



ORECRFP22-1

Responses to Written Questions

(Posted 9/13/2022)

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General	1	Will the slide deck from the Proposers' webinar be made available?	Yes, the slide deck from the webinar is posted to the ORECRFP22-1 solicitation website under the section titled, Proposers Conference.
General	2	Are Proposers permitted to submit Alternate Proposals that do not include SCIPs?	Yes, Proposers can submit Alternate Standalone Proposals that do not include a Supply Chain Investment Plan.
General	3	The links in Section 2.1.9 of the RFP related to Energy Storage are not working, can you provide the correct URL?	Yes, the links to the energy storage materials are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook• Bulk Storage Incentive Program Manual
General	4	Will NYSERDA publish a list of entities who have submitted an intent to respond to the RFPs, including contact information?	NYSERDA does not currently intend to publish such a list. Contact information for entities holding BOEM offshore wind leases is included in the lease documentation posted on the BOEM website.
General	5	For the Financing Plan, can NYSERDA please confirm that the eleven prompts listed in RFP Section 6.4.7 should be answered in the required Financing Plan attachment, with a brief narrative description of that Financing Plan included in the Proposal Narrative? Similar question regarding setup of the Required Interconnection and Deliverability Plan.	Yes, confirmed.

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General	6	Please confirm that multiple optional bid components can be combined into a single Alternate Proposal (e.g., an Alternate Proposal bid that includes interconnection cost sharing, an inflation adjustment, and energy storage).	Yes, confirmed. Per Section 2.1.4 of the RFP: "Any Alternate Proposal with Energy Storage, Interconnection Cost Sharing and/or Inflation Adjustment must correspond to a Proposal without Energy Storage, Interconnection Cost Sharing or Inflation Adjustment that is consistent in all other respects, except for pricing and/or other modifications directly related to Energy Storage, Interconnection Cost Sharing and/or Inflation Adjustment. However, there is no requirement to submit additional Alternate Proposals with only Energy Storage, only Interconnection Cost Sharing and only Inflation Adjustment."
Capacity	7	Is there a minimum Offer Capacity for each phase of a Project?	The minimum Offer Capacity requirement in Section 2.1.1 of the RFP applies to the total Offer Capacity associated with the Proposal. There is not a minimum Offer Capacity for each phase.
Capacity	8	Section 2.1.7 of the RFP states that the sum capacity of projects awarded through this RFP with Zone K injection points will not exceed 1,330 MW. Does this limit reflect the capacity at the POI or the nameplate capacity offshore?	The limit of 1,330 MW represents aggregate Offer Capacity of Projects with Zone K Injection Points.
Capacity	9	Section 2.1.1 of the RFP states that if the Offer Capacity from a Project is less than 1,000 MW, the maximum capacity available from the lease area must be offered. If a lease area can accommodate more than 1,000 MW of Offer Capacity, must the entire lease be committed to New York?	No, the maximum available lease area must be offered only if the Offer Capacity is less than 1,000 MW. There is no prohibition on submitting a Proposal with an Offer Capacity that is less than the capacity of the full lease area as long as the Offer Capacity is at least 1,000 MW.
Evaluation	10	Will NYSEDA publish the energy and capacity commodity price forecasts that will be used in evaluation?	No, the forecasts will remain confidential.
Evaluation	11	Will NYSEDA publish the multiplier representing NYSEDA's expectation of the inflation for the identified indices that will be used in evaluation?	No, NYSEDA's inflation expectation that is applied for evaluation purposes will remain confidential.
Economic Benefits	12	Are the "Greater Scoring Weight" entries in Table 1 of the RFP listed in any particular order?	No, they were not placed in any order.

