaller bids to allow projects over the nameplate capacities described in Section 5.2.4 to qualify.
- 5.2.7 The aggregate maximum capacity of all Bids located on a single parcel of land, or contiguous parcels under common ownership or with a common Bidder, shall be limited to twenty-four thousand (24,000) kW (AC) for Eversource, and six thousand (6,000) kW (AC) for United Illuminating. Any subdivision of parcels must be recorded with the municipality in which such parcel is located prior to January 1, 2021. If multiple Bids are received for a parcel of land that was not subdivided before January 1, 2021, or for which a subdivision was not recorded with the municipality in which such parcel is located prior to January 1, 2021, only the lowest priced Bid will be eligible, and all other Bids will be disqualified. At the time of bidding, the Bidder offering multiple Bids at a parcel must demonstrate such recording with the municipality to the appropriate EDC.
- 5.2.8 Projects must be in service on or after July 1, 2021 to be eligible.
- 5.2.9 Projects may also contemplate EDC ownership.
- 5.2.10 Selected Project(s) shall have three (3) calendar years from Service Agreement Approval Date to receive Approval to Energize from the EDC.
- 5.2.11 Bidders may not submit Bids for the same project, or for multiple projects on the same parcel(s) of land, for consideration in both this RFP and either the annual SCEF RFP or the annual Non-Residential Tariff Program RFP. If Bids are received for the same project or multiple projects on the same parcel(s) of land for consideration in both this RFP and the annual SCEF RFP or Non-Residential Tariff Program RFP, the Companies will allow the first Bid submitted, regardless of the program it was submitted to, to remain active, and all other Bids will be disqualified.

#### 6 CODE OF CONDUCT/COMMUNICATIONS.

- 6.1 The evaluation of this RFP will be conducted in a manner to ensure all Bidders are treated in a fair and consistent manner. The evaluation criteria and timing of the bidding process will be the same for all Bidders.
- 6.2 Bidder Questions:
  - 6.2.1 The Companies will be available throughout this RFP process to receive questions. Such questions should be submitted directly to the program administrators at the following addresses and shall be submitted at least one week prior to the Bid due date to allow adequate time for the EDCs to respond:

Eversource: ctrenewables@eversource.com

UI: uipower@uinet.com

6.3 Each of the Companies adheres strictly to a Code of Conduct for affiliate transactions promulgated by the PURA.

# **Attachment 1**

TABLE 1 - RFP Schedule\*

ACTION ITEM	DATE			
Release of RFP	November 3, 2021			
Bid Forms Due	November 18, 2021 by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time "EPT"), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable, and binding.			
Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders	On or about December 3, 2021			
Service Agreement Execution	After Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders. Bidders will have to return partially executed Service Agreements by the date established by the Companies which is expected to be approximately 5 business days.			
Service Agreement(s) Filed with PURA	On or about January 3, 2022 <sup>2</sup>			
Commencement of Service	In accordance with Service Agreements			

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to Section 2.1 of the RFP, Schedule, the Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.

 $^2$  In the event that January 3, 2022 is a holiday for either of the EDC's and/or a holiday for the State of Connecticut, Service Agreements shall be filed on or about January 4, 2022.

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# **Attachment 2: Supplemental Bid Information**

<u>This form is mandatory</u> and must be submitted in the final step of the Bid process, or sent via email to the EDC in whose territory you are submitting the Bid (i.e. to Eversource at <a href="mailto:ctrenewables@eversource.com">ctrenewables@eversource.com</a> or to UI at <a href="UIPower@uinet.com">UIPower@uinet.com</a>), before the bid deadline of 1:00pm EST on November 18, 2021. Failure to comply with the aforementioned instructions will result in disqualification of your Bid.

Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the RFP and/or the Terms and Conditions.

# Please provide detailed answers to the following questions:

- 1. Will this project be "standalone", or will it be serving load? Please explain.
- 2. If the project will be serving load, and it is new construction (i.e. does not currently have a revenue meter at the site but will in the future), please also provide responses to the following questions:
  - a. Please describe the entity who will ultimately be the customer of record with the EDC. Will they be a business or residence? Commercial, industrial, manufacturer, condominium complex, box store, etc.?
  - b. Please describe the expected energy usage/demand providing as much available detail as possible.
- 3. Please explain how your project meets the following criteria. Note: If your project is "standalone," it <u>must</u> either provide emergency service facilities with back-up power (item b below) or enhance distribution system reliability (item c below) pursuant to PURA's October 6, 2021 Interim Decision in Docket No. 21-08-08.
  - a. Facility will be providing commercial or industrial electric or gas customers with on-site generation that increases power quality or resilience, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-243y, or reduces energy costs for such customers.
  - b. Facility will be providing emergency service facilities or commercial or industrial electric or gas customers with back-up power.
  - c. Facility will be enhancing distribution system reliability, including, but not limited to, electric voltage or frequency improvements, support of microgrids or other measures that support electric or gas system resiliency. The authority shall evaluate any projects submitted pursuant to this section in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-19 and 16-19e.

- 4. Please explain how your project qualifies for any of the following Bid Preferences, if applicable:
  - a. Sited on a Brownfield. If claiming this Bid Preference, you must also include a site map indicating the site address, and site description.<sup>3</sup>
  - b. Sited on a Landfill. If claiming this Bid Preference, you must attach a copy of the Closed Landfills List with your project site highlighted or circled, as well as a site map indicating the site address and site description.<sup>3</sup>
  - c. Projects claiming to utilize equipment Manufactured in the state of Connecticut are required to submit both the Bidder and Technology Supplier Affidavits which may suffice as an explanation for meeting such Bid Preference.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note: the EDCs will consult with DEEP to determine if the project meets the appropriate qualifying criteria for the landfill and brownfield preferences. All information transmitted to DEEP in furtherance of this determination, including the response to this question along with the attached site map and any other attachments pertaining to the applicability of this Bid Preference, may be subject to disclosure under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). By submitting confidential information to the EDCs in order to qualify for the landfill or brownfield bid preferences, the bidder acknowledges that the FOIA governs the public's accessibility to that information. If such confidential information is responsive to a FOIA request, the bidder will have the opportunity to redact information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIA prior to production by DEEP.