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This document contains all questions SVCE received in regard to the Community Resilience Analysis, Planning and Support RFP and our subsequent responses.

### List of Questions and Responses

1. What types of utility bill data are stored in the Google Big Query database?
  1. Does SVCE have a specific utility bill management database?
  2. If so, would SVCE be willing to share a sample report for reference?
  3. If not, is there an available report showing energy usage and demand by location in the 13 SVCE municipalities?
  4. Is each building's square footage available at this time?

**Response:** SVCE, as a community choice energy agency, has access to historical and current utility and billing data (smart meter data, billing data, and tariff at the customer-level). Other data sets that are anticipated to be relevant include tax assessor data (includes building square footage), Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event history by customer, and interconnection data by location (technology, system size, interconnection date). In preparing your proposal, bidders should identify and describe what data is necessary for successful completion of the proposed work. SVCE staff will work with the consultant team to collect, organize and share data necessary to complete the project.

2. Will an SVCE resource be available to drive building data collection from the municipalities and facilitate access to the energy database?

**Response:** SVCE staff will work with the consultant team to collect, organize and share data necessary to complete the project. The exact scope of the data set and terms and conditions of the data sharing agreement will be determined during the contracting phase. Consultants will be required to undergo a data security auditing process before receiving data. The data sharing agreement will balance the value of granular analysis, the importance of protecting customer data, and the administrative burden to SVCE staff.

3. What percent of the 13 municipalities' energy supply currently comes from renewables? Does SVCE supply any other fuels (e.g., NG, diesel, fuel oils) to the municipalities?

**Response:** Information on SVCE's renewable content is available on our [power content label](#). SVCE does not supply any other fuel to the municipalities besides electricity.

4. Has SVCE identified specific types of updated insights on resilience projects you are seeking?



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**Response:** SVCE is seeking to identify, assess, and prioritize resilience projects that would maximize resilience benefits to our diverse communities. This begins with identifying the sites most critical to community resilience and then matching the site characteristics with the best technological, policy, and or communication intervention to maximize benefits at the particular site.

5. Has SVCE defined the specific role your selected consultant will play in stakeholder coordination? Will SVCE be leading or supporting those efforts?

**Response:** SVCE will support these efforts and can help to coordinate/facilitate meetings with our most active stakeholders, such as our member agencies. SVCE staff will participate in all stakeholder engagement/communication events, but the consultant will lead these efforts.

6. Our firm has the capabilities to support energy resiliency projects from strategy development through implementation. The business unit that would be consulting with SVCE in Phases A-D is separate from the business unit that would be performing implementation, each with separate teams. Given that structure, would a firm consulting on Tasks A-D still be eligible to participate in subsequent RFPs to implement capital projects?

**Response:** There is the possibility that participating in the Scope of Work described in this RFP could preclude your firm from participating in future projects related to SVCE's Community Resilience Program; however, that assessment will be made on a case-by-case basis as each future project is developed.

7. Are there any key documents on local distribution grid stability and resiliency (in addition to the PSPS multi-phase guidelines adopted by the CPUC) that have informed this RFP? If so, can they be shared?

**Response:** SVCE does not have additional internal documents or studies on these issues, beyond what is available publicly.

8. Is SVCE interested in reviewing water resiliency as well?

**Response:** Water resilience is beyond the scope of this project.

9. Can you share the list of attendees for the pre-proposal teleconference?

**Response:** SVCE does not track or share this information. There is a partner interest form available on the solicitations page of our website for firms interested in partnering.

10. If any materials were shared during the pre-proposal teleconference, can you share these materials?



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**Response:** The presentation and audio recording of the teleconference are available on the solicitations page of our [website](#).

11. Do you have a preference for a specific budget structure for Tasks A-C, i.e. fixed fee or time and materials with cap?

**Response:** SVCE typically prefers time and materials with a not-to-exceed for professional services, but vendors may propose an alternative budget structure.

12. SVCE indicates on its website that a recording of the pre-bid call conducted on 7/31 would be made available soon. As of 8/6 we did not see a link to the recording. When will this recording be made available?

**Response:** The recording is now on the [website](#).

13. Should the contractor include graphic design to the project scope for final deliverables or does SVCE expect to handle graphic design in-house

**Response:** Please include graphic design in the project scope.