

## **2022 EML Renewable RFP Q&A**

1. 1/4/2022 I represent a battery manufacturer and would like the opportunity to quote our BESS systems to you bidders. Can you provide me with a list of bidders so I can coordinate plans & specification, scope of work and quotes?
  - a. Throughout the RFP process, the Bidder identities are kept confidential. A notice with final results of the RFP will be posted to the EML RFP website upon conclusion of the evaluations. EML will provide additional information about the preferred proposals if and after the parties reach a definitive agreement based on the terms of the proposal(s).
2. 1/4/2022 REDACTED is hoping to response to Entergy's 2022 Renewable RFP which is due out this year. We are hoping to part of the stakeholder process moving forward for the 2022 solicitation. Would it be possible to speak to someone regarding the upcoming solicitation?
  - a. Please monitor the RFP website for information and updates on the 2022 EML Renewable RFP (<https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2022EMLSolarRFP/Index.htm>). Any specific questions related to the RFP can be submitted to the RFP inbox ([emlrenewablesrfp@entergy.com](mailto:emlrenewablesrfp@entergy.com)) and a written response will be provided.
3. 2/2/2022 Regarding EML's 2022 RFP for Renewable Resources, is it would be possible to get word versions of the model agreements that are posted to the RFP website? We've participated in the recent RFPs of the other Entergy operating companies, so just wanted to provide our attorneys word versions of the EML Model docs so they can run a red line compare to see how similar or different they are from the others.
  - a. The Word versions of Appendices B (Model BOT Agreement and BOT Scope Book) and C (Model PPA) will be made available to Bidder in PowerAdvocate after Bidder has completed Bidder Registration. Bidders may use the Word documents solely to generate redlines required to be submitted with its proposal(s).
4. 2/2/2022 Will EML consider projects in the 2021 MISO DPP Queue that meet all other criteria of an Eligible Resource?
  - a. Not in this RFP. The project would need to fall into the following criteria to be eligible to participate: have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") or have submitted an application and are active in the 2020 or earlier MISO Definitive Planning Phase ("DPP") studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in this RFP. EML anticipates the potential for additional RFPs for renewable resources to support ongoing capacity and energy needs, as was indicated in Entergy Mississippi's "Economic Development with Green Energy" or EDGE strategy, given the improving economics of solar and other renewable resources. While the frequency and other parameters of these RFPs have not yet been determined, the strategy that EML intends to deploy is one that systematically integrates cost-effective renewable resources over time, while meeting EML's planning objectives. We look forward to your participation in a future RFP.
5. 2/2/2022 After reviewing the 2022 request for proposal for renewable resources from Entergy Mississippi LLC, I noticed that there is a section for Battery Energy Storage Systems, but there is not a specific amount mentioned you are asking for. Is there a specific amount that you are desiring to obtain for this solution when tied into the Solar or Wind solutions on this RFP?
  - a. Entergy Mississippi desires for any Bidder interested in offering a battery solution to propose a battery component that, in Bidder's opinion, works best with the solar facility that the Bidder is offering and has performance characteristics that would be beneficial to Entergy Mississippi and its customers.
6. 2/2/2022 Can a battery energy storage system, DC coupled with a solar facility, be allowed to only charge directly by the solar facility, or must it be allowed to charge from the MISO market? Requiring a coupled battery to charge from a non-renewable facility would jeopardize using the federal investment tax credit for the BESS.
  - a. If the question relates to a proposal for a PPA transaction, Entergy Mississippi believes the answer is best provided by the bidder and its advisors. In the PPA structure, the PPA seller, not the PPA buyer, will own the facility (including any battery system) and any investment tax credit associated with the facility. If the question relates to a proposal for a BOT transaction, the facility's battery energy storage system (if any) must be charged solely from the solar plant for the entire period predating the expiration of the investment tax credit. Thereafter, it may be charged from either or both the interconnected electric grid and the facility's solar plant. Under the BOT structure, Entergy Mississippi will acquire all rights to the facility's investment tax credit at the closing of the BOT transaction.

7. 2/2/2022 Will EML entertain selecting more than 500 MW in this RFP?
  - a. Entergy Mississippi expressly reserved in the RFP documentation the right to select and acquire more or less than the RFP's 500 MW AC target capacity. (Ref: Main Body, Sections 1.1, 1.9)
8. 2/5/20222 Has a proposed site for the facility been selected?
  - a. Bidder is responsible for determining and specifying in its proposal the location of the facility. The RFP documents require that the facility interconnect directly to the EML Transmission System and be located within the EML-certificated service territory. (Ref: Main Body, Section 1.9)
9. 2/5/20222 If no site is yet available, will acquisition of the site be the responsibility of the Bidder?
  - a. Please see the response to Question 5 above. Bidders are reminded that Seller, or an Affiliate under Seller's control, must demonstrate that it has control of 75% or more of the project site or an enforceable contract to obtain control of at least 75% of the project site for at least the full delivery term proposed by Bidder (PPA transactions) or the expected useful life of the resource (BOT transactions). (Ref: Main Body, Section 2.4)
10. 2/5/20222 Is the nominal 500MW target AC or DC?
  - a. AC. (Ref: Main Body Sections 1.1, 1.9)
11. 2/5/20222 Is there an annual MWh first year production target?
  - a. The RFP is seeking targeted amounts of capacity as described in the Main Body and does not specify any annual MWh first year production targets. However, for PPA transactions, Bidder is required to provide the Annual Expected Energy Quantity (AEEQ) and Annual Guaranteed Energy Quantity (AGEQ) for the Facility by completing Appendix D - Attachment D (Annual Energy Quantities). PPA proposals will be evaluated in part based on the AGEQ and AEEQ from a given resource. BOT proposals are required to include annual production estimates that will be used in energy yield calculations for the resource and for other purposes. (Ref: Appendix D, Attachment B – Hourly Profiles, Appendix D, Attachment D - Annual Energy Quantities, Scope Book)
12. 2/5/20222 Is there a MWh battery storage target or requirement?
  - a. If offered into the RFP, the battery energy storage system, or "BESS," must have a minimum four (4)-hour discharge and 24 hours a day, 7 days a week charging and discharging capability. (Ref: Main Body, Section 1.9) Entergy Mississippi desires for any Bidder interested in offering a battery solution to propose a battery component that, in Bidder's opinion, works best with the solar facility that the Bidder is offering and has performance characteristics that would be beneficial to Entergy Mississippi and its customers.
13. 2/5/20222 Will EML purchase the facility upon final commissioning or wish to enter into a PPA with the Bidder/Developer?
  - a. The RFP is soliciting both third party PPA and BOT transaction types. We understand the question to apply to BOT transactions. For those transactions, Entergy Mississippi would purchase the facility after mechanical completion and prior to first energization and delivery of power to the interconnected electric grid, subject to the terms specified in the Model BOT Agreement.
14. 2/5/20222 If a PPA, will 24 hour day before production forecasts be part of the agreement?
  - a. Yes. (Ref: Model PPA, Section 7.1)
15. 2/5/20222 If forecasting is part of a PPA, will there be penalties for over/under production?
  - a. As the owner of the generation facility and seller under the PPA, Bidder will be responsible for any applicable BA Penalties, including Imbalance Charges (as those terms are defined in the Model PPA), related to over- or under-production, other than those penalties or charges expressly allocated to Buyