

# Guidelines and Instructions for Accessing and Completing the UI Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Bid Portal for Year 2 August

The United Illuminating Company ("UI") must receive the \$300 Non-Refundable NRES Bid Application fee and the applicable Performance Assurance on or before September 14, 2023 by 1:00 PM for the Bid to be considered complete for Medium and Large Zero Emission Projects, and Low Emission Projects. Small Zero Emission Projects are encouraged to submit the \$300 Non-Refundable NRES Bid Application fee and applicable Performance Assurance as early as possible in order to determine the Bid's place in the Submission queue. Bids will not be considered eligible until both the Bid Form Submission and the Payments are received. Please see the Year 2 Performance Assurance + Bid Fee Instructions document for further guidance on submitting these requirements.

This document provides step by step instructions on how to submit Bids for Small Zero Emission, Medium Zero Emission, Large Zero Emission, and Low Emission Projects in the UI service territory in response to the Request for Proposals issued jointly by UI and Eversource on August 1, 2023 (the "RFP"). The information provided herein is intended to enhance the reader's understanding of the required information as provided in the RFP, the Terms and Conditions, and the Program Rules.

In the event of inconsistency between the provision of this document, the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions RFP or any other supporting information, the provisions of the Tariff Agreement are controlling. Bidders should review the Tariff Agreement, and all associated documents thoroughly and submit their Bids based upon the Tariff Agreement, which will solely govern the transaction between the Bidder and The United Illuminating Company ("UI") through the term of the resulting agreement.

All qualified parties who submit Bids to UI for NRES Tariff Agreements must complete and submit the UI Bid Form. Please note that only completed NRES Bids submitted using the online NRES Bid Form on the PowerClerk website will be evaluated by UI. The Bid Form is an online form that can be found linked <u>here</u>.

Log In	
Username:	
example@company.com	
Password:	
Log In	
Forgot Password? Register a new account	

If you are a new user to PowerClerk, click on the Register a new account link.

Fill in the basic user information required to Register and determine whether to Register as an Applicant for the (UI-CT) Avangrid Renewable Energy Solutions Program. This account can also be registered for the Connecticut Electric Vehicle Charging Program, but this guide will not provide any information relevant for the Connecticut Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

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If you already have a PowerClerk account and would like to register for applying within this program, please log in and visit the Add Programs page under the Settings menu.

This document outlines the Non-Residential Bid Portal, step-by-step, and provides instructions for completing the Bid portion of the Non-Residential Bid Form and providing the required attachments for a complete Bid submission. Please read this guide prior to filling out the Bid Form. All steps below are mandatory unless indicated otherwise.

## **Helpful Tips**

- All fields indicated with a red \* (asterisk) are required.
- Click on each of the blue (?) dots to reveal helpful tips for guiding you through the application.
- Your information is automatically saved.
- When logging in and out of PowerClerk you will pick up where you left off in this application.
- Navigate the application by using the "Next" or "Back" buttons at the bottom of the page, or the numbered page boxes at the top.

#### **Choosing the Correct Application**

Use the 'New Non-Residential Bid' button to begin a new NRES Bid submission. Click on the

blue button as pictured here to begin Bid Form:

• Under Application Type: Non-Residential Bid must be selected, or you will not be able to proceed with the Bid Form.

New Non-Residential Bid

Application Type *	
O Residential - 25kW and Less	
<ul> <li>Fast Track &amp; Study</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Non-Residential Bid</li> </ul>	

#### Non-Residential Bid Form

## 1. Contact Information for Bid

Contacts in this section will be used as Tariff Agreement contacts for the 20-year term of the Agreement. Make sure to fill them in as accurately as possible and provide **at least two** distinct individuals for ease of contact and to avoid missed communications from UI. The 'New Contact' button can be used to re-purpose contact information from one contact information field to another.

New Contact
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**Bidder Information:** The Bidder shall mean the individual or business submitting a proposal (or "Bid") to be considered to be selected for the EDC to purchase energy and RECs produced by the Project over the duration of the applicable Tariff.

- **Bidder Contact Primary** All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Bidder Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.
- **Bidder Contact Secondary** This is an optional set of fields to enter any additional contact information for a Bidder. The Secondary Bidder Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code can be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.

