



ORECRFP22-1

Responses to Written Questions

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NYSERDA issued updates to the RFP on November 4, 2022, and December 23, 2022. Where responses below indicate that the RFP will be updated to make a specific change, these changes have been included in the RFP updates.

Category	Q#	Question	Response
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.

¹ Questions 1 through 26.

² Questions 27 through 170.

³ Questions 171 through 172.

⁴ Questions 173 through 211, revisions to Questions 13, 31, 91, 92 and 135.

⁵ Questions 212 through 220.

⁶ Questions 221 through 232.

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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.
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 Category 1 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.

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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 New York 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 New York 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 New York Economic Benefits in accord with Section 3.3.5 of the RFP.
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.

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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.
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.

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General	27	Some of the links in Section 8 of the RFP are not working, can you provide the correct URLs?	Yes, the corrected links are: Section 8.1 - NYSERDA Regulations: https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/about/new-york-state-regulations Section 8.2 - procurement lobbying requirements: https://ogs.ny.gov/acpl Section 8.11 - federal sanctions list: https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/
General	28	To facilitate networking/teaming between Proposers and MWBE/SDVOB certified firms, will you be providing a list of attendees from the Proposers Conference?	NYSERDA does not intend to provide a list of attendees from the Proposers Conference. Please see the response to Q#4 for guidance on leaseholder contact information. MWBE information can be found in the MWBE Certified Database maintained by Empire State Development. SDVOB information can be found in the Directory of New York State Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business maintained by the Office of General Services.
General	29	Are Proposers permitted to use the information in the New York Offshore Wind Supply Chain Database, the ESD MWBE Database and the OGS SDVOB Database for direct or automated supplier outreach, notification of opportunities, etc.?	Proposers can reference the supplier databases as needed to develop their Proposals.
General	30	Please clarify how Proposers should submit the completed Disclosure Statement referenced in RFP Section 8.5.	The completed Disclosure Statement can be submitted as an Attachment to the Proposal Narrative or uploaded separately as an Other Document in the NYSERDA Portal.
General	31	The RFP states that the Salesforce site will open for Proposal submission on December 15, 2022. At what time will the portal open and how much time will Proposers have to upload all required documents?	The NYSERDA portal will open for Proposal submission at 3:00 PM ET on January 19, 2022. Proposers will have until the Proposal Submission Deadline, January 26, 2022, at 3:00 PM ET, to upload all required documents.
General	32	Is there a possibility to exceed the communicated target of 4.64 GW in order to optimize the project portfolio?	NYSERDA is seeking to procure ORECs that constitute, in aggregate, an anticipated 2,000 MW minimum and, if the submitted Proposals justify procurement of a larger quantity, NYSERDA may procure through this solicitation up to the remaining capacity authorized by the Offshore Wind Orders and the September 17, 2020, Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) in Case No. 15-E-0302.
General	33	Please clarify whether Proposers and entities affiliated with Proposers can speak publicly about any commitments, investments, programs, or other element included within proposals during the period between submission and awards.	NYSERDA is not aware of general restrictions on speaking publicly about these matters. However, Proposers must comply with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the New York State Finance Law (as noted in Section 8.2 of the RFP) and any other applicable law.

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General	34	Is each potential Funding Recipient required to submit its own EO 16 Certification directly to NYSERDA? Or are Proposers required to coordinate with Funding Recipients (for their prospective SCIP Facilities) and submit the Funding Recipients' EO 16 Certifications with the Proposers' Notice of Intent to Propose?	EO 16 certifications for Funding Recipients may be submitted with the Proposer's Notice of Intent to Propose or may be submitted separately by the Funding Recipient to NYSERDA at offshorewind@nyserda.ny.gov by 3:00 p.m. on December 1, 2022. Funding Recipients must be identified in the Notice of Intent to Propose regardless of whether the EO 16 certification(s) are submitted together or separately. If a Funding Recipient submits directly to NYSERDA, the email should identify the Proposer(s) associated with the submission.
General	35	Does NYSERDA intend to release a Standard Form Capital Commitment Agreement, as it has done with Standard Form OREC PSA and Standard Form SCIP Facility Funding Agreement?	Yes, NYSERDA intends to release a Standard Form Capital Commitment Agreement in the RFP update.
General	36	Is there a date after which the RFP can't be updated?	NYSERDA reserves the right to update, modify, cancel, or postpone the RFP at any time. Please see Section 1.7 of the RFP.
General	37	Can NYSERDA please confirm that Authorized Agent(s) and Designated Agent(s), as referenced in Section 4.5 of the RFP, are the same?	Yes, confirmed. The RFP will be revised accordingly.
General	38	Please confirm whether Proposers are considered to be "prospective contractors" as referenced in Section 8.3 of the RFP, and if so, please clarify how the forms linked in Section 8.3 should be submitted.	Yes, Proposers are considered to be prospective contractors because the expected value of an award will be greater than \$100,000. The forms need not be included at the Proposal stage but must be submitted in accordance with Department of Taxation and Finance requirements prior to entering an agreement with NYSERDA.
Agreement	39	Given the definition of the Contract Delivery Term and the language specifying that the term is limited to the earlier of the Contract Tenor or the Outer Limit Date, would the extension described in Section 5.06(c) of the Agreement related to a meshed transmission system provide for a longer contract term?	Section 5.06(c) of the Agreement provides for an extension of the Outer Limit Date in the event that implementation of a meshed or other offshore transmission system causes delays in commencement of Commercial Operation. The Contract Tenor will remain either 20 or 25 years, depending on the term selected in the Proposal.
Agreement	40	Can NYSERDA confirm that the Offer Capacity, Maximum Project Capacity, Operational Installed Capacity and Uncompleted Offer Capacity, as defined in the Agreement, all relate to the Offshore Wind Generation Facility only, irrespective of any collocated or non-collocated Energy Storage component added to the Selected Proposal?	Yes, confirmed.

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Agreement	41	Can NYSERDA confirm that the Annual OREC Cap, P10 Annual OREC Exceedance and P50 Annual OREC Exceedance, as defined in the Agreement, all relate to the electrical energy produced from the Offshore Wind Generation Facility only, irrespective of any collocated or non-collocated Energy Storage component added to the Selected Proposal?	Yes, confirmed.
Agreement	42	Is the Offer Capacity definition in the Agreement intended to align with the Offer Capacity of the Proposal?	Yes. The Offer Capacity in the Agreement will match the Offer Capacity in the Proposal associated with the Offshore Wind Generation Facility that is the subject of the Agreement.
Agreement	43	How will the adjustment mechanism in Section 2.01(e) of the Agreement be implemented for a phased project?	NYSERDA will collaborate with the Proposer to make any reasonable modifications or clarifications required to the Agreement to reflect the nature of the phased project.
Agreement	44	How would the Seller be expected to recover the value of the “Fixed OREC Carbon Price Adjustment” contemplated in Section 4.02(b) of the Agreement?	Section 4.02(b) of the Agreement is designed to address the potential for double payments described in the Public Service Commission's April 23, 2020 Order Authorizing Offshore Wind Solicitation in 2020 and its January 16, 2020 Order Modifying Tier 1 Renewable Procurements. The Agreement accomplishes this by defining the Fixed OREC Carbon Price Adjustment in a manner to reflect the compensation that the Seller would be expected to receive through the NYISO wholesale energy market.

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Agreement	45	What parameters, scope and/or bounds are intended for the Stakeholder Engagement Plan set forth in Section 12.13 of the Agreement?	The Stakeholder Engagement Plan is described in detail in Appendix F to the RFP and will be attached as Exhibit N of the OREC Purchase and Sale Agreement. Proposers must include in their Proposals a detailed Stakeholder Engagement Plan that describes stakeholder engagement activities and commitments during the planning, construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Project and associated investments (except for SCIP Facilities, which will be included in the Supply Chain Investment Plan Stakeholder Engagement Plan). The Plan should provide a roadmap for the engagement phases of Project development, including stakeholder engagements undertaken prior to submission of the Proposal. If certain activities only apply to a specific Offshore Wind Generation Facility in a multi-facility Proposal, that should be clearly indicated.
Agreement	46	Is the requirement set forth in Section 13.01(i) of the Agreement intended to be that the developer must have submitted the siting application to the PSC initiating the Article VII proceeding?	The relevant milestone in Section 13(i) of the Agreement is submission to the Commission of “such applications for such certificates of environmental compatibility and public need as are necessary to construct the facilities that will deliver energy from the Selected Project to its corresponding Delivery Point.” As indicated by the provision, this could require the submission of multiple applications.
Agreement	47	How do the extensions to the Outer Limit Date in Sections 5.06(c) and 18.12 interact? Relatedly, how are actions that occur after the commencement of Commercial Operation treated by Section 18.12?	The extension provided for in Section 5.06(c) is separate from the limited extensions provided for in Section 18.12. Actions that occur after Commercial Operation commences are not relevant to Section 18.12, which is a provision related to delays of Commercial Operation beyond Seller's reasonable control.

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Agreement	48	Exhibit Q is missing Table Q.3. Relatedly, the RFP expressly states that the Inflation Adjustment will occur when BOEM approves the Project's COP; is that the date intended and when will Table Q.3 be provided reflecting that fact?	<p>The reference to Table Q.3 in Exhibit Q was incorrect and will be fixed in an update to refer to the last two paragraphs of Exhibit Q. As noted in those two paragraphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The values for Index_T for each commodity or component will be calculated as the average of the monthly or quarterly values for the three months prior to and following the Selected Project receiving approval of its COP from BOEM. • Any published value for Index_T that is considered by the US BLS as "preliminary" for up to four months after publication will be updated and the Index_T value will be recalculated if the final published value differs from a preliminary value.
Award Group	49	Will Proposals with Purchase Commitments tied to a selected Proposal from the Preliminary SCIP Rank Order be prioritized in the Preliminary Standalone Rank Order?	All Standalone Proposals, including Purchase Commitment Proposals, will be ranked based on the total of the Offer Price, New York Economic Benefits and Project Viability scores as described in Section 3.1. Purchase Commitment Proposals will not be separately weighted or prioritized other than through the scoring criteria described in the RFP.
Award Group	50	Section 5.1 indicates that Proposals will be selected from the Preliminary Standalone Rank Order only after the selection of Proposals from the Preliminary SCIP Rank Order is completed. Is it possible that NYSERDA will select only SCIP Proposals in this solicitation?	Yes, it is possible. Selection of SCIP Proposals is limited by the amount of available New York State Funding and by the remaining capacity authorized by the Offshore Wind Orders and the SGEIS. As stated in Section 5.1.2, it is also possible that NYSERDA may conclude, in its sole discretion, that awarding a SCIP Proposal is not the preferred way for New York State to meet its supply chain investment targets, in which case only Standalone Proposals would be selected.
Capacity	51	Please confirm that Offer Capacity is defined as the sum of the installed (nameplate) capacity of the turbines.	Yes, confirmed. As defined in the RFP, Offer Capacity is "[t]he electric generating capacity of the Project as submitted in the Proposal, measured as the installed (nameplate) capacity in alternating current of an Offshore Wind Generation Facility."
Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen	52	Is there a minimum capacity requirement for Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen project similar to Energy Storage?	No, there is no minimum capacity requirement for Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen.

