

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFP #2016-003

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Consulting Services

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>This firm appreciates the contingent nature of the overall project. This firm understands that Eversource has opened a petition with the Commission to establish a Precedent Agreement which would find a New Hampshire EDC contracting for firm transportation and storage services. This firm understands that the Commission will be considering the petition in two phases. As such</p> <p>a. Has the Commission initiated the First Phase of consideration? If so, is there any expected ruling date? If not, is there an expected initiation date?</p> <p>b. Does the Commission intend any progress on the “Scope of Services” detailed in Section II of 2016-003, pages 3-4 prior to their ruling of the First Phase of the petition’s consideration?</p> <p>c. Relevant to the Commission’s outlining of the contingency for recovery of costs, does the Commission expect the winning bidder to engage in any costly activities outside of preparation and submission of the bid prior to the Commission ruling upon the First Phase?</p>	<p>1.a. Yes. Briefs are due on April 28, 2016, and reply briefs are due on May 12, 2016. The Commission will rule within a reasonable time thereafter.</p> <p>1.b. The Commission does not expect the consultant to begin work prior to the ruling on the first phase.</p> <p>1.c. No.</p>
2.	<p>In Section II, part ii, the Commission seeks qualitative evaluation of “non-price characteristics of the highest ranked resource options”.</p> <p>a. These are the characteristics of the Eversource filing?</p> <p>b. Is there an opportunity for the Commission to add clarification as to the scope, nature, and scale of these non-price characteristics? Is it possible for the Commission to detail the number of characteristics or provide summary categorizations?</p>	<p>2.a. No. The Commission expects the consultant in consultation with Commission Staff to select the non-price characteristics on which the qualitative assessment will be based.</p> <p>2.b. See response to 2.a.</p>
3.	<p>At the end of Section II, part ii, the Commission details that the winning bidder to be prepared to provide a list of auxiliary services, including aiding discovery requests, providing written and oral testimonies, and analytical support in settlement engagements.</p> <p>a. Is a firm expected to include estimates for this additional activity in its bid? If so, the quality and reliability of the estimates may be low.</p> <p>b. In so far as additional resources and services are sought, would these requests be directly related to the completion of the Scope of Services?</p>	<p>3.a. Yes.</p> <p>3.b. Requests for additional resources and services will be generally related to presenting and supporting the results of work undertaken in response to the Scope of Services.</p>
4.	<p>Is the Bidder Conference detailed on the first page of the RFP communication mandatory? Will more information be provided as to the nature and scope of the conference?</p>	<p>4. The bidder conference is not mandatory. The nature and scope of the engagement will be discussed.</p>