**Legal Information:** The Legal contact should be the individual or business that will be contacted in future for legal inquiries regarding the Agreement

• Legal Contact - All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Legal Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.

**Performance Assurance Information:** The Performance Assurance contact should be the individual or business who will be available for inquiries about the required Performance Assurance.

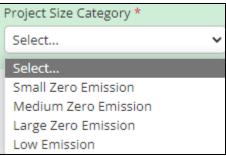
• **Performance Assurance Contact** - All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Performance Assurance Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.

**Payment Information**: The Payment Contact should be the individual or business who will be available for inquiries about On-Bill Credits and/or Off-Bill Direct Payments.

• **Payment Contact** - All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Payment Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.

## 2. Project Information

• **Project Size Category** - Choose the Size Category for which you are applying for a Tariff Agreement. The size should align with the planned Installed Capacity of the Project. See the screenshot below for the size category options.



• **Technology** – Choose the Technology type for which you are applying for a Tariff Agreement. See the screenshot below for the Technology Type Options.

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Select	
Solar Single Axis	
Solar Dual Axis	
Solar Fixed Tilt	
Fuel Cell	
Wind	
Hydro	
Anaerobic Digestion	
Other	

- If 'Anaerobic Digestion' or 'Other' is chosen you will be expected to upload a PE Certification Form that explains the Capacity Factor being used for either of these Technology Types.
- **Other Technology** If 'Other' is chosen in the **Technology** field, indicate in the text box what kind of technology will be utilized by this Project.
  - **Does this Class I renewable energy source emit carbon?** If 'Other' is chosen in the **Technology** field, indicate 'Yes' or 'No' as to whether this energy source emits carbon or not.
- Upload Certification of Carbon Neutrality If 'Fuel Cell,' or 'Anaerobic Digestion,' are chosen in the Technology Field, or 'Other' is chosen and 'Yes' is chosen for the field Does this Class I renewable energy source emit carbon? Then the Certification of Carbon Neutrality must be filled out and signed must be uploaded as a .pdf file.

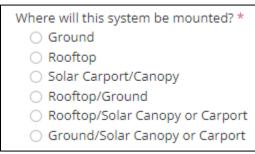
- Project Size (MW AC) All Bids must indicate the Project Size in MW AC. This Project Size must respect the Project Size Category indicated in the Project Size Category field. This value must be entered in AC or Alternating Current, versus DC or Direct Current.
  - The **Project Size (MW AC)** field will feed into the **Project Size (kW AC)** which will indicate the Project Size in kW AC.
  - The Project Size (MW AC) field will feed into the Total Performance
     Assurance + Bid Fee Required (\$) calculation that will indicate the amount that must be sent to UI via ACH or Wire at time of Bid
     Submission. Please see the Year 2 Performance Assurance + Bid Fee
     Instructions document on the <u>RFP for NRES</u> webpage for more details.
- Estimated In-Service Date All Bids must indicate the date that the Project is estimated to receive Approval to Energize. This date is non-binding.
- Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service? – If the Bid being submitted is a Project that is 'New Construction' choose 'New Construction without UI Account' and if the Bid being submitted is a Project that is based at an 'Existing Service' UI Account, choose 'New Project with Existing Account.'

**Owner of Project Site Information:** The Owner of Project site must also be the signatory of page 4 of the Bid Certification Form and own the Project Site. For SAM Bids, the Owner of the Project Site must be a SAM entity.

- **Owner of Project Site Contact** All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Owner of Project Site Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.
- Proposed Project Site (New Construction) This field will be required to be filled out if the Bid being submitted chooses 'New Construction without UI Account' in the Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service? Field. This address will be considered the Project Site Address and Town/City for the submitted Bid.

The project must be located in and/or interconnecting within UI territory. Any bid submitted outside of UI territory will be considered ineligible in the UI bid portal.

• Where will this system be mounted? Choose the option that best reflects where the Project will be located. See the screenshot below for options.



System Capacity located on Solar Canopy/Carport (MW AC) If 'Solar Carport/Canopy', 'Rooftop/Solar Canopy or Carport', or 'Ground/Solar Canopy or Carport' is chosen, then the portion of the Total Project Size (MW AC) that is located on a Solar Canopy/Carport must be indicated here in MW AC. This number must be equal to or less than the Project Size (MW AC) field.