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Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen	53	How does NYSERDA consider different end-use cases for Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen (e.g., network blending, combustion generation, transportation, etc.) in evaluation of Clean Electrolytic Hydrogen?	New York Economic Benefits claims will be assessed as described in Section 3.3 of the RFP and Appendix C.1 to the RFP. Proposers may find additional resources at https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Researchers-and-Policymakers/Hydrogen
Communications	54	Pursuant to BOEM’s regulatory requirements, please confirm that developers with bight site/lease areas may continue to provide required quarterly updates to state agencies regarding the development of their site.	Yes, confirmed. The restrictions in the RFP are related to “communication intended to influence this procurement.”
Contract Delivery Term	55	Section 2.1.3 of the RFP states that in certain circumstances for phased Projects, “Seller may elect to delay the commencement of the phase’s Contract Delivery Term.” Please clarify the impact on price: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether, if commencement of the Contract Delivery Term is delayed, the price stays the same in nominal terms, or if there are associated adjustments. • What the consequences are if the phase has been delayed more than a year. • If more than 25% of a phase of the project has commenced Commercial Operation, whether the Seller can still delay the Contract Delivery Term. 	If commencement of the Contract Delivery Term is delayed pursuant to this option, the price remains the same in nominal terms. If the phase of the Project is delayed more than a year, the Contract Delivery Term for such phase will begin (i.e., no longer be delayed). If more than 25% of a phase of the Project has commenced Commercial Operation, the Seller cannot delay the commencement of that phase’s Contract Delivery Term.
Data Forms	56	Can NYSERDA provide a Data Form Example Package similar to that provided for ORECRFP20-1?	Yes, a Data Form Example Package will be issued with the updated RFP.
Data Forms	57	How should Proposers / Funding Recipients fill in the Jobs and Workforce Data worksheets if not all of the requested detail is available?	Proposers and Funding Recipients are encouraged to be as complete as possible. Respondents have the option of selecting to enter data less granularly by selecting Total as the compensation structure for a line item.
Data Forms	58	Please clarify the definitions of “New Hires” and “Incumbent Workers” as they relate to the Jobs and Workforce Data worksheets.	New hires are associated with new unique jobs. Incumbent workers are associated with existing unique jobs that are retained.
Data Forms	59	Can ranges be entered for values in the Economic Benefits and Jobs and Workforce Data worksheets?	No, single values should be entered in the worksheets.

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Data Forms	60	What is the intended definition of Unique Job, as used in the data forms?	Unique jobs are intended to represent the number of total simultaneous positions that are available. A position can be either short-term or long-term, depending on the duration over which the position is available, but can only be held by one person at a time, and if that person is replaced by another person, still represents only one unique job.
Decommissioning	61	Does NYSERDA require a detailed decommissioning plan and cost estimate, and if so, in which section of the Proposal Narrative?	A separate decommissioning plan is not required; however, decommissioning should be addressed where noted in Section 6.4 of the RFP, specifically Sections 6.4.16 (Stakeholder Engagement Plan) and 6.4.21 (Reducing Carbon Emissions and Embodied Carbon).
Disadvantaged Communities	62	To what extent will indirect, future potential benefits to disadvantaged communities be considered; specifically, may a Proposer include benefits of programs or projects that might not be a part of the Proposal or Project in response to this RFP but that will be made possible to the extent the Project is awarded?	Economic benefits expected to accrue due to the Project but that are not contractually committed may be captured under Category 3 claims. Benefits and externalities which cannot be quantified but provide context to the Project's potential may be addressed in the Proposal Narrative.
Disadvantaged Communities	63	The definition of Disadvantaged Communities in the RFP references interim, draft and final criteria. Please confirm which criteria should be used to identify benefits to Disadvantaged Communities.	For the purposes of ORECRFP22-1, benefits to Disadvantaged Communities will be assessed with respect to both the interim draft and final Disadvantaged Communities criteria. That is, commitments to a Disadvantaged Community under the interim draft criteria or the final criteria will be eligible as a Disadvantaged Community commitment under ORECRFP22-1 even if the final criteria remove a community designated in the interim draft criteria.
Economic Benefits	64	Can additional granularity be provided regarding the allocation of New York Economic Benefits points?	No. Please see Section 3.3.5 of the RFP for the available information on New York Economic Benefits scoring.
Economic Benefits	65	There appears to be an inconsistency in the RFP's definition of Incremental Economic Benefits between the Economic Benefit Start Date of January 1, 2022, and the requirement that the expenditures would not have accrued but for the award of a contract. Can this be clarified?	The definition of Incremental Economic Benefits will be revised in the RFP to add the words "or an anticipation of the potential for such an award" after the words "would not have accrued but for the award of a contract under in this current RFP."

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Economic Benefits	66	Please confirm that it is NYSERDA's intent for Category 2 economic benefits to be included in both the Agreement and SCIP Facility Funding Agreement and thus to be guaranteed by both the Proposer and the Funding Recipient?	The RFP will be updated to remove Category 2 from the economic benefits claims included in the Agreement. With this update, Category 2 economic benefits will be included only in the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement and, to the extent applicable, the capital commitment agreement.
Economic Benefits	67	Why are only Categories 1 and 2 unitized based on Offer Capacity?	With the removal of Category 2 from the Agreement, only Category 1 will be unitized based on Offer Capacity, as will be reflected in the updated RFP. Categories 2 and 4 are not unitized based on Offer Capacity because they are not limited to spending and jobs associated with a specific Project's Offer Capacity, instead supporting multiple Projects over each SCIP Facility's operating life. Categories 3 and 5 are not unitized because the quantities are not firm and contractually committed.
Economic Benefits	68	Do Category 2 economic benefits need to be differentiated based on funding source?	No, Incremental Economic Benefits do not need to be differentiated based on funding source, but New York State Funding itself cannot be counted as an Incremental Economic Benefit.
Economic Benefits	69	How should economic benefits claims with values that are not yet known be presented?	Proposals will be evaluated based on the claimed economic benefits. Category 1 and Category 2 and 4 economic benefits claims will be entered as commitments in the Agreement and the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement, respectively. If a Proposer has potential economic benefits claims that it is not prepared to contractually commit to, these should be entered in Category 3 or 5.
Economic Benefits	70	Please explain why the four evaluation considerations for Categories 3 and 5 listed in Section 3.3.5 of the RFP will not also be applied to Categories 1, 2 and 4?	For Categories 3 and 5, the claims are not contractually committed and may not be quantifiable. Claims in Categories 1, 2 and 4 will be quantitative, contractually committed, and evaluated in terms of whether they are firm, credible and create persistent and sustainable institutional and/or worker capabilities in New York State.
Economic Benefits	71	Please add clarity to Table 1: Economic Benefits Scoring Hierarchy with regards to what classifies as Just Transition.	This category is intended to reflect claims in the Economic Benefits Plan that support the strategies listed within Chapter 7, sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan . The RFP will be clarified to reflect this.

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Economic Benefits	72	Can required investment amounts such as Support for Monitoring Key Commercial Fish Stocks and Wildlife be accounted for as Incremental Economic Benefits claims?	Yes, if the contributions are spent in New York State.
Economic Benefits	73	Can interconnection costs borne by Proposers for any requisite SDUs/SUFs be included as Incremental Economic Benefits?	Yes, as stated in Appendix C.1, transmission and interconnection fees and expenditures can be included as Incremental Economic Benefits.
Economic Benefits	74	Would New York State expenditures include payroll costs to employee who lives out of state but travels to NY and works in NYC 4 days/week?	See Exhibit I to the Agreement. Payments for labor-related expenditures must be for work that is performed in New York State or subject to the Project Labor Agreement or Labor Peace Agreement approved by NYSERDA pursuant to Sections 18.11 and 18.11-a of the Agreement.
Economic Benefits	75	Would New York State expenditures include travel costs for employees between a NY office and an out of state location?	See Exhibit I to the Agreement. Payments for the in-State purchase of local goods and services such as, but not limited to, food, lodging, vehicles, equipment, and fuel are eligible economic benefits.
Economic Benefits	76	Would New York State expenditures include Travel costs for employees to events out of state to advance business development efforts of NY project?	See Exhibit I to the Agreement. Payments for the in-State purchase of local goods and services such as, but not limited to, food, lodging, vehicles, equipment, and fuel are eligible economic benefits.
Economic Benefits	77	Would New York State expenditures include dollars spent on out-of-State based service providers for services rendered in NY?	See Exhibit I to the Agreement. A branch, office of worksite of a non-New York State firm that operates within New York will be treated as a New York State Firm for the purposes of economic benefits verification so long as the supporting documentation from such firm makes evident that the Claimed Expense was for work performed in New York State, services provided in New York State, or for materials, goods, or equipment sourced from New York State.
Economic Benefits	78	To what extent, if any, does inclusion of indirect and induced economic benefits narrative factor into NYSERDA's evaluation process?	Economic Benefits Plans will be evaluated as described in Sections 3.3.4 and 3.3.5 of the RFP. Proposers may reference any indirect and/or induced economic benefits in the narrative Economic Benefits Plan.

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Economic Benefits	79	The definition of Economic Benefits Plan cites inclusion of both the Supply Chain Investment Plan and the New York Jobs and Workforce Plan, but the submission guidelines indicate that the Supply Chain Investment Plan and New York Jobs and Workforce Plan should be submitted as separate documents. Please confirm that the Supply Chain Investment Plan and the New York Jobs and Workforce Plans should be submitted as separate documents, with both plans heavily referenced as part of the narrative of the Economic Benefits Plan.	Yes, confirmed. The Supply Chain Investment Plan and Jobs and Workforce Plan should be submitted as separate documents and incorporated in the Economic Benefits Plan by reference where appropriate.
Economic Benefits	80	Section 6.4.19.1 of the RFP references descriptions and supporting documentation for economic benefits claims as being "described below," but no additional information is provided in the section. Where is this information available?	Requirements of the supporting documentation for economic benefits claims are provided in Appendix C.1, specifically Section C.1.B.2. The RFP will be updated to correct this reference.
Economic Benefits	81	Should supporting documentation for the Economic Benefits Plan be included within the narrative of the Economic Benefits Plan or attached and incorporated by reference?	The organization of the Economic Benefits Plan and any attachments is at the Proposer's discretion but should be clearly indicated and labeled in alignment with Appendix N to the RFP and within Part III of the Master Offers Form. NYSERDA does not have a preference between supporting documentation being included within the same file as the Economic Benefits Plan or as a separate file.
Energy Resource Assessment	82	Does the wind resource assessment report required in Section 6.4.5 of the RFP need to be completed by a 3rd party consultant or is an internal report acceptable?	The wind resource assessment report can be either an internal report or completed by a 3rd party consultant.
Energy Resource Assessment	83	What types of "potential/expected curtailment" should be addressed in the Energy Resource Assessment and Plan, as noted in Section 6.4.5 of the RFP?	The Energy Resource Assessment should address any potential or expected curtailment of which the Proposer is reasonably aware.
Energy Storage	84	Section 2.1.9 of the RFP refers to the potential applicability of Article 10 of the Public Service Law to an Energy Storage facility that is proposed to be part of the Project. Storage Facilities not co-located with a facility that is otherwise subject to Article 10 are not themselves subject to Article 10. How does NYSERDA understand Article 10 to be potentially applicable in this context?	Section 2.1.9 of the RFP will be revised to remove the incorrect reference to Article 10 and further clarify.
Energy Storage	85	In Section 2.1.9 there is a list of Energy Storage projects that are not eligible for an award under this solicitation. Would a Proposal that includes Energy Storage of one of these types be deemed ineligible?	The Proposal would be eligible for an OREC award, but it would not receive any additional New York Economic Benefits or Project Viability scoring credit for the Energy Storage.

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Energy Storage	86	The 10th bullet in the list of eligibility requirements in Section 2.1 states “Electrical Energy Storage for electrical discharge must be located in Zone J or K”. While this is listed as an eligibility requirement, we understand from the provisions defining the Required Base Proposal that a Proposal without Energy Storage is both eligible and must be priced, <i>i.e.</i> , Energy Storage is optional (per Section 2.1.9). Could you please confirm?	Yes, confirmed. Proposals are not required to include Energy Storage, but if Energy Storage is included it must comply with the stated requirement to be eligible.
Energy Storage	87	Will more Project Viability points be awarded to a collocated Energy Storage proposal over an otherwise identical non-collocated Energy Storage proposal?	Project Viability points will be awarded to eligible Energy Storage based on the degree to which, through strategic siting and grid location in Zone J or K, the Energy Storage provides reliability, resilience, economic, or decarbonization benefits to the electric grid, or improves the utilization of the Project.
Energy Storage	88	The RFP states that the Energy Storage component must be operational for a minimum of 10 years to qualify as eligible. Do these 10 years need to overlap with the Contract Delivery Term of the offshore wind Project? Will longer or shorter storage operational periods be favored in evaluation?	The minimum 10 years of Energy Storage operation do not need to occur fully during the offshore wind Project's Contract Delivery Term. Although there is no requirement for the Energy Storage operational period to be longer than the minimum 10 years, potential system benefits of longer operational periods will be considered in evaluation.
Energy Storage	89	Can the Energy Storage system's commercial operation date be earlier than the date the Offshore Wind Generation Facility commences Commercial Operation?	Yes, although payments under the OREC Agreement will not begin until the Project's Contract Delivery Term commences.
Energy Storage	90	Can you confirm that a collocated Energy Storage system discharge will receive ORECs irrespective of the time of discharge, as long as the discharged energy is charged directly from Offshore Wind Generation Facility production?	Yes, if the Energy Storage is electrically collocated (<i>i.e.</i> , located behind the meter), energy discharged from the Energy Storage facility that originated from Offshore Wind Generation Facility generation is eligible to receive ORECs.
Energy Storage	91	How will the Energy Storage Component Price Reduction Amount be defined and at which Party's discretion?	A requirement for Alternate Proposals that include Energy Storage to correspond to a Proposal that is consistent in all other respects, except for pricing and/or other modifications directly related to Energy Storage has been added. The Energy Storage Component Price Reduction Amount entered in the Agreement will be calculated as the difference between the Index OREC Strike Prices or Fixed OREC Prices for the Proposals with and without Energy Storage.

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Energy Storage	92	Considering the uncertainties related to the Energy Storage revenue market, and regulations at this point, what controls does NYSERDA propose to keep Seller harmless in case of events outside of Seller's control that may delay the Energy Storage component commercial operation date, the Bid Storage Capacity, or the entire feasibility of the Energy Storage project?	The Proposer may consider market risks in determining the respective Index OREC Strike Prices and Fixed OREC Prices for the corresponding Proposals with and without Energy Storage. If the Energy Storage is delayed beyond the start of the Offshore Wind Generation Facility's Contract Delivery Term, the Energy Storage Component Price Reduction will be applied until the Energy Storage comes online, at which point the unadjusted Index OREC Strike Price or Fixed OREC Price will be reinstated. The Energy Storage Component Price Reduction will be applied for the duration of the Contract Delivery Term if the proposed Energy Storage project does not enter commercial operation.
Environmental Mitigation Plan	93	When putting together the EMP, NYSERDA has requested Proposers follow NYSERDA's required elements of the Narrative Component of the Plan, as outlined in Appendix E of the RFP. Appendix E of the RFP currently does not have a Section E.9. Can NYSERDA please confirm that Proposers should omit E.9 from their EMP response?	Yes, confirmed, this was an error in Appendix E that will be fixed in the RFP.
Evaluation	94	Section 4.4 of the RFP states that "all phases of all Proposals will be evaluated with a Contract Delivery Term commencement year of 2028." What does this mean for Projects that do not have a 2028 COD?	The standardized 2028 Contract Delivery Term commencement year is applied only for evaluation, in order to treat all Proposals, the same from a discounting perspective. This assumption does not affect the actual COD for a Project or Project phase, nor is it intended to indicate a requirement or preference for a COD, other than as stated in Section 3.2.7.
Financing Plan	95	If the Proposer is a special purpose entity, can NYSERDA confirm that parent companies of Proposers can submit, in place of the Proposer, their (1) credit rating sufficient for development of the Selected Project, and (2) recent experience in successfully financing like technology of comparable size and complexity?	Yes, if the Proposer is a special purpose entity, the parent company can submit the information required in the Financing Plan (Section 3.2.2 of the RFP) for the Proposer.
Fossil Repurposing Proposals	96	Are Fossil Repurposing Proposals required to include an Affected Resource?	No, Fossil Repurposing Proposals are not required to include an Affected Resource.

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Fossil Repurposing Proposals	97	What is considered sufficient documentation to demonstrate fossil repurposing usage rights and authority to carry out the repurposing?	As stated in Section 6.4.9 of the RFP, to demonstrate usage rights and authority to carry out the repurposing, the Proposer of any Fossil Repurposing Proposal must provide an executed agreement or letter of intent with the owner(s) of the relevant fossil-based electric generation infrastructure.
Fossil Repurposing Proposals	98	The 9th bullet in the list of eligibility requirements in Section 2.1 states “Fossil Repurposing Proposals must identify the facility to be repurposed, demonstrate usage rights and submit an implementation plan and a contingency plan (Section 2.1.8).” While the Fossil Repurposing Proposal is listed as an eligibility requirement, we understand that a Proposal without a Fossil Repurposing Proposal is eligible, <i>i.e.</i> , the Fossil Repurposing Proposal is optional (per Section 2.1.8). That said, the list specifying the options that must be excluded from a Required Base Proposal does not specifically include a Fossil Repurposing Proposal. Could you please confirm?	Yes, confirmed. Proposals are not required to include a Fossil Repurposing Proposal, but if a Fossil Repurposing Proposal is included it must comply with the stated requirements to be eligible. The Required Base Proposal and Required Standalone Proposal may (but are not required to) include a Fossil Repurposing Proposal, as noted in Section 2.1.8 of the RFP.
Fossil Repurposing Proposals	99	If a proposed project is able to purchase CRIS rights from the owner of an existing power plant that would be shut down, how would that be considered in the evaluation of Interconnection and Deliverability under Project Viability or Price?	As stated in Section 3.2.10 of the RFP, the inclusion of a Fossil Repurposing Proposal will impact how a Proposal is scored across the Project Viability subcategories. Aspects of a Fossil Repurposing Proposal that impact a Proposal's interconnection and deliverability will be considered as described in Section 3.2.6 of the RFP. In this context, the ability to readily access CRIS rights would generally be evaluated favorably. However, the inclusion of an Affected Resource would also subject the Proposal to further review as to the reasonableness of the proposed change in generation operations or deactivation, as described in Section 3.2.10.1 of the RFP. Price will be evaluated as described in Section 4 of the RFP.
Fossil Repurposing Proposals	100	Would a letter of intent to transfer CRIS rights to the proposer from an entity that owns CRIS rights at the POI for the OSW, or that has the right to acquire such CRIS rights, be sufficient documentation to demonstrate interconnection feasibility and capacity deliverability rights?	As stated in Section 6.4.9 of the RFP, a letter of intent is an acceptable demonstration of usage rights.

