



Responses to Respondent Questions

1. If we have multiple projects to be submitted to this RFO, should we send them via separate emails (one email per project), or should we combine all of them in one email to SVCE?

You may email the projects separately or in conjunction. If multiple projects are submitted in a single email, each proposal package must have its attachments organized to be clearly differentiated.

2. Section 1.3 of the RFO states that there are five appendices to the RFO but only lists down four (Appendices A to D). Can you confirm if there is another Appendix that is not currently posted?

Apologies for the confusion, there are only four appendices in this RFO (Appendices A to D). We have corrected Section 1.3 of the protocol for clarity.

3. Section 7.1 of the RFO states that the "*Proposal Package must contain Appendix A, B, and D*". Can you confirm that Appendix D (Reservation of Rights, Waivers, and Acceptances) is required to be submitted? Is there anything that is required to be done for Appendix D (e.g., confirmation, signature, etc.)?

We have edited our protocol for clarity, only appendices A and B are submitted for the proposal package. By participating in the RFO process, each Respondent agrees that it will be deemed to have accepted all the rights and terms included in this Appendix D.

4. Does the SVCE RFP have an opinion on projects being re-sited after submissions on Sept 18?

We may consider re-sited submissions on a case-by-case basis, depending on implications to interconnection feasibility.

5. Is SVCE willing to sign an NDA prior to our offer submission?

Yes, SVCE is open to sharing a template NDA for execution prior to offer submission, as needed.

6. In Appendix D, Sect 5 says "No Respondent may, without the prior consent of SVCE, disclose to any other person (except CCA staff) its participation in the RFO process". But could you please clarify if Respondent can inform its affiliates or contractors of its participation to prepare offers?

Yes, respondents may inform contractors and affiliates as needed subject to your own confidentiality agreements.

7. Is SVCE exclusively interested in transmission-interconnected projects that are in the CAISO queue, or is SVCE willing to consider distribution-connected projects in the WDAT process?

SVCE is willing to consider projects in the WDAT process.

8. Would SVCE accept a project that is in SCE's service territory?

Yes.

9. We saw the following in the protocol, "Respondent(s) are encouraged to provide pricing for at least a 4-hour duration." Are you interested in 8-hour storage or are you primarily focused on 4-hour?

Yes, we will consider 8-hour storage projects.

10. How can respondents demonstrate COD viability for C15 projects? Will SVCE need proof like 'expected NU' and their Schedule from C14 projects at the current project POI?

SVCE will be judging viability for Cluster 15 projects based on site control, permitting status, and counterparty experience, if applicable.

11. Will SVCE accept consultant studies to demonstrate C15 project viability?

Yes.

12. Please elaborate on the types of benefits SVCE is looking for from projects not in the vicinity of the CCA?

SVCE is looking for energy if applicable, RA, RECs, other related products.

13. How many total Points is SVCE expecting to allocate for C15?

SVCE has been assigned a TPD allocation of 180 MW and an EO allocation of 60 MW.

14. How will SVCE verify a project's study zone to be TPD or not?

SVCE will utilize CAISO's reports and the information submitted in offer forms regarding designated TPD zones to verify a project's study zone.

15. How can Respondent show proof of experience in CAISO, will a short description of respondent's experience without disclosing name of projects suffice?

If the Respondent has projects in CAISO, we would like further information regarding these projects. If they are unable to disclose the name of the project, a description of the project capacity (MW) and operational status will suffice.

16. Can you confirm the \$5/kW shortlist deposit is due Dec 1st, 2024 ?

Yes, the deadline for Cluster 15 projects' shortlist deposit is December 1st 2024.

17. Is SVCE open to contracting 20-100 MW portions, or tranches, of a single larger facility?

Yes.

18. In Section 4 of the RFO protocol, it discusses about Cluster 15 CIP allocation process that is contingent upon executing an Exclusivity Agreement with Right of First Refusal. We are curious what ROFR structure you have in mind and would appreciate if you could provide more information on what the ROFR would look like or, if available, a draft C15 exclusivity agreement for us to review.

Participants will receive a copy of our exclusivity agreement upon being shortlisted.

19. Can SVCE confirm if bidders will be required to submit pricing for Cluster 15 projects at the time of RFO submission? Pricing would be considered indicative only at this time due to the long lead time until COD and early nature of the projects. If the project is selected and the parties enter exclusivity for a two-year period, would bidders then have the option to resubmit its offer after receiving Phase II Interconnection Study results? This would then allow bidders to firm up project offer price and COD.

Yes, bidders are required to submit pricing at time of RFO submission. Yes, bidders will have the option to resubmit offers after receiving Phase II Interconnection Study results. We understand that pricing may be indicative at this stage; however, we encourage respondents to use best efforts to provide accurate price estimates.

20. Can SVCE clarify the Exclusivity Agreement is two years long, and the ROFR is only valid throughout the two-year exclusivity period?

For Cluster 15, the exclusivity agreement with ROFR will be valid for 2 years. For all other projects, the exclusivity agreement is expected to be valid for at least 3 months.

21. Should we submit one comprehensive offer form for all projects or one offer form per project?

Each unique project requires its own proposal package (appendix A and B). This will require one offer form per project.

22. Please confirm that we are not expected to redline Appendix C as part of our application process, and that it is provided only as a guide to inform our submissions.

Confirming this is correct. Only Appendix A and B are expected to be submitted in the application process.

23. Is SVCE able to disclose the ratio of CIPs per MW capacity available to allocate?

SVCE has been assigned a TPD allocation of 180 MW and an EO allocation of 60 MW. SVCE will clearly communicate with counterparties on how many CIPs will be allocated to a project prior to execution of an Exclusivity Agreement.

24. Can SVCE provide a draft of their proposed Exclusivity Agreement?

Participants will receive a copy of our exclusivity agreement upon being shortlisted.

25. How will SVCE prioritize between QC14 and QC15 projects?

We will choose projects based on portfolio fit, and other criteria as outlined in our protocol.

26. Has SVCE reserved MWs for QC15 to ensure compliance with CAISO IPE Requirements?

Yes, SVCE has elected to participate in the CAISO IPE process.

27. If a fraction of a project capacity is bid, does SVCE require exclusivity only for the amount of project capacity that is bid, or does it require exclusivity for the entire project capacity?

SVCE requires exclusivity for the amount(s) of project capacity offered to SVCE.

28. Please explain how SVCE will handle Exclusivity or Development security deposits for Seller's project that has been awarded Commercial Interest Points, but that CAISO does not advance to the QC15 study process due to Seller's project attaining lower priority than competing interconnection requests, per CAISO's scoring criteria?

SVCE expects to return the security deposit as long as counterparties have shown good faith efforts to submit viable projects and seek maximum scoring under CAISO's process

29. Is SVCE allocating any CIP points to energy-only projects?

We will consider allocating CIP points to energy-only projects based on criteria outlined in our protocol.