System Capacity located on Solar Canopy/Carport (MW AC) \*

- Will the Rooftop system be sized to expected or existing load, or oversized to the available area of the Rooftop? If 'Rooftop' is chosen, then the Project must indicate whether it will be sized to the load available at the Revenue Meter or the Project will be oversized to the available area of the Rooftop. If 'Oversized to the available area of the Rooftop' is selected, then no load data nor PE Certification Forms will be required to be entered into the Bid Submission. 'Netting Tariff' cannot be chosen for the **Tariff Type** field if the option 'Oversized to the available area of the Rooftop' is chosen in the **Will the Rooftop system be sized to expected** or existing load, or oversized to the available area of the **Rooftop?** field.
- Is Existing Generation being Removed? Indicate 'Yes' if there is currently existing generation that will be removed from the Project Site within 5 years of bid submission and the submitted Project size is currently greater than the net load at a Project Site for this reason. An explanation of this scenario must be provided if 'Yes' is given for this response, a PE Certification Explanation Form generated from this response, and a CT Licensed Professional Engineer Certification which certifies the anticipated Customer load at the Project Site must be provided.
- Is this a New Construction Project that is associated with a non-SAM Customer? Indicate 'Yes' if the Bid being submitted is New Construction and the Customer is not considered a SAM Customer. These types of Bids are required to provide an explanation of the scenario, a PE Certification Explanation Form generated from this response, and a CT Licensed Professional Engineer Certification which certifies the anticipated Customer load at the Project Site, and

how such Project shall be sized so as not to exceed such anticipated Customer load at the Project Site.

- Will the system be sized to accommodate additional Beneficial Electrification Measures in the next 5 (five) years? Indicate 'Yes' if the Bid being submitted indicates at the time of Bid Submission that their load is expected to increase in accordance with transportation electrification (i.e., electric vehicles) and fuel switching (i.e., air source heat pumps) over the five years following Bid submission. An explanation must be provided of the measures being installed and around what time period if 'Yes' is given for this response. These types of Bids are also required to provide a PE Certification Explanation Form generated from this response and upload a CT Licensed Professional Engineer Certification which certifies the anticipated Customer load at the Project Site.
  - How many Beneficial Electrification Technologies? This field will be required to be answered if 'Yes' is indicated in the Will the system be sized to accommodate additional Beneficial Electrification Measures in the next 5 (five) years? field. Indicate how many kinds of Beneficial Electrification Technologies are planned, between 1 to 10. If more than 10 kinds of Beneficial Electrification Technologies are planned, they can be indicated in the CT Licensed Professional Engineer Certification Upload.
    - For each Beneficial Electrification Technology, the Bidder must indicate the Technology Type, Expected Annual Load (kw AC), and the Number of Units for the given Technology. Each measure will have the total kWh summed up automatically in the Total kWh for BE Measure field.
- **Provide an explanation for the Alternative Capacity Factor of the Project** If the Project has indicated in the Technology field will be 'Anaerobic Digestion' or 'Other' then an explanation of the technology must be submitted for the Alternative Capacity Factor of the Technology. These types of Bids are also required to provide a PE Certification Explanation Form generated from this response and upload a CT Licensed Professional Engineer Certification which certifies the production of the Project.
- The PE Certification Explanation Form will be generated from responses to the four following fields, if they are applicable to the Bid: Is Existing Generation being Removed? Is this a New Construction Project that is associated with a non-SAM Customer? Will the system be sized to accommodate additional Beneficial Electrification Measures in the next 5 (five) years? or Provide an explanation for the Alternative Capacity Factor of the Project. The PE Certification Explanation Form can be previewed after responding to one or more of the above fields, downloading the file. The file, if confirmed to be accurate,

PE Certification Expla	nation Form * 😢	
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must then be attached to this Upload field by using the 'Browse' button and attaching it from the Downloads folder of the computer.