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Fossil Repurposing Proposals	101	Is repurposing an existing downstate fossil-fueled generating station by constructing a DC-AC converter station on the property and/or expanding the generation switchyard/substation eligible as a Fossil Repurposing Proposal and how will it be evaluated?	Section 2.1.8 of the RFP presents eligibility requirements for Fossil Repurposing Proposals. Section 3.2.10 of the RFP describes how Fossil Repurposing Proposals will be evaluated.
Inflation Adjustment	102	Will the Inflation Adjustment apply only in the event that it results in an increase to the Index OREC Strike Price or Fixed OREC Price?	No, the Inflation Adjustment will apply the formula using the future index values, which could be either higher or lower than the current index values.
Inflation Adjustment	103	How will NYSERDA evaluate Proposals that include Inflation Adjustment?	Proposals that include Inflation Adjustment will be evaluated using a multiplier representing NYSERDA’s expectation of the inflation for the identified indices between the Proposal Submission Deadline and the estimated date of COP Approval for a Project with a COD of 2028.
Interconnection and Deliverability	104	Section 3.2.6 of the RFP specifies interconnection plans that “maximize delivery through the bulk power system” and “enable expansion of the State’s offshore wind portfolio” will be “evaluated favorably.” How will these two metrics be measured?	Section 3.2.6 lists the elements of plans that will be evaluated favorably (where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVDC and HVAC cable routing and the associated underwater and overland footprint of the radial export cable that minimizes risks and impacts in support of the eventual delivery of at least 6,000 MW of wind into New York City, • Implementation of advanced technologies mentioned in the Power Grid Study, • Maximizing the carrying capacity of each cable routed through constrained areas, and designing cable routing to encourage or not preclude future cabling options, • Choosing interconnection points that do not exacerbate existing congestion, • Displacing a higher proportion of emissions due to the proximity to large fossil fuel generators, • Incorporating Energy Storage, and • Avoiding onshore cable routing through Disadvantaged Communities.
Interconnection and Deliverability	105	How will NYSERDA assess the Interconnection and Deliverability Plans for Long Island proposals versus New York City proposals?	All Projects are evaluated based on the price and non-price factors as described in the RFP, with no distinct scoring preference for Zone J or Zone K interconnection points. The preferences and scoring priorities for Interconnection and Deliverability Plans are stated in Section 3.2.6 of the RFP.

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Interconnection and Deliverability	106	To what standard should Interconnection plans be presented? Should they be consistent with NYISO Minimum Interconnection Standard requirements, and reflect Energy Resource Interconnection Service?	Section 6.4.8 of the RFP details the Proposal Submission requirements. Interconnection and Deliverability Plans should encompass the entirety of the interconnection process, including Energy and Capacity Resource Interconnection Service as relevant to the Project.
Interconnection and Deliverability	107	Are Alternate Proposals eligible if they have an Injection Point outside of Zones J and K?	Yes, the requirement to have an Injection Point in Zone J or K applies only to the Required Base Proposal and Required Standalone Proposal.
Interconnection Cost Adjustment	108	Will the Interconnection Cost Adjustment set forth in Section 5.04 be calculated once?	Yes, the calculation is only done once.
Interconnection Cost Adjustment	109	Are Elective Costs also eligible as a variable to be subtracted from the Interconnection Base to define the Interconnection Cost Adjustment?	The amounts to be subtracted from the Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline to arrive at Interconnection Net Savings subject to Section 5.04(c) of the Agreement are set forth in the definition of Interconnection Net Savings in the Agreement. Elective costs will be included to the extent they fall into the categories set forth in that definition. Please also see question 111 below for further relevant information.
Interconnection Cost Allocation	110	In the event NYSERDA revises the Proposal's Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline value to be reflected in Section 5.04 of the Agreement, and provides the Proposer with a one-time opportunity to update its OREC Price, as explained in Section 4.2.1 of the RFP, will NYSERDA also share the basis for their revised Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline and will the Proposer be allowed to provide a different basis and re-adjust the Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline?	NYSERDA will endeavor to provide a reasonable explanation of any revisions but generally does not intend to engage in additional iterations of Interconnection Cost Allocation Baseline adjustments. The Proposer should include any supporting information relevant to the derivation of its submitted value in the Proposal Submission.
Interconnection Cost Allocation	111	Please clarify whether the Interconnection Cost Allocation is defined as the actual and final costs paid by the Developer to the Connecting Transmission Owner, or the Cost Allocation that NYISO identifies in the Class Year and is memorialized in the interconnection agreement.	The Interconnection Cost Allocation is defined as the total costs borne by a Project pursuant to NYISO interconnection requirements and memorialized in the project's interconnection agreement. The RFP will be updated to reflect this clarification.
Interconnection Cost Sharing	112	For a bid that includes Interconnection Cost Sharing, do the Interconnection Cost Threshold 1 (ICT1) and Interconnection Cost Threshold 2 (ICT2) values have to be the same or may these be different values?	These values may be the same or different.

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Jobs and Workforce Plan	113	Will Proposers be required to submit public versions of the New York Jobs and Workforce Plans?	Yes, Section 6 of the RFP will be updated to reflect that a public version of the New York Jobs and Workforce Plans is required in Proposal Submissions.
Jobs and Workforce Plan	114	What will be the process, and who is responsible, for evaluating the Proposers' New York Jobs and Workforce Plans?	The Scoring Committee will review the New York Jobs and Workforce Plans with assistance from Specialist Reviewers.
Lighting Controls	115	If the Proposer can demonstrate that its Project is far enough offshore that the aviation lights will not be visible from shore, will use of Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ADLS) still be required?	Distance from shore is not a determining factor for ADLS implementation. As stated in the RFP, ADLS is required not only to minimize visual impact but also impacts on avian species, which are not limited by distance from shore.
Meshed Ready	116	Please explain the design choice of an HVAC Meshed Network.	The Meshed Ready design set forth in Appendix G to the RFP is consistent with studies supporting the Public Service Commission's Order on Power Grid Study Recommendations, intended to present a modest upfront cost while preserving future optionality.
Meshed Ready	117	Are the Meshed Ready requirements different for different offshore wind energy areas?	No, all Required Base and Required Standalone Proposals (other than Proposals for Upgrade Capacity) must be Meshed Ready as stated in Section 2.1.4 of the RFP.
Meshed Ready	118	May a Proposal achieve the electrical configuration described in Appendix G, without meeting all equipment requirements as set forth in Appendix G?	All Required Base and Required Standalone Proposals (other than Proposals for Upgrade Capacity) must be Meshed Ready per the specifications in Appendix G. Proposal Submissions may describe a plan and installation schedule on how such requirements will be achieved through the Project's development.
Meshed Ready	119	Please provide further information regarding how the Meshed Network will be operated and implemented, including who will operate the Meshed Network, how relevant rules and regulations will be developed, and how energy will be treated from a regulatory perspective and in the OREC Agreement.	A Meshed Network will not be constructed unless and until its implementation is directed by the Public Service Commission. As noted in Appendix G, the entity or entities assuming operation of a Meshed Network will be determined at a future stage in offshore wind grid development and will necessitate additional Orders issued by the New York State Public Service Commission, delineation of the control area of the Meshed Network, and any access or operational parameters determination by FERC. This entity could be the NYISO for the New York Control Area or another existing or future entity. Matters relevant to the potential integration of a Project into a Meshed Network are further addressed in Section 4.3.1 of the RFP and Section 5.06 of the Agreement.

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Meshed Ready	120	Please clarify the timing requirements for responsibilities in Table G.1 in Appendix G.	For Proposal Submission, Proposers must demonstrate a plan to achieve the requirements set forth in the Meshed Ready column of Table G.1 of Appendix G. Meshed Implementation items would be completed at a future time not in the scope of this RFP.
Meshed Ready	121	What is the Proposer's responsibility with respect to the C&P Interface Panels mentioned in Table G.1 in Appendix G, especially given that Section G.3.2.1 of Appendix G indicates that the detailed signal list for interfacing with the MGCC will be provided only after the Meshed Ready phase?	Table G.1 will be revised to reflect that Proposers must ensure there is sufficient space for C&P Interface Panels during the Meshed Ready phase. Installation of Interface Panels will not be considered until Meshed Implementation.
Meshed Ready	122	Can NYSERDA please clarify the AC chopper requirement contemplated in Section G.2.1.1 of Appendix G?	Section G.2.1.1 of Appendix G requires that provisions be made for AC chopper equipment, <i>i.e.</i> , that space and appropriate AC GIS equipment for the AC chopper be included on the offshore substation. The AC chopper itself is not required for the Meshed Ready stage, as indicated in the responsibility matrix in Table G.1 in Appendix G. The RFP will be updated to clarify this.
Meshed Ready	123	Can NYSERDA please clarify which transformer performance requirements are being referenced in Section G.2.1.2 of Appendix G?	The 230kV transformer must perform in accordance with all key assumptions mentioned in Section G.2.2 of Appendix G, including up to 800 MW of transfer and necessary reactive power.
Meshed Ready	124	Can NYSERDA please describe the submission requirements for the studies listed in Table G.2 in Appendix G? May the Proposer use their engineering discretion in determining which subset of studies are relevant to be included?	Table G.2 in Appendix G will be revised to clarify that the topics for study should be addressed by the Proposer in any level of detail that supports the Proposal Submission. The Proposal may address these topics on a narrative, conceptual, or detailed basis.
Meshed Ready	125	Please clarify what is meant by detailed design level as described in in Table G.2 in Appendix G.	Table G.2 in Appendix G will be revised to clarify that all deliverables in the Proposal can be presented at a conceptual level consistent with Interconnection and Deliverability Plan requirements in Section 6.4.8 of the RFP.
Meshed Ready	126	Are the HVDC replica control systems for MGCC mentioned in Section G.3.3 of Appendix G the responsibility of the Proposer?	Section G.3 of Appendix G describes aspects of the Meshed Network design, such as the MGCC, that may be relevant to consider for a Project's Meshed Ready design elements. However, the RFP does not require that Proposers take responsibility for any aspect of the Meshed Network other than what is set forth in Section G.2 of Appendix G.

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Noise Mitigation	127	Regarding noise mitigation, please elaborate on the process or workflow envisioned to determine the effectiveness of a proposed Alternative Mitigation Monitoring Plan for noise-producing activities during poor visibility conditions.	An alternative plan should propose methods for monitoring other than visual observation that have been trialed and proved effective for detection during times of poor visibility.
Project Description and Site Control	128	Can NYSERDA please confirm that there is no difference between the “site plan” and “site layout plan” described in the second and fourth paragraphs of Section 6.4.4 of the RFP?	Yes, confirmed. The updated RFP will be revised to clarify this language.
Proposer Qualifications	129	Is the management chart requested in Section 6.4.3 of the RFP intended to be an organizational chart that illustrates the relationships of its key personnel?	Yes.
Proposer Qualifications	130	Please clarify the entities for which demographic information must be shared as required in Section 6.4.3 of the RFP for joint venture Proposers.	The language requiring Proposers to provide demographic information will be revised in the updated RFP to clarify that it should be provided for the governing bodies of the Proposer and its owner(s).
Purchase Commitment Proposals	131	Will NYSERDA be vetting the Proposers’ purchase commitments, and if so, how?	The firmness and credibility of the Incremental Economic Benefits claims will be evaluated by the OREC Scoring Committee. Documentation that supports this evaluation, for example, an agreement with the SCIP Facility, will be considered in assessing the credibility of the claim(s).
Purchase Commitment Proposals	132	Please confirm that Purchase Commitment Proposals will not result in the awardee of the SCIP Proposal to which the Purchase Commitment relates being bound to offtake levels in excess of the SCIP Proposal amounts. Likewise, please confirm that awardees of Purchase Commitment Proposals will not be required to procure quantities in excess of their SCIP Related Purchases due to the SCIP Facility’s stated minimum offtake volume.	Confirmed. Proposals will be evaluated and (if awarded) contracted based on the terms of the Proposal. The treatment of commitments in Purchase Commitment Proposals is described in the final paragraph of Section 2.1.4 of the RFP. If a SCIP Facility’s minimum offtake volume is not met through the award group, that SCIP Facility will not be eligible for award.

