

2026 Supply Resource RFP

Questions and Answers

Below are questions Seattle City Light (“City Light”) received on its 2026 Supply Resource RFP by the question deadline. Some questions have been grouped for an answer.

Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

1. Will an alternative NDA form or edits to the NDA be accepted for submission?
2. Will City Light accept redlines to its form NDA?

Answer: City Light can review proposed edits to the NDA but cannot guarantee acceptance. Depending on the level of changes proposed, legal review of proposed NDA changes may take at least 2-4 weeks. In particular, changes regarding Washington Public Records Act (PRA) compliance are unlikely to be accepted. If a potential Bidder would like an editable version of the template Non-Disclosure Agreement, please email SCL_Supply_RFP@seattle.gov.

Submission Information

3. May a bidder submit multiple proposals for the same project that vary by project size, technology configuration (e.g., solar, wind, storage), transmission strategy, commercial structure (i.e., PPA vs. acquisition), or delivery point? If so, is there a preferred method for identifying or grouping related proposals, or should each proposal be submitted as a standalone offer?
4. Is there a maximum number of proposals per respondent that City will accept for evaluation?
5. For projects larger than the stated 400 MW maximum project size, is City Light willing to evaluate multiple partial-output proposals from the same project, provided each individual proposal complies with the stated size limitations?

Answer: A bidder may submit multiple bids and may submit bids for different iterations of the same project. City Light defers to Bidders on how best to organize different responses, but provides this guidance:

- For different technology configurations and/or different locations, it is preferred that different narratives and offer forms are provided.

- For different commercial structures, delivery points, project sizes, and other differences for the same technology and location, a bidder could submit the same narrative and different offer forms for the different configurations.
- For projects that propose a partial output of a larger project, information that may be helpful to evaluate such a proposal could include information on other possible offtakers, examples of joint operating procedures, information on how shared facilities or other common infrastructure is shared amongst offtakers, and information on how the project would be partially metered.
- Bidders are requested to limit to no more than seven offers for iterations from the same project. If further iterations are possible, please indicate that information in the narrative as something that can be discussed during negotiations.

Energy Storage

6. Does City Light have any standalone storage duration preferences for this procurement?

Answer: No, City Light does not have a stated preference for standalone storage duration for this procurement.

7. Would City Light consider bidding to develop energy storage at Points of Interconnection owned by City Light that have surplus injection capacity? If so, could City Light list or identify which existing POIs have surplus capacity which could be made available for bidding under this procurement?
8. Would City Light consider bidding to develop energy storage at real estate adjacent to City Light substations (planned or in service) within City Light service territory? If so, could City Light list or identify which available real estate tracts for bidding under this procurement?

Answer: Bids for energy storage within City Light's service territory or at substations owned by City Light are not a focus of this Request, but City Light can review these bids on a case-by-case basis. It is likely that any such proposals would need to go through City Light's Generation Interconnection [process](#). City Light does not have other information to share on surplus capacity or available real estate tracts as part of this Request.

Transmission Delivery

9. Is City Light able to take power at John Day and, if so, how much?
10. Are there any preferred delivery points for resources that aren't delivered to City Light's system? Can City Light take delivery at a regional hub (e.g., Mid-C or Northwest Market Hub)? Can City Light identify whether any transmission will be made available for purposes of projects selected?
11. For bids submitted as a Busbar Product (Option 10 in Transmission Detail), would City Light evaluate those offers differently than proposals providing transmission to the Delivery Point? If so, are there any pricing assumptions or evaluation adjustments bidders should consider?
12. The RFP identifies MIDC, John Day, and BPAT.PSEI as high-priority alternate Points of Delivery. Will proposals utilizing these delivery points be evaluated comparably to proposals delivering directly into the City Light system, or will there be a preference applied during evaluation?

13. Can City Light take delivery at a Snohomish PUD Point of Delivery?
14. Does City Light have any existing transmission rights the bidder could utilize to deliver to the City Light's Balancing Authority Area?
15. Acknowledging that the RFP states that City Light will also consider resources with transmission to other locations, does City Light have any preferred locations beyond the City Light BAA?