- Has the Customer of Record been located at the Revenue Meter for less than 12 Months or is there less than 12 months of load available at the Revenue Meter? Indicate 'Yes' if the Customer of Record has been located at the Revenue Meter where the Project is located for less than 12 months, or less than 12 months of load is available at the Revenue Meter. This is not applicable for Bids that are 'New Construction without UI Account'.
- Historical Load or Expected New Construction Load (Not Including BE Measures) (kWh) Unless the Project is a Rooftop Project that is also 'Oversized to the available area of the Rooftop' then the Bid must indicate the Annual Load in kWh not inclusive of planned Beneficial Electrification Measures. Either the highest 12 months of cumulative load should be provided, or the planned load based on the New Construction Project's PE Certificate. In the case of SAM Projects, provide the total 12 months of cumulative load across the Beneficial Accounts that the Project is being sized to. The Proof of this load must be provided as either a CT Licensed
- Estimated Annual Production of Project (kWh) All Bids must provide the Estimated Annual Production of the System in kWh based on standard capacity factors or the Alternative Capacity Factor provided on the CT Licensed PE Certification in the case of an 'Anaerobic Digestion' or 'Other' type of Project.
- Upload CT Licensed PE Certification for Existing Load Being Removed and/or New Construction Non-SAM Projects and/or Planned Beneficial Electrification Load If 'Yes' is indicated for Existing Load is being Removed within five years, the Bid is a New Construction Non-SAM Project, and/or Planned Beneficial Electrification Load will materialize within five years of Bid Submission, then a CT licensed PE Certification should be uploaded as a .pdf file. This document must be signed and stamped by a CT Licensed Professional Engineer.
- Upload CT Licensed PE Certification for Alternative Capacity Factor of the **Project** If in the Technology field 'Anaerobic Digestion' or 'Other' is selected, then a CT licensed PE Certification with the alternative capacity factor for the Bid should be uploaded as a .pdf file.
- Historical Load for Existing Project Site or SAM Project Site If the Project is not a Rooftop Project that is 'Oversized to the available area of the Rooftop' and is not 'New Construction without UI Account' then the Bid must provide the highest 12 months of cumulative load for the Project Site using one of the three available 12 month usage templates available on the <u>RFP for NRES</u> webpage. For Single Accounts, use the 12 Month Template Single Account, for multiple accounts, use the 12 Month Template Multiple Accounts, and for multiple accounts combined for billing purposes, use the 12 Month Template Multiple Accounts (12 consecutive)

months of load data for each of up to five Beneficial Accounts must be provided to support the Bid in the form of the **12 Month Template – Multiple Accounts**.

Total Installed Costs and Components Data must be collected for Reporting Purposes in the following fields for all Bids submitted into the NRES Program

- **Hardware Costs** Fill in a dollar amount corresponding to the equipment associated with the Project.
- **Labor Costs** Fill in a dollar amount corresponding to the labor associated with the Project
- **Soft Costs** Fill in a dollar amount corresponding to the non-hardware costs associated with the Project such as permitting, financing, or installing.
- **System Total Installed Costs** Fill in a dollar amount corresponding to the total costs associated with the Project.
- **Installed Cost per Watt (\$) (Optional)** Fill in a dollar amount corresponding to the installed cost per watt of the Project. This field is not mandatory.

## 3. Customer of Record Information

**Customer of Record Information:** The Customer of Record will be the individual or entity on the Tariff Agreement. The Tariff Agreement will be exclusively between the Customer of Record and United Illuminating.

- **Customer of Record Contact** All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Customer of Record Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.
- **Customer of Record Type** Specify per the drop-down list how the Customer of Record can best be classified as a Corporation, Limited Partnership, LLP, LLC, Partnership, Individual, or Other. This is optional.
  - **Other Customer of Record Type** If 'Other' is selected in the Customer Type field then the specific kind of Customer should be clarified in this field. This is optional.
- **Business Website of Customer of Record** If the Customer of Record has a business website, then this website can be indicated in this field. This is optional.
- **Proposed Project Site Address** If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with existing UI Account' in the **Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service?** field, then the Bid will need to clarify the Proposed Project Site Address as it appears on the UI Bill. See below for reference as to where the Site Address can be found, highlighted in orange.
- **Customer of Record** The Bid will need to clarify the Company Name or Individual Name as it appears on the UI Bill or, in the case of New Construction