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Economic Benefits	13	How will economic benefits for different sized Projects be compared?	To facilitate a standardized comparison by the OREC Scoring Committee among Proposals with larger or smaller Offer Capacities, for Categories 1 and 2 the total of such adjusted claimed expenditures will be unitized by dividing each Proposal's eligible claims by the Offer Capacity set forth in the Proposal. See RFP Section 3.3.5, on page 54.
Economic Benefits	14	Are Proposers expected to report on the number of MWBE/SDVOB jobs, not just contract dollars?	Yes, as noted in Section H.6 of Appendix H, the New York Jobs and Workforce Plan should identify jobs in Disadvantaged Communities, MWBEs and SDVOBs. There are also fields to enter these values in the Offer Data Form and Supply Chain investment Plan Data Form.
Economic Benefits	15	What is the relative weighting applied to Categories 1 through 5 for the evaluation of New York Economic Benefits?	Table 1 on page 56 of the RFP summarizes the types of economic benefits claims that will receive greater or lower scoring weight. All other Economic Benefits will receive a baseline scoring weight.
Economic Benefits	16	Should the Economic Benefits Verification Plan be included within the required Economic Benefits Plan, or as a separate attachment?	The Economic Benefits Verification Plan can be provided within the Economic Benefits Plan file as an appendix or as a separate file, at the Proposer's discretion.
Energy Storage	17	Is Energy Storage required to be linked to the Offshore Wind Generation Facility in order to receive Project Viability points?	No. As stated in Section 2.1.9 of the RFP, to be eligible for Project Viability points, the Energy Storage only needs to be electrically located in Zone J or Zone K and meet the other requirements set forth in that Section.
Energy Storage	18	Section 2.1.9 of the RFP states that Energy Storage facilities that are not electrically co-located with an Offshore Wind Generation Facility will not create ORECs and the associated stored energy will not be eligible for payment under the agreement. Does this exclude standalone Energy Storage projects located in Zone J and Zone K?	Energy Storage projects that are not electrically co-located with an Offshore Wind Generation Facility cannot create ORECs but can receive Project Viability and Economic Benefits points if the other eligibility requirements in Section 2.1.9 are met.
Energy Storage	19	How is Energy Storage scored for Project Viability and for Economic Benefits points?	Energy Storage will be scored for Project Viability in accord with Section 3.2.11 of the RFP. Energy Storage will be scored for Economic Benefits in accord with Section 3.3.5 of the RFP.

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SCIPs	20	Does the SCIP contribute to Project Viability scoring?	SCIPs are evaluated based on their own viability as described in Section C.2.B.2 of Appendix C.2. However, SCIPs do not contribute to the Proposal Project Viability score of up to 10 points.
SCIPs	21	Is the SCIP Facility reimbursement schedule able to be modified?	Per Appendix C.2, Proposers should assume that disbursements occur on schedule presented in the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement, unless the Supply Chain Investment Plan demonstrates a need and justification for a different schedule.
SCIPs	22	Can one port support multiple Projects or Proposers and still qualify for New York State Funding for upgrades?	<p>Yes. A SCIP Facility (such as a port upgrade) can receive New York State Funding through only one awarded SCIP, but ports and other SCIP Facilities are eligible, and encouraged, to support multiple Projects and Proposers under ORECRFP22-1.</p> <p>If a port or other SCIP Facility is not funded through a SCIP associated with an awarded Proposal in ORECRFP22-1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the New York State Funding distribution provide further opportunities to receive funding.</p>
SCIPs	23	Please confirm which entity will sign the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement with NYSERDA.	The counterparty to the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement will be the Funding Recipient, which is the entity that receives the New York State Funding and will actually be responsible for execution of the SCIP Facility, whether that is the Proposer itself, the entity that owns or operates the SCIP Facility, a manufacturer that utilizes the SCIP Facility or another entity.
SCIPs	24	If a SCIP includes non-New York State Funding of \$200 million, what would be the maximum New York State Funding, and what would be the total investment value?	Requests for New York State Funding must be matched within a SCIP by at least \$2.00-for-\$1.00 (\$2.00 of non-New York State Funding for every \$1.00 of New York State Funding). Accordingly, non-New York State Funding of \$200 million would support up to \$100 million of New York State Funding. The total investment value of a SCIP is the sum of New York State Funding and non-New York State Funding. In this example that would equal \$100 million (New York State Funding) plus \$200 million (non-New York State Funding) or \$300 million.

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New York Jobs and Workforce Plan	25	Please clarify what information about disadvantaged communities, MWBEs and SDVOBs should be included in the New York Jobs and Workforce Plan.	Please refer to Appendix H to the RFP for a full description of required New York Jobs and Workforce Plan requirements.
Interconnection Cost Sharing	26	For an Alternate Proposal that includes Interconnection Cost Sharing, do the Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline and Interconnection Cost Threshold 1 (ICT1) value have to be the same or may these be different values?	The Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline and ICT1 values are not required to be the same value.