



## **Responses to Respondent Questions**

1. What is the response deadline?

Offers are due at 5pm Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> by submission of Appendices A, B, and D via email to [procurement@svcleanenergy.org](mailto:procurement@svcleanenergy.org).

2. What should be submitted as an offer?

Respondents should submit their completed Appendices A, B, and D via email to [procurement@svcleanenergy.org](mailto:procurement@svcleanenergy.org).

3. The Appendix B Executive Summary is in a table form. Does SVCE prefer we submit in this table form, or can the information be in the form of a narrative proposal letter?

SVCE would like this information submitted in table form.

4. What size projects is SVCE seeking?

We are open to various project sizes and will select projects based on portfolio fit once we've seen all proposals; however, in general we recommend proposals for projects between 50 – 200 MW.

5. What is the total volume that SVCE plans on procuring?

We do not have a set target, and will look at the offers received against our portfolio holistically.

6. Does SVCE have a size preference of storage relative to generation?

No preference.

7. What technology is SVCE seeking?

We are open to various project sizes and will select projects based on portfolio fit once we've seen all proposals. We welcome all carbon-free, renewable energy and storage technologies.

8. Does SVCE have minimum site control requirements?

SVCE does not have minimum requirements for site control, but will take all of a project's details under consideration.

9. Does SVCE have a preferred COD?

There is no preferred COD; SVCE is seeking deliveries with initial delivery dates at any time between 2024-2030, and offers will be reviewed against our portfolio holistically, with COD as one factor.

10. Does SVCE have minimum interconnection requirements?

SVCE does not have minimum interconnection requirements. Projects, particularly with nearer online dates, will be expected to show that they can come online by the stated initial delivery date.

11. Can the generation/Storage project be 'behind the meter' at a host customer location?

We are only seeking resources that can interconnect to the CAISO grid.

12. Is there a preference for where projects are located?

Projects must be able to be interconnected to the CAISO grid; there is no locational preference otherwise.

13. In Appendix D for geospatial footprint files, what is expected for the 5<sup>th</sup> requirement: "Shapefiles must include the project footprint with all associated infrastructure"? What specifically should be included and the level of detail you are looking for?

Please provide any geospatial footprint files you have available. We do not expect a high level of detail.

14. Is there a preference for transmission or distribution connected projects?

There is no preference.

15. Does SVCE plan to award to a single bidder, or will multiple proposals be awarded to meet the need?

We do not plan to award to a single bidder, but the number of projects selected will be based on the offers received and their value to SVCE

16. Does SVCE want to see an issues list or redline related to the Term Sheet in Appendix C, or will comments be addressed upon shortlist?

Comments and redlines can be addressed upon shortlisting.

17. Will SVCE sign a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to offer submission?

SVCE is unable to sign an NDA prior to offer submission. An NDA can be executed upon shortlisting. SVCE will do everything possible to ensure that information submitted and marked as confidential will not be shared outside of SVCE without consent.

18. Will information submitted to SVCE be kept confidential?

SVCE will do everything possible to ensure that information marked as confidential will not be shared outside of SVCE without consent.

19. Is it SVCE's intention to negotiate and sign a PPA with a respondent who is shortlisted?

Yes, it is SVCE's intention to negotiate and sign an agreement with a respondent who is shortlisted.

20. Can a shortlisted entity terminate negotiations and their Exclusivity Agreement at any time, for any cause, and have the posted security returned?

SVCE expects that parties will negotiate in good faith and that Respondents will not terminate the exclusivity agreement; however, this agreement will be negotiated for exclusivity for a specific period of time, after which Respondents may terminate and the shortlist deposit would be returned, assuming parties acted in good faith.

21. Can a Respondent discuss the RFP without violating Section 5 of Appendix E?

Respondents can discuss the RFP with their investors, provided confidentiality protocols are in place with the investors such that no other market participants will be made aware of your participation in the RFP.

22. For Standalone Storage, is SVCE open to an RA only contract structure? On page 6 of the RFP, SVCE notes "Full toll pricing accepted" but it is unclear if this contract structure (i.e., full toll) is the only acceptable structure for standalone storage.

Yes, SVCE is open to an RA only contract structure. We intended to note that a full toll is also acceptable.

23. Is SVCE open to proposals for alternative contract structures?

You may offer an alternative contract structure, but our preference is for RA Only, a PPA, or a toll. We recommend you provide an offer for a more standard product, and additional products may be considered.

24. Is SVCE open to proposals for resources wherein SVCE will only get a portion of the facility's capacity (i.e., the facility has multiple offtakers)? For example: 100 MW will be proposed to SVCE for a 500 MW facility, where the other 400 MW is contracted to other parties.

Yes

25. Is the "Ancillary Services" portion of Appendix C applicable to Standalone Storage or is this meant only for energy generating projects?

This is applicable to standalone storage; however, if your proposal is for a project

which will not offer Ancillary Services, you may note this in your offer.

26. In Appendix A (Offer Form), the list of 'CAISO Interconnection Pnode' currently does not include my project's Pnode. Is this intentionally left out?

The updated offer form contains additional Pnodes. If your project's Pnode is still not listed, please choose the closest Pnode that is listed.

27. In the RFP, it states that "the capacity pricing for full tolls will be assumed to be for non-degrading energy storage capacity over the delivery term." The expected terms include Guaranteed Energy Production. Could you clarify your assumption for non-degrading energy storage capacity and expected energy output from an energy storage facility over the lifetime of a project?

SVCE is seeking offers of non-degrading energy storage. We do not anticipate having a degradation factor for Guaranteed Energy Production in the contract.

28. Is SVCE aware of the deadline for interconnection customers to submit applications for deliverability in early 2024? Will SVCE consider shortlisting earlier in order to provide sufficient time for applicants to submit deliverability applications that allow a project to be described as shortlisted in order to improve the project's likelihood of getting deliverability?

We are aware of this deadline and do hope to be able to shortlist projects with near-term online dates by February 1.