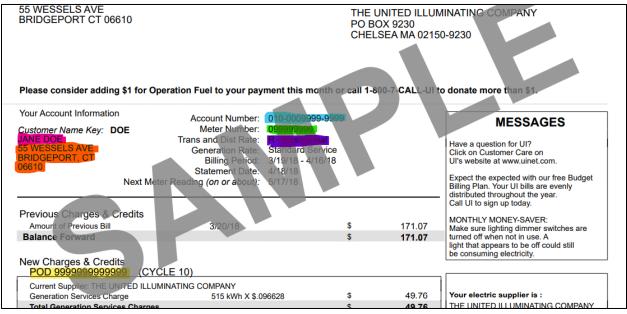
Bids, the Expected Customer of Record at the Project Site. This name should be entered as it appears on the most recent UI Customer Bill if it is for an existing UI Account. See below for reference as to where the Customer of Record Name can be found, highlighted in pink.

- **UI Account Number** If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with existing UI Account' in the **Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service?** field, enter the twelve-digit UI Account Number for the UI Account of the Customer of Record following the instructions outlined in the Bid Form, omitting the dashes and the first and last digits. See the sample bill for reference as to where the UI Account Number can be found, highlighted in blue.
- **POD ID** (**Point of Delivery ID**) If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with existing UI Account' in the **Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service?** field, enter the thirteen-digit UI POD ID for the UI Account of the Customer of Record as it appears on the most recent UI Customer Bill. See the sample bill for reference as to where the POD ID can be found, highlighted in yellow.
- Utility Meter Number If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with existing UI Account' in the Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service? field, enter the nine-digit UI Revenue Meter for the above-entered UI Account Number of the Customer of Record. This meter must be currently installed at the Project Site. This number can be found on the most recent UI Bill for the Customer of Record. See the sample Bill for reference as to where the Meter Number can be found, highlighted in green.
- Rate Class If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with • existing UI Account' in the Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service? field, select the appropriate Rate Class in the drop-down list for the above-entered UI Account Number of the Customer of Record. This Rate Class can be found on the most recent UI Bill for the Customer of Record. See the sample bill for reference as to where the Rate Class can be found, highlighted in purple. To determine whether a Retail Rate is Demand or Non-Demand, then the UI Bill must be examined further. Looking at the Distribution per kW Line Items, if there are values present then the Account is a 'Demand' account and if there are no values present then the Account is 'Non-Demand.' For Netting Bids, the Rate Class is key in terms of confirming your REC Price Cap for Medium or Large Zero Emission or Low Emission Bids. The Rate Class is also key in terms of confirming the Small Zero Emission Tariff Rate for Netting Bids. Make sure that the proper Rate Class is entered into the Bid Form or the Bid Price Cap field will be configured incorrectly in the Tariff Compensation Page of the Bid Form.

#### Select...

GSN - General Service Non-Demand GSD - General Service Demand GSTN - General Service (Time-of-Day) Non-Demand GST-SS - General Service (Time-of-Day) Standard Service GST-LRS - General Service (Time-of-Day) Last Resort Service LPT-SS - Large Power (Time-of-Day) Standard Service LPT-LRS - Large Power (Time-of-Day) Last Resort Service R - Residential RT - Residential (Time-of-Day)

#### **Figure 1: Sample UI Bill**



- Most Recent UI Customer Bill If the Bid indicated that the Project would be a 'New Project with existing UI Account' in the Is this project serving a site with no current load (New Construction) or will it serve an Existing Service? field, then the Bidder must upload the most recent UI Customer Bill in a .pdf file. The Customer of Record named on the Bill must match the Customer of Record indicated above.
- Is the Customer of Record supplied by a third-party supplier for your GSC (Generation Service Charge)? For Informational purposes, Bidders must clarify whether the Customer of Record is supplied by a third-party supplier for their Generation Rate.
  - Third Party Supplier (\$/MWh) If 'Yes' is indicated for Is the Customer of Record supplied by a third-party supplier for your GSC (Generation Service Charge)? field, then the Bidder must provide the \$/MWh rate that the Customer of Record pays for the GSC.
- Is the Customer of Record a SAM Customer Host? The Bidder must indicate whether the Customer of Record is a SAM Customer Host or not.