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Required and Alternate Proposals	133	Can a Proposer's Required Base and Required Standalone Proposal for one Offshore Wind Generation Facility be contingent on an Alternate Proposal with a distinct and altogether separate Offshore Wind Generation Facility and corresponding Supply Chain Investment Plan?	No, as stated in Section 2.1.1 of the RFP, a Proposer may not condition the acceptance of one Proposal on the withdrawal or acceptance of any other Proposal, with the exception of conditions related to Supply Chain Investment Plan volumes as specifically allowed in the RFP. While an Offshore Wind Generation Facility is limited to a single lease area and a single Injection Point, each Proposal can include up to three Offshore Wind Generation Facilities. If, for example, pricing can be reduced if two Offshore Wind Generation Facilities are awarded, the two Offshore Wind Generation Facilities can be submitted as two independent Proposals, with a third Proposal submitted that includes both Projects.
Required and Alternate Proposals	134	Must the Required Standalone Proposal be identical to the Required Base Proposal in all aspects other than the SCIP?	No, the Required Standalone Proposal must meet the requirements listed in Section 2.1.4 of the RFP, but it need not be aligned with the Required Base Proposal.
Required and Alternate Proposals	135	Section 2.1.4 of the RFP states: "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." Please clarify the intent of this language.	Proposers are allowed to submit Alternate Proposals with both separate and combined adjustments, but this is not required, except that an Alternate Proposal that includes Energy Storage must correspond to a Proposal that does not include Energy Storage but is otherwise consistent in all respects. If, for example, a Proposer wishes to include both Energy Storage and Interconnection Cost Sharing in a Proposal, it is not necessary to submit three Alternate Proposals: one with Energy Storage, one with Interconnection Cost Sharing and one with Energy Storage and Interconnection Cost Sharing. The Proposer may instead submit two Alternate Proposals, one with Interconnection Cost Sharing and one with Energy Storage and Interconnection Cost Sharing, in addition to the required Proposal without Energy Storage or Interconnection Cost Sharing.
Required and Alternate Proposals	136	Section 2.1.4 of the RFP refers to a Required Alternate Proposal, but this term is not used elsewhere. Is it a typo? If not, please provide additional information regarding this requirement.	The reference to a Required Alternate Proposal is an error and should read Required Standalone Proposal. This will be corrected in the updated RFP.

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SCIP Agreement	137	When does NYSERDA expect the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement to be signed?	The SCIP Facility Funding Agreement will be negotiated immediately following the award notification but will not be signed until after SEQRA findings for the SCIP Facility are completed. Please see question 138 below for further information.
SCIP Agreement	138	How does NYSERDA intend to demonstrate its commitment to funding the awarded SCIP Facility while the SEQRA process is pending (<i>i.e.</i> , prior to entry into the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement)?	NYSERDA will issue an award letter to the Funding Recipient for each awarded SCIP Facility memorializing the award decision and the final form of agreement agreed to by NYSERDA and the Funding Recipient to be entered into after the SEQRA process is complete. NYSERDA will also consider on a case-by-case basis funding requested for pre-construction activities (<i>e.g.</i> , engineering expenses) if justified by the Proposal, in which case a limited version of the SCIP Funding Agreement covering those expenses can be negotiated and entered into prior to completion of SEQRA.
SCIP Agreement	139	Please provide more information on the process for negotiating the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement after award.	As stated in Section 7 of the RFP, NYSERDA intends to negotiate OREC Agreement(s), capital commitment agreement(s) and SCIP Facility Funding Agreement(s) in parallel beginning immediately after award notifications.
SCIP Agreement	140	The SCIP Facility Funding Agreement states that the Grant Recipient will identify the project's "Partners", including third parties that will have a material ownership, leasehold, or operating role in the Project. Please confirm that third parties who fall into this definition, or are investors in the project, are not required to be Grant Recipients.	Yes, confirmed.
SCIP Agreement	141	Can the Funding Recipient for a SCIP Facility be modified prior to the finalization of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement?	NYSERDA will review proposals to modify the Funding Recipient on a case-by-case basis. A change that merely updates the Funding Recipient's contractual counterparty in the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement to the specific subsidiary of the Funding Recipient's parent that is responsible for development of the SCIP Facility is likely to be acceptable. .
SCIP Agreement	142	Does Section 5.04 of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement prohibit the incurrence of debt to complete the facility?	Although Section 5.04(a) of Exhibit B of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement requires NYSERDA's consent to indebtedness in some cases, the provision further states that NYSERDA's consent is not required if the applicable financing agreements include certain provisions.

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SCIP Agreement	143	Is Exhibit A-1 to the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement (Project Description) to be submitted as part of the Proposal?	If a SCIP including the SCIP Facility is awarded, Exhibit A-1 will be drafted based on the contents of the SCIP and reviewed during negotiation of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement.
SCIP Agreement	144	When will exhibits for contract security and payment guarantees be made available?	These exhibits will be included in the RFP update.
SCIP Agreement	145	Under the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement, why does NYSERDA reserve the right to approve the PLA negotiated between a Funding Recipient and the relevant trades, and what happens if NYSERDA does not approve the PLA?	NYSERDA reserves the right to approve the PLA to protect NYSERDA's interests with respect to a SCIP Facility, as well as the public it serves. Specifically, NYSERDA intends to ensure that any negotiated PLA contains provisions that (1) avoid costly construction delays associated with labor-related disruptions; and (2) allow for the cost-effective and efficient coordination of multiple trades, crafts, and contractors. NYSERDA anticipates that terms and conditions common and customary in PLAs covering projects of significant size and scale will serve both of these purposes, and Exhibit F of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement further details the provisions NYSERDA expects to be included in the PLA. In the unlikely event that the negotiated PLA fails to serve the above purposes, the contract provides that NYSERDA will identify the changes to the final form of the PLA that would render it approvable.
SCIP Agreement	146	Why is NYSERDA's consent necessary for a Change of Control of the Grant Recipient under the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement?	The SCIP Facility Funding Agreement requires NYSERDA consent for any Change of Control other than a disposition to a Permitted Transferee in order to ensure that the Grant Recipient remains controlled by an entity that meets NYSERDA's requirements. NYSERDA will consider proposed modifications to the definition of Change of Control and Permitted Transferee where appropriate for the specific SCIP Facility.
SCIPs	147	Several pieces of information required in the SCIP documentation are confidential and sensitive, such as product cost structure information that is not typically shared with customers. How are suppliers/manufacturers expected to transmit this information to NYSERDA?	Funding Recipients or other suppliers participating in a SCIP Proposal may submit additional information to be considered with the SCIP Proposal by emailing NYSERDA's Designated Contacts at offshorewind@nyserda.ny.gov . A secure link will be provided in response where suppliers and manufacturers participating in SCIP Proposals may submit confidential materials.

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SCIPs	148	If additional information about a proposed SCIP Facility becomes available after the Proposal Submission Deadline but before award notifications are made, how can the Proposer inform NYSERDA of the update?	Please refer to Section 1.9 of the RFP. Updates can be provided by contacting NYSERDA's Designated Contacts at offshorewind@nyserda.ny.gov and requesting a secure link to submit the additional information.
SCIPs	149	Can two projects with overlapping SCIPs (SCIPs that include the same SCIP Facility) be awarded simultaneously?	New York State Funding for a SCIP Facility will be provided only through one awarded Proposal. New York State Funding for a SCIP Facility should not be split between multiple SCIPs or Proposals. In case one SCIP Facility is included in multiple Proposals that are eligible for award, NYSERDA reserves the right to negotiate relevant terms of any affected Proposals (for example, by re-allocating SCIP Facility capital commitments that are no longer necessary towards other commitments and/or reductions in the Index OREC Strike price or Fixed OREC Price).
SCIPs	150	How can a Sub-component supply facility that is dependent on a prerequisite OEM manufacturing facility be linked to the OEM facility?	A SCIP can include multiple SCIP Facilities, which would be selected as a package with an award to a Proposal that includes the SCIP.
SCIPs	151	Section 2.1.2 of the RFP states that "If an awarded Proposal includes a Supply Chain Investment Plan with one or more SCIP Facilities that are ultimately not realized, NYSERDA may request that the Seller incorporate an alternate SCIP Facility that was deemed fundable by the SCIP Scoring Committee or otherwise approved by NYSERDA." Does this statement mean that Proposers may be required by NYSERDA to utilize a SCIP Facility that was not included in their Proposal, and would Proposers have an opportunity to revise their OREC price in such a scenario? How would New York State Funding be treated for the replacement SCIP Facility?	Section 2.1.2 of the RFP sets forth the possibility that NYSERDA may request (not mandate) that the Seller incorporate an alternate SCIP Facility that was deemed fundable by the SCIP Scoring Committee. This substitution would be made in the context of the alternative investment contemplated by the capital commitment agreement described in Section 7.2. The specific terms of the process for substituting an alternative investment, including New York State Funding, will be tailored in the capital commitment agreement to the nature of the individual Proposal, but these terms are not expected to contemplate a change in OREC price.
SCIPs	152	Please clarify the expected maximum cap for available funds in the Phase 1 SCIP funding round associated with ORECRFP22-1.	Each SCIP that includes localizing the manufacturing of blades or nacelles is limited to \$300 million in New York State Funding. Each SCIP that does not include localizing the manufacturing of blades or nacelles is limited to \$150 million in New York State Funding. SCIPs requesting amounts outside of this range will be considered only if extraordinary need for a different amount of New York State Funding can be demonstrated.