Answer: City Light has a high preference for resources that can be delivered to City Light's Balancing Authority Area on firm transmission, and will evaluate these bids most highly when considering deliverability.

City Light has limited transmission rights to and from other delivery points: MIDCREMOTE, JOHNDAY, and LAGRANDE230, which can be reviewed through the Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS). City Light will review and evaluate proposals that deliver to these delivery points, but resource and transmission constraints may prevent a bid from advancing if a redirect is not possible to City Light or if sufficient capacity is not available on existing rights. Busbar products and delivery to other delivery points not listed above will depend on the ability to redirect to City Light's system. For delivery to BPAT.PSEI, City Light is interested in proposals that can redirect to BPAT.SCL.

For delivery to other points than directly to City Light's Balancing Authority Area, Bidders are encouraged to provide as much information on the proposed transmission as possible, including the proposed wheeling path between the resource and the delivery point, and any available information on possible redirect to Seattle's system through either the BPA/SCL interconnection point or PSEI interconnection into Seattle's system.

16. Are there preferred Points of Interconnection on Puget Sound Energy or Bonneville Power Association's electrical system that City Light prefers to take delivery from?

Answer:

- For Puget Sound Energy: PSEI.System to SCL.System.
- For Bonneville Power Administration, BPAT.SCL to SCL.System or BPAT.PSEI to BPAT.SCL to SCL.System.

17. If a bidder proposes delivery using long-term firm transmission to one of the RFP's identified Alternate Firm Points of Delivery (i.e., BPAT.PSEI, MIDC, or John Day), does Section 7.3(c)(i) of the Pro Forma PPA, which reduces payment to 85% for non-firm or short-term firm transmission, apply? Or is the 85% payment adjustment intended only for delivery arrangements utilizing non-firm or short-term transmission service?

Answer: The PPA term referenced is regarding a discount for the use of non-firm and short-term firm transmission for a fully delivered product. Delivery to an alternate delivery point will likely require negotiation on the specific terms that would apply.

18. How would City Light evaluate a project that is not yet in the interconnection queue?

Answer: City Light is specifically seeking proposals for projects that have a Delivery Commencement or Commercial Online Date before December 31, 2035, as noted in Section 3 of the RFP. If a Bidder wishes to bid a

project is not in the interconnection queue into this RFP, the proposal should clearly explain how the project would achieve the desired Delivery Commencement or Commercial Online Date.

Other Questions

19. Section 3.1.4 states that the minimum contract term is 5 years and the maximum is 30 years. Within that allowable range, does City Light have a preferred or target contract term length for this RFP (e.g., is a longer-term PPA, such as 20-years, viewed more favorably than a shorter-term offer closer to the 5-year minimum)?

Answer: No, City Light does not have a preferred or target contract term length within this range.

However, a relevant update is that, since this RFP was released, the Seattle City Council passed and the Mayor of Seattle signed [CB 121241](#), which allows City Light to enter into long-term power contracts with a power delivery term up to 240 months without needing to take such contracts to City Council for individual approval, as long as the arrangements are consistent with City Light's long-term planning. City Light will update the RFP to reflect this update.

20. Section 6 lists several evaluation factors — including life cycle costs, cash-flow considerations, concentration risk, maintenance costs, operating efficiency, quality, financial strength, contract terms, and adherence to applicable policies — but does not indicate how these factors are weighted relative to one another. Can City Light provide additional detail on how these factors will be weighted or prioritized in the evaluation process?

Answer: City Light does not have relative weighting to share regarding these factors. City Light will evaluate offer submissions according to both quantitative and qualitative evaluation factors to identify the best value to City Light and its customers.

21. Does City Light have any specific guidance regarding how Respondents should consider tariffs in this RFP?

Answer: No, City Light does not have any specific guidance, but does ask that bidders share how U.S. tariffs may impact a proposed project (Section 5.2.3 of the RFP). If there are other tariffs that may impact the proposed project, please also share that information.