- SAM Customer Host Name If 'Yes' is indicated for Is the Customer of Record a SAM Customer Host? field, then the Bidder must provide the SAM Customer Host Name. The SAM Customer Host Name must match the Customer of Record indicated in the Bid Form or that appears on the UI Bill or that is expected for New Construction bids.
- Is the SAM Customer Host a State, Agricultural, or Municipal Entity? If 'Yes' is indicated for Is the Customer of Record a SAM Customer Host? field, then the Bidder must clarify whether the SAM Customer Host is a State, Agricultural, or Municipal Entity.
- **SAM Beneficial Account Credit Allocation Form (BACAF)** If 'Yes' is indicated for **Is the Customer of Record a SAM Customer Host?** field, then a filled-out Beneficial Account Credit Allocation Form must be uploaded in the .xlsx or .csv file format with the preferred percentages of credit allocation for the intended SAM Beneficial Accounts.
- Proof of Ownership of Project Site If 'Yes' is indicated for Is the Customer of Record a SAM Customer Host? field, then the SAM Customer Host account must demonstrate ownership of the Project Site through deeds<sup>1</sup>, or documentation from the tax assessor's office demonstrating that the Customer Host is the legal owner of the proposed Project Site at the time of bid submission. These ownership requirements do not apply to beneficial SAM Accounts. The Proof of Ownership must be uploaded in the .pdf file format.

## 4. Tariff Compensation

- **Tariff Type** All Bids must choose a Tariff Type, either 'Buy-All Tariff' or 'Netting Tariff.' If the Project answers 'Oversized to the available area of the roof' for the **Will the Rooftop system be sized to expected or existing load or oversized to the available area of the Rooftop?** field, then 'Netting Tariff' will not be able to be chosen as a compensation structure. If you choose 'Buy-All Tariff,' or 'Netting Tariff,' you will be prompted to enter a **Buy All** or **Netting Bid Price** less than or equal to the RFP's Bid Cap for Medium and Large Zero Emission Projects as well as Low Emission Projects for the relevant Tariff type, Rate, and/or Technology. If you chose the Small Zero Emission category initially in 'Tariff Size Category,' there will be no Bid Price option to enter, and the Project will be given the Small Zero Emission REC price for the relevant Tariff type, Rate, and Technology. Enter any negative Bids with a minus sign. For example, -100.00 will be considered a negative Bid Price.
- **On-Bill Compensation** and **Off-Bill Direct Payments** If you chose the 'Buy-All Tariff,' in the two fields provided, enter the percent of compensation that the Beneficiary should receive as an Off-Bill Direct Payment, and the percent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including, but not limited to, Warranty Deed, Quit Claim Deed, Executor's Deed, Trustee's Deed, or any other valid proof of ownership.

of compensation that the Customer should receive as an On-Bill Credit. The two numbers must total 100.

• Does the Customer of Record intend to elect a Tariff Payment Beneficiary that is not the Customer of Record to receive Off-Bill Direct Payments? The Bidder must indicate whether a Third Party will be receiving Off-Bill Direct Payments, or whether the Tariff Payment Beneficiary receiving the Off-Bill Direct Payments is the same entity as the Customer of Record.

**Tariff Payment Beneficiary Information:** The Tariff Payment Beneficiary will be the individual or entity receiving Off-Bill Direct Payments. Additional contact information will be needed for this entity if it is not the Customer of Record.

• **Tariff Payment Beneficiary Contact** - All fields with a red asterisk must be filled out. The Tariff Payment Beneficiary Contact Name, their Address, City, State, and Zip Code must be entered as well as the best email address and phone number for contact.