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SCIPs	153	Does non-New York State Funding used to cover Non-Eligible Expenses associated with development and construction of the SCIP Facility count towards the 2:1 required SCIP funding ratio?	Yes.
SCIPs	154	Can other sources of public funding that do not come from NYSERDA but originate from New York State entities be counted as non-New York State Funding toward the 2:1 required SCIP funding ratio?	Yes, funding from public entities other than New York State Funding can be counted as non-New York State Funding.
SCIPs	155	Development and construction costs do not reflect the total amount of non-New York State Funding that will be required to enable a SCIP Facility. Could manufacturing R&D count towards the 2:1 funding ratio?	To count towards the 2:1 funding ratio, expenses must be used for the SCIP Facility. Accordingly, general corporate expenses such as research and development would not count towards the ratio unless it can be shown that a certain portion of such expenses are appropriately allocable to the SCIP Facility.
SCIPs	156	Are SCIP Facilities that are engaged in an activity other than those identified in Section C.2.A.1.b of Appendix C.2, such as operation and maintenance services, vessel fabrication or assembly, or marine logistics eligible to receive New York State Funding?	Yes, the RFP will be revised to remove the requirement that SCIP Facilities offering “other supply chain activities” must support Primary Component manufacturing.
SCIPs	157	How will NYSERDA ensure that SCIP Facility minimum offtake volumes are secured?	NYSERDA will award a SCIP Facility with a stated minimum offtake volume only if the award group meets the minimum offtake volume. In addition, per Section 12.11 of the Agreement, all Sellers are required to use commercially reasonable efforts to source components from New York State supply chain facilities.
SCIPs	158	Why is the New York State Funding disbursement schedule spread across five years of operations if long-term jobs are only defined as three or more years?	The disbursement schedule for New York State Funding reflects NYSERDA's desire for a SCIP Facility to remain operational and competitive over a longer period of time. Proposers or Funding Recipients can request that NYSERDA consider an alternative schedule by demonstrating a need and providing a justification.
SCIPs	159	If a SCIP Facility, such as a port for example, is used by multiple entities during the first five years of operation, when New York State Funding is being disbursed, is NYSERDA interested in jobs created by all entities during that period?	Yes, long-term jobs at a port can be supported by multiple entities during the five-year New York State Funding disbursement period.

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SCIPs	160	With “long term jobs” being defined as “jobs lasting three or more years,” SCIP Facilities with inconsistent or intermittent staffing would not be eligible for New York State Funding. Is there a way that such SCIP Facilities could be eligible for New York State Funding?	NYSERDA will revise the RFP to allow a SCIP Facility to submit job claims in terms of average annual FTEs, with an FTE defined as 2,080 hours per year. Annual average FTEs will receive less weight in the evaluation than long-term jobs but will allow SCIP Facilities that cannot support long-term jobs to be eligible for New York State Funding. SCIP Facilities offering annual average FTEs rather than long-term jobs will be required to provide a rationale for being unable to support long-term jobs.
SCIPs	161	Should SCIP Facility economic benefits be inclusive of New York companies supplying products and services to the SCIP Facility?	SCIP Facility economic benefits should include direct expenditures and jobs in New York State associated with the development, construction and operation of the SCIP Facility. If there are direct expenditures to New York companies as part of the development, construction or operation of the SCIP Facility, these can be included as economic benefits.
SCIPs	162	Can ranges be entered for the economic benefit expected values as shown in Table C.2.3?	No, a single threshold value should be entered for each metric to facilitate evaluation and inclusion in the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement.
SCIPs	163	How will NYSERDA determine whether a SCIP Facility will receive the annual 5% New York State Funding distributions if Category 4 economic benefits are not included in the Agreement?	Category 4 economic benefits will be reflected in the metrics included in the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement. An example is shown in Table C.2.3 of Appendix C.2 to the RFP. The SCIP Facility must meet the annual Category 4 expenditures and jobs metrics in order to receive each 5% New York State Funding distribution.
SCIPs	164	What penalty will be applied if the metrics outlined in Exhibit A-1 of the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement are not met?	The metrics must be met in order to receive the associated New York State Funding. If the metric is not met, the payment will not be distributed.
SCIPs	165	Please confirm that exclusive options for land or locations are not required for the demonstration of site control, to prevent undesired limitation to supply chain localization in New York State?	No, exclusive options for land or locations are not required.
SCIPs	166	Can NYSERDA provide additional detail on the specific criteria that form the basis of the SCIP fundability evaluation?	SCIP evaluation is described in Section C.2.B of Appendix C.2.
SCIPs	167	If a SCIP Facility's capacity is fully utilized, requiring an Offshore Wind Generation Facility to supplement with purchases from the global supply chain, how would this be treated in the evaluation?	Economic benefits cannot be claimed for expenditures outside of New York. The level of demand and market readiness of the SCIP Facility will be considered in the SCIP evaluation.

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SCIPs	168	Does the following apply to all proposers, manufacturers and developers? "As further described in Section 2.1.2 of the RFP, Proposers are prohibited from entering into any arrangement with any Funding Recipient, landowner, developer or proposed end-user of a SCIP Facility that materially restricts the ability of such parties to collaborate with other Proposers in developing Supply Chain Investment Plans, and Proposers are required to certify in the Proposer Certification Form that no such arrangement exists."	The prohibition described in Section 2.1.2 applies to Proposers and anyone acting on their behalf. In other words, if an arrangement would be prohibited if a Proposer were to enter into it, it will still be prohibited if a Funding Recipient or other party enters into the arrangement on the Proposer's behalf.
Site Control	169	As it relates to the Delivery Point(s), Injection point(s), Interconnection(s) and right-of-way for transmission radial lines to the Injection Point(s) and (if applicable) transmission from the Injection Point to the Delivery Point, is Site Control Eligibility dependent upon evidence of a firm real estate agreement (either directly by the Proposer or indirectly via a contract with a transmission developer), <i>e.g.</i> , at a minimum, options to lease, lease or property title; or if a firm plan to secure these rights can satisfy the Eligibility threshold?	The Proposer should provide a detailed plan and timeline for the acquisition of any rights necessary for the interconnection(s) and for the right-of-way for transmission radial line to the Injection Point(s) and (if applicable) transmission from the Injection Point to the Delivery Point that are not already held by the Proposer directly or indirectly via partnership with a transmission developer. It is not required to demonstrate that the rights are currently held.
Visibility and Viewshed Impacts	170	Please confirm what should be included in the required visual simulations for an Offshore Wind Generation Facility.	Determination of the reasonable reference to be included in the visual simulations is at the Proposer's discretion.
ConEd Hub	171	How will the RFP be updated if the Public Service Commission approves the petition for approval to recover costs of the ConEd Hub, and how should Proposals approach the possibility of a future Commission approval?	If the Commission approves the petition to recover costs of the ConEd Hub, the RFP will be updated and the Proposal Submission Deadline will be extended. Unless and until that occurs, Proposals must not assume or be contingent upon interconnection costs being covered by New York State except as provided in an Interconnection Cost Sharing Proposal as further described in Section 2.1.5.1. The RFP will be updated to reflect these clarifications

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Interconnection and Deliverability	172	Please provide additional clarification around the requirements for HVAC marine cabling as referenced in Sections 2.1.4, 2.1.7 and 3.2.6 of the RFP, particularly with respect to any marine cabling connecting a converter station to a point of interconnection.	In accordance with Section 2.1.4 and 2.1.7, any radial export cable that passes through the Lower Bay, Raritan Bay, Arthur Kill, the Narrows, the Upper Bay (New York Harbor), the East or Hudson Rivers, Block Island Sound or the Long Island Sound must utilize HVDC technology. In addition, to be eligible in this solicitation, Proposals must not include any HVAC cables (including cables connecting a converter station to a point of interconnection) whatsoever through the Narrows or the East or Hudson Rivers. The RFP will be updated to reflect these clarifications.
Agreement	173	How will NYSERDA provide feedback on suggested changes to the Agreement and SCIP Facility Funding Agreement that were submitted with questions?	After reviewing all suggested changes, NYSERDA has revised the Agreement and SCIP Facility Funding Agreement to reflect acceptable modifications.
Agreement	174	If suggested changes to the Agreement or SCIP Facility Funding Agreement were not accepted for inclusion in the updated form document, can they be re-submitted with the Proposal for further consideration?	NYSERDA reviewed all suggested changes and implemented material changes to the form agreements that were considered to be reasonable. Proposers still have the opportunity to submit redlines to the agreement documents as part of the Proposal and project-specific changes can be addressed as part of negotiation consistent with Section 6.6 of the RFP.
Agreement	175	Could the Change in Law section (Section 4.07) of the Agreement apply to changes to the structure of the new capacity accreditation market design itself (as compared to adoption of a new resource adequacy construct)?	A change to the structure of the market design could in theory trigger Section 4.07, so long as the standards set forth in Section 4.07 are met.
Agreement	176	When will Exhibit K to the Agreement be made available?	Exhibit K has been added to the updated Agreement.
Capacity Accreditation	177	In light of the responses NYSERDA received to its Capacity Accreditation Request for Information (LSRRFI22-1), will NYSERDA be making any revisions to ORECRFP22-1? If so, when will those revisions be issued?	NYSERDA does not intend to make any revisions to ORECRFP22-1. However, NYSERDA continues to actively monitor NYISO's implementation of the new capacity accreditation rules and reserves the right to revise ORECRFP22-1 and/or to provide Proposers with an opportunity to submit updated pricing if new relevant material information becomes available prior to or after the Proposal Submission Deadline.
Capacity Accreditation	178	How will NYSERDA develop forecasts of the Capacity Accreditation Factor and PLW Capacity Factor of the Representative Unit for use in Proposal evaluation?	NYSERDA's forecasting method and forecasts of the Capacity Accreditation Factor and PLW Capacity Factor of the Representative Unit for use in Proposal evaluation will remain confidential.

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Data Forms	179	Can values be entered in Column J (Labor Expenditures) in Part V-1 of the ODF and Parts II-2 and II-4 of the SCIPDF?	The User Guide for each form has been revised to clarify worksheet references and allow for entries in Column J of each worksheet, although NYSERDA expects that labor-related expenditures will be entered primarily in Part VI-1 of the ODF and Parts III-2 and III-4 of the SCIPDF.
Data Forms	180	Should expenditures associated with New York State iron and steel and non-New York State domestic iron and steel be entered as separate claims?	The values for New York State iron and steel and non-New York State domestic iron and steel are entered in separate columns in Part V-1 of the Offer Data Form. Separation on a line item basis is at the Proposer's discretion.
Data Forms	181	How should the location of Energy Storage be indicated in the Offer Data Form?	If the Proposal includes Energy Storage, whether co-located or not co-located, select "Yes" in Cell G36 of Part I in the ODF. A new entry has been added in Cell K38 to indicate whether the Energy Storage is co-located.
Data Forms	182	On the "Part V-1" tab of the Offer Data Form, please confirm the formulas in Column I ("Net Expenditures") and Column J ("Net Labor Expenditures in NYS") in Rows 14:19 are supposed to be the same.	Confirmed – all entries on Part VI-1 are associated with labor, therefore the Total Expenditures and Labor Expenditures from Part VI-1 are the same as transferred to Part V-1.
Data Forms	183	On the "Part V-1" tab of the Offer Data Form, please confirm the formulas in Column M ("Net Expenditures for NYS Iron and Steel") and Column N ("Net Expenditures for Non-NYS Domestic Iron and Steel") in Rows 14:19 are supposed to be empty.	Confirmed – all entries on Part VI-1 are associated with labor, therefore there are no materials costs associated with iron and steel that should be reported on Part VI-1 and the total values for iron and steel as transferred to Part V-1 are \$0.
Data Forms	184	Please confirm that the values entered in Column D of Part VII of the Offer Data Form should align with the total expenditures reported in Column I of Part V-1 (including all subcategories), and that the values entered in Columns E through I of Part VII should align with the total jobs numbers entered in Part VI-1.	Confirmed - the totals in row 49 of Part VII are checked against Part V-1 and Part VI-1 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell D49 on Part VII should equal Cell I80 on Part V-1. • Cell G49 on Part VII should equal Cell M74 on Part V-1. • Cell J49 on Part VII should equal Cell O74 on Part V-1.
Data Forms	185	In Part VII of the Offer Data Form and Part IV of the SCIP Data Form, what distinguishes a New Position from an Active Position?	New Positions are those that begin in a given year. Active Positions are those that are active in a given year and should include positions that begin in that year (and are thus also counted in the New Positions value for the year) and positions that end in that year, but should not include any positions that ended in a previous year. The purposes of the Active Positions values are to determine how many jobs exist in each year.

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Disadvantaged Communities	186	Please elaborate on the types of benefits and burdens to Disadvantaged Communities that should be detailed in the Proposal.	Please see Section 3.2.8.4 of the RFP and new Appendix C.3.
Energy Storage	187	Do Energy Storage projects electrically connected to J and K need to have capacity delivery rights to be eligible for an award?	No, capacity delivery rights are not required for Energy Storage to be eligible.
Energy Storage	188	For Proposals that include Energy Storage, is there an expected minimum duration of the warranty from the battery manufacturer?	No, the Proposer or Energy Storage developer can negotiate the warranty duration at their discretion.
Energy Storage	189	For Energy Storage projects that are submitted as partnerships between an offshore wind developer and a third-party storage developer, will the third-party storage developer enter into an agreement or guarantee with NYSERDA or otherwise be directly responsible for satisfying the storage developer's portion of the commitments?	NYSERDA will not enter into a separate agreement with a third-party storage developer, the Energy Storage will be covered under the Agreement between the Proposer and NYSERDA. The Proposer may enter into a separate agreement with the Energy Storage developer.
Energy Storage	190	Please confirm that an Energy Storage project that was selected through a utility solicitation that does not result in the award of an offtake agreement is still eligible for an award as an Energy Storage project as part of an ORECRFP22-1 proposal. For example, the New York Power Authority's recent Storage Land Lease RFP involves the award of land and Capacity Resource Interconnection Service rights but does not include the award of an offtake agreement. Would a project selected through this NYPA solicitation be eligible for an award as an Energy Storage project in this solicitation?	Confirmed. The award of land and CRIS rights through a New York Power Authority solicitation does not cause an Energy Storage project to be ineligible under ORECRFP22-1.
Energy Storage	191	Does the award of Project Viability points for Energy Storage depend on the Energy Storage capacity?	All Energy Storage facilities must have a minimum capacity of 20 MW and a minimum duration of 4 hours.
Energy Storage	192	How will the inclusion of Energy Storage be addressed in the Reference Capacity Price formula?	Selection of UCAP Production Factors is at the Proposer's discretion. The Reference Capacity Price formula will not be adjusted for the inclusion of Energy Storage.
Evaluation	193	Can a Proposal be awarded more than 10 Project Viability points?	No, each Proposal can receive up to 10 points for Project Viability.
Meshed Ready	194	Where a "detailed" level of design has been requested in Table G.2, what level of detail is required?	Section G.2.3 and Table G.2 have been revised to clarify that deliverables must be submitted at a concept level for Proposal Submission, consistent with Section 6.4.8 of the RFP.

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Meshed Ready	195	Please clarify the Meshed Ready requirement for AC choppers.	Table G.1 shows that an AC chopper is part of the Meshed Implementation phase. Section G.2.1.1 of Appendix G goes on to elaborate that if an AC chopper is required to achieve fault ride through capability of the wind farms, such AC chopper requirements and sizing must be sufficient for system power grid recovery and stability after fault and disturbance in the offshore and onshore power grid. Accordingly, provisions for AC chopper equipment shall be included in the offshore substation and the AC GIS. The cost implications of such requirements must also be carefully evaluated and described. The AC GIS Bay may include circuit breakers, disconnect and ground switches and measuring devices to allow proper control and protection of the AC chopper.
Meshed Ready	196	Please clarify the voltage and frequency control modes for the MGCC?	Precise control modes would be specified by the Offshore Grid Operator and addressed in Meshed Implementation. Conceptual designs for Meshed Implementation listed in Section G.3 of Appendix G, including the MGCC, are only relevant in situations where the information may be necessary to make a Meshed Ready design, for example, knowing how much space to allocate on the offshore platform for Meshed Implementation breakers or cable pulling.
Meshed Ready	197	Please confirm that the terms of the RFP do not require any arrangements related to the use of any meshed transmission network.	Yes, confirmed. Please refer to Section 5.06 of the Agreement.
Meshed Ready	198	Are Projects which are not Meshed Ready eligible under this RFP?	Please see Section 2.1.4 of the RFP. All Required Base and Required Standalone Proposals must be Meshed Ready per the specifications in Appendix G. Only Required Proposals for Upgrade Capacity are not required to be Meshed Ready. Alternate Proposals that consider deviation from the HVDC and Meshed Ready configuration described in the Required Base Proposal and Required Standalone Proposal must (i) show that the undersea radial cable route from the Offshore Wind Generation Facility to shore does not cross the Lower Bay, Raritan Bay, Arthur Kill, the Narrows, the Upper Bay (New York Harbor), the East or Hudson Rivers, Block Island Sound or the Long Island Sound; and (ii) provide a justification for the exclusion from the Meshed Ready system.

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Meshed Ready	199	Please confirm that there are no specific requirements for the utility systems serving the meshed grid equipment (<i>e.g.</i> , ventilation and cooling).	Confirmed.
Price	200	Can NYSERDA elaborate on the scenarios and/or conditions under which it would solicit revised offer prices?	NYSERDA reserves the right to solicit revised Offer Prices and/or to make counteroffers as it deems appropriate.
Proposal Fees	201	Will Alternate Proposals that differ from another Proposal only due to the inclusion of interconnection cost sharing or inflation adjustment incur additional Proposal Fees?	Alternate Proposals that differ from another Proposal only due to the inclusion of Energy Storage are the only Proposals that will not incur a Proposal Fee. Other Alternate Proposals, including those that differ from another Proposal only due to the inclusion of interconnection cost sharing or inflation adjustment, will incur a Proposal Fee of \$25,000.
Qualifying Federal Support	202	Do the Agreement provisions for Qualifying Federal Support apply to Energy Storage?	Energy Storage, if applicable, is included in the definition of Selected Project in the Agreement. If the Energy Storage receives Qualifying Federal Support then the Agreement provisions would apply.
Qualifying Federal Support	203	How does passage of the Inflation Reduction Act affect Project Qualifying Federal Support and SCIP Facility Qualifying Federal Support?	The definition of Project Qualifying Federal Support has been revised. Under the revised definition, support that arises from Section 45(b)(9), Section 45(b)(11) or Section 48(a)(12) or Section 48(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code in existence on the Proposal Submission Deadline can constitute Project Qualifying Federal Support. Any other support arising from the Inflation Reduction Act would not constitute Qualifying Federal Support, as the Inflation Reduction Act was passed prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline.
Qualifying Federal Support	204	Section 2.1.5 of the RFP refers to changes to the Fixed OREC Price or the Index Strike Price in the event the Project “becomes eligible for and obtains Project Qualifying Federal Support.” Can NYSERDA provide further clarity on how and when the amount of Project Qualifying Federal Support will be calculated?	Proposers should refer to Section 5.07 of the Agreement, along with the definitions of the terms “Qualifying Federal Support,” “QFS Amount” and “QFS Price Reduction” in the Agreement.
SCIP Agreement	205	In the event that the SCIP Funding Recipient is unable to meet the minimum jobs threshold for the facility due to unforeseen circumstances, will NYSERDA allow the SCIP Funding Recipient flexibility to make alternate contributions or offer a form of contingency to make up the difference for the jobs shortfall?	Proposers may redline the SCIP Facility Funding Agreement to propose alternate compliance mechanisms for NYSERDA to consider.

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SCIPs	206	Will there be an inflation adjustment for New York State Funding?	No.
SCIPs	207	Please confirm that if a Proposer offers a "contractual capital commitment," such commitments are separate and distinct from the SCIP Funding Agreement between NYSERDA and the Funding Recipient.	Confirmed. See new Appendix O.
SCIPs	208	Please confirm if Proposers should include the creditworthiness of the Funding Recipient and other key parties in the proposal or if NYSERDA will perform this action and check the creditworthiness of the Funding Recipient and other key parties.	The requirements to provide financial statements and credit ratings for the Funding Recipient have been clarified in Appendix C.2.
Stakeholder Engagement	209	Please clarify NYSERDA's expectations as to the scope and specifics of engagement with the U.S. steel industry.	Stakeholder Engagement Plans must address engagement with the U.S. steel industry.
Stakeholder Engagement	210	What other Technical Working Groups are under consideration at this time?	Proposers shall participate in technical working groups related to fisheries, marine, jobs and supply chain, and other potential technical working groups to ensure industry coordination.
U.S. Iron and Steel	211	Please confirm that all expenditures on iron and steel manufactured in the United States, including the expenditures associated with satisfying the \$114,000/MW of Offer Capacity requirement, will be counted towards meeting economic benefit commitments.	Yes, all expenditures for U.S. iron and steel will be counted toward meeting economic benefit commitments.
Capital Commitments	212	How will the amount of the Proposer's capital commitment be treated in evaluation?	The Proposer's capital commitment to each SCIP Facility will be considered by the SCIP Scoring Committee in its evaluation of the Supply Chain Investment Plan. The amount and strength of the capital commitment is generally expected to be most relevant to the Funding Certainty evaluation criteria (C.2.B.3), but it may be relevant to other aspects of Supply Chain Investment Plan evaluation as well.
Meshed Ready	213	If the Proposer includes an Alternate Proposal that is HVAC and not Meshed Ready, must it correspond to a separate Proposal that is HVAC and Meshed Ready?	No, an HVAC Alternate Proposal cannot be Meshed Ready because Meshed Ready requires that the radial cable is HVDC. The HVAC Alternate Proposal must correspond to a Proposal which uses HVDC technology and is Meshed Ready, as further described in Q#215.