### 5. Bid Preferences

- Is this Bid eligible for one or more Bid Preference? If 'Yes' is chosen, then the Bidder must indicate which Bid Preference(s) the Project is eligible for. This is not relevant for Small Zero Emission Bids and Bids in this size category will not be able to indicate a Bid Preference.
- Which Bid Preference(s) is this Project eligible for? If 'Small Zero Emission' is not chosen for the Project Size Category field, then the Bidder can select one or more Bid Preferences that the Project may qualify for. Bids will ultimately only be eligible for one Bid, but they can apply for multiple Bid Preferences. If 'Solar Canopy/Carport' or 'Rooftop/Solar Canopy or Carport' are chosen for the Where will this system be mounted? field, then the Solar Carport/Canopy Bid Preference will be available to be selected as a potential Bid Preference. The Buy-All Bid Price or Netting Bid Preference selection as well as the estimated Evaluated Buy-All Bid Price or the Evaluated Netting Bid Price.
  - **Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Brownfield Bid Preference:** If the 'Brownfield' Bid Preference is selected, an explanation will be required that includes the Site Name of the Brownfield and/or the Parcel Number that the Project will be located in. The Project must meet the definition of Brownfield as defined in Connecticut General Statute § 32-760.
  - **Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Landfill Bid Preference:** If the 'Landfill' Bid Preference is selected, an explanation will be required that includes the Address and Location of the Closed Landfill Site that the Project will be located in.

- Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Distressed Municipality Bid Preference: If the 'Distressed Municipality' Bid Preference is selected, an explanation will be required that includes the name of the Distressed Municipality that the Project will be located in.
- Explain how your Bid qualifies for the Solar Carport/Canopy Bid Preference: If the 'Solar Carport/Canopy' Bid Preference is selected, an explanation will be required that includes the Project configuration including but not limited to the expected installed capacity of the portion of the Project that will be a Solar Canopy/Solar Carport.
- A Bid Preference Description Form will be generated from responses to the four fields, if they are applicable to the Bid: Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Brownfield Bid Preference, Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Landfill Bid Preference, Explain how your Bid Qualifies for the Distressed Municipality Bid Preference or Explain how your Bid qualifies for the Solar Carport/Canopy Bid Preference. The Bid Preference Description Form can be previewed after responding to one or more of the above fields, downloading the file. The file, if confirmed to be accurate, must then be attached to this Upload field by using the 'Browse' button and attaching it from the Downloads folder of the computer.

Bid Preference Description *	
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Allowed file types: .pdf	

 Proof of Bid Preference Qualification If any of the Bid Preferences are selected, the Proof of Bid Preference Qualification must be uploaded in the .pdf file format. This upload should include site maps, lists of Landfills/Brownfields/Distressed Municipalities, or other documents as needed.

## 6. Bid Certification Attachments

- **Bid Certification Form + Proof of Site Control** All Bids must upload all five pages of the Bid Certification Form which must be filled out and signed as well as Proof of Site Control. Page 4 of the Bid Certification Form must be filled out, signed, and notarized. Proof of Site Control may include Documentation such as deeds<sup>2</sup>, written leases, options to lease, memorandums of lease, memorandums of option to lease, and contracts to purchase. This document must be uploaded in a .pdf file format.
- **W9 Form for Performance Assurance and Bid Fee** All Bids must upload the W9 Form of the Payer of the Bid Fee and Performance Assurance. This document must be uploaded in a .pdf file format.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Including, but not limited to, Warranty Deed, Quit Claim Deed, Executor's Deed, Trustee's Deed, or any other valid proof of ownership.

- Note the application is not considered complete until the Non-Refundable Bid Fee and the required Performance Assurance is received by UI via ACH or Wire. Once the Bid Fee and the required Performance Assurance is received, the Bid will be considered complete for evaluation.
- 7. Certification of Bid Form Completion
  - By Checking this Box, Bidder accepts that this Bid Form Submission is not considered Complete or Eligible for Bid Evaluation until the entirety of the required Performance Assurance + Non-Refundable Bid Fee Amount, indicated below, has been received by UI. All Bidders must check the box with the indicated statement, confirming that they understand that the Performance Assurance + Bid Fee Amount calculated in the 'Performance Assurance + Non-Refundable Bid Fee Required for Bid Submission' field below the check box must be received by UI before the Bid is considered complete.

Submission of the Bid Form can happen after all required fields are addressed. If there are errors with certain aspects of the Bid Form, the Bidder will be prevented from proceeding forward with Bid Form Submission.

If Bidders have any issues or questions with the portal at any time related to the above outlined sections, reach out to the UI NRES Program team at <u>NRES@uinet.com</u>.