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Meshed Ready	214	What is meant by the Section 2.1.4 requirement for Alternate Proposals that include an Offshore Wind Generation Facility that is not Meshed Ready, with the exception of Upgrade Capacity, to correspond to a Proposal that is consistent in all other respects, except for pricing and/or other modifications directly related to all Offshore Wind Generation Facilities being Meshed Ready?	Any Alternate Proposal which is not Meshed Ready and therefore does not utilize HVDC technology for the radial export cable must correspond to a Proposal which uses HVDC technology and is Meshed Ready. All other aspects of the Proposal should be the same, including the Injection Point and other Required Plans in the Proposal.
Meshed Ready	215	If a Proposer includes an Alternate Proposal utilizing HVAC transmission technology that is not Meshed Ready with energy storage, interconnection cost sharing, and/or inflation adjustment, must each variation of the Alternate Proposal utilizing HVAC transmission technology that is not Meshed Ready have a corresponding Proposal that is Meshed Ready? For example, if an Alternate Proposal that utilizes HVAC and is not Meshed Ready includes Energy Storage and Interconnection Cost Sharing, must there also be a corresponding Proposal that is Meshed Ready that also includes Energy Storage and Interconnection Cost Sharing?	Yes. Every Alternate Proposal that is not Meshed Ready must correspond to a Meshed Ready Proposal (utilizing HVDC technology) that is the same in all other aspects.
Notice of Intent to Propose	216	If a Funding Recipient submits its EO16 Certification directly to NYSERDA, does the Funding Recipient also need to submit a Notice of Intent to Propose?	No, the Funding Recipient does not need to submit the Notice of Intent to Propose form with its EO16 Certification. The Funding Recipient should be listed by the Proposer on its Notice of Intent to Propose, but Proposers can supplement their Notices of Intent to Propose with information related to Funding Recipients until January 5. In the email to which the Funding Recipient's EO16 Certification is attached, the Funding Recipient should indicate which Proposer(s) the submission applies to, to the extent that is known at the time of such submission.
Notice of Intent to Propose	217	Will Notices of Intent to Propose be made public?	No.
SCIPs	218	How do long-term jobs on vessels that are expected to call on a port that is the subject of a Proposed SCIP Facility Investment count towards the total long-term jobs for that Proposed SCIP Facility Investment?	To count towards the total long-term jobs for a Proposed SCIP Facility Investment, the jobs must be on vessels operating out of the port that is the subject of the Proposed SCIP Facility Investment, and the Proposed SCIP Facility Investment must support those jobs.
SCIPs	219	How should the commodity catalogue be presented?	The commodity catalogue should be presented in the format shown in Table C.2.1, supplemented with additional narrative at the Proposer's discretion.

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Settlement	220	How would Section 4.05 of the Agreement be applied if there are multiple consecutive months with a Monthly Debit?	Pursuant to Section 4.05, any month's Monthly Debit would be deducted from each subsequent month's payment by NYSERDA until the Monthly Debit is fully recovered. Any month's Monthly Debit that has not been fully recovered after twelve (12) months shall be settled in cash within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of such twelve-month period, except that all Monthly Debts outstanding at the conclusion of the Contract Delivery Term shall be settled by Seller in cash within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the Contract Delivery Term. The same process would be followed for a Monthly Debit that is incurred in the following month – that is, once the first month's Monthly Debit is fully recovered, the second month's Monthly Debit would be deducted from subsequent months' payments, and if the second month's Monthly Debit is not fully recovered after twelve (12) months, it shall be settled in cash within thirty (30) days, except in the case of a Monthly Debit outstanding at the conclusion of the Contract Delivery Term (which would be settled within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the Contract Delivery Term).
Data Forms	221	Please clarify whether the total and subcategory Net Expenditures entered in Columns J through O in Part V-1 of the ODF and Columns I through L on Parts II-2 and II-4 of the SCIPDF will be summed to a cumulative figure, or whether the total net expenditure in NYS of a given line item should be entered in Column J (ODF) and Column I (SCIPDF), and then proportions of that total figure in Column J or Column I that are associated with the subcategories should be entered in the remaining columns?	<p>The total net expenditure should be entered in Column J (ODF) and Column I (SCIPDF) and proportions of that total figure should be entered in the remaining columns.</p> <p>For example, if the total net expenditure for a line item in NYS is \$100,00, and \$20,000 of that \$100,000 is associated with NYS Disadvantaged Communities, and another \$10,000 is associated with MWBEs and SDVOBs, \$100,000 be entered in Column J, followed by \$20,000 in Column L and \$10,000 in Column M.</p>
Data Forms	222	If a SCIP requests more New York State Funding than the limits stated in Section 2.1.2 of the RFP, due to an extraordinary need, is it acceptable to submit a SCIP Data Form that shows an error in Cell E55 of Part I?	The error message in Cell E55 on Part I of the SCIP Data Form has been revised to state that if a value higher than the threshold is entered intentionally, a justification must be provided in the SCIP. It is acceptable to submit a SCIP Data Form showing this message.

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Economic Benefits	223	Can NYSERDA please confirm that the continued reference to Category 2 benefits in Section C.1.B.1 can be ignored by Proposers and that Table C.1.1 should only consider Category 1 and Category 3 benefits?	Confirmed. Appendix C.1 has been corrected to remove residual references to the inclusion of Category 2 economic benefits in the Economic Benefits Plan.
Energy Storage	224	Please clarify how Energy Storage Alternate Proposals need to be submitted.	<p>Each Alternate Proposal that includes Energy Storage must correspond to a Proposal that is consistent in all other respects, except for pricing and /or other modifications directly related to Energy Storage. If a Proposer intends to submit an Alternate Proposal that includes Energy Storage, Inflation Adjustment and Interconnection Cost Sharing, at least three associated Proposals need to be submitted: a Proposal that does not include Energy Storage, Inflation Adjustment or Interconnection Cost Sharing, a Proposal that includes only Energy Storage, and a Proposal that includes Energy Storage, Inflation Adjustment and Interconnection Cost Sharing.</p> <p>The Proposal that includes only Energy Storage does not require an incremental Proposal Fee. If a Proposer needs a Master Offers Form that allows more than 30 Proposals, please email offshorewind@nyserda.ny.gov with the subject line "Master Offers Form Expansion" and provide the number of Proposals that the MOF needs to accommodate.</p>
Interconnection and Deliverability	225	Does the Zone K injection limit of 1,330 MW awarded through this RFP apply to Upgrade Capacity?	Yes, the cap applies to total capacity awarded, including Upgrade Capacity.
Inflation Adjustment	226	Please provide the final Index _B values that will be used in the Agreement for the inflation adjustment.	<p>The final Index_B values are updated in the ORECRFP22-1 and Appendix I.</p> <p>Index_{B,Labor}=155.090 Index_{B,Fabrication}=173.244 Index_{B,Steel}=332.072 Index_{B,ULSD}=3.799 Index_{B,Copper}=355.975</p>
Meshed Ready	227	Please confirm that the Project Proposal should include all of the costs of the Meshed Ready system (<i>i.e.</i> , confirm that the offered OREC price should include cost recovery for the procurement and installation of the equipment listed in Table G-1) but only needs to have a plan for Meshed Implementation.	Confirmed. All items marked Meshed Ready in Table G.1 are included in the costs of the offered OREC price.

Category	Q#	Question	Response
Qualifying Federal Support	228	Will NYSERDA reconsider the expansion of Project Qualifying Federal Support to apply to Energy Storage?	No, Project Qualifying Federal Support will apply to Energy Storage. However, the RFP has been revised to clarify that the reduction in the Fixed OREC Price or the Index OREC Strike Price attributable to Qualifying Federal Support for Energy Storage shall in no case be greater than the Energy Storage Component Price Reduction Amount.
Qualifying Federal Support	229	Please confirm that any direct support secured from Section 45(b)(9), Section 45(b)(11), Section 48(a)(12) or Section 48(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code would be included in Qualifying Federal Support for the Project.	Confirmed. Qualifying Federal Support and the Qualifying Federal Support Amount will be determined in accord with the fourth paragraph of Section 2.1.5 of the RFP, including footnote 11, and Section 5.07 of the Agreement.
Qualifying Federal Support	230	Given that direct support secured from Section 45(b)(9), Section 45(b)(11), Section 48(a)(12) or Section 48(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code would be included in Qualifying Federal Support for the Project, are Proposers expected to include this direct support in describing the role of federal incentives in the financing of the Project?	Proposers should describe their expectations regarding qualification for federal incentives in the Financing Plan, as described Section 6.4.7 of the RFP. However, Proposer's expectations regarding qualification for direct financial support arising from Section 45(b)(9), Section 45(b)(11) or Section 48(a)(12) or Section 48(a)(14) of the Internal Revenue code, as described in the Financing Plan, will not change the definition of Qualifying Federal Support or the application of Section 5.07 of the Agreement in determining the QFS Amount and QFS Price Reduction.
Qualifying Federal Support	231	Section 5.07(b) of the Agreement states if the Selected Project needs to incur increased costs related to new U.S. content, prevailing wage or apprenticeship, then the QFS Amount shall be adjusted by the Seller to account for these increased costs. How will the Selected Project be expected to identify the increment of costs over a base case required to obtain Qualifying Federal Support?	NYSERDA will work with awarded Sellers to determine the QFS Amount in the event that Qualifying Federal Support becomes applicable.
SCIPs	232	Should the required public versions of SCIP attachments be uploaded as separate documents?	Yes, Proposers should upload the public versions of the required SCIP attachments as separate files, in the "Other Documents" section of the file upload page on the submission portal, if possible. If they are not submitted as separate files, NYSERDA will extract them from the SCIP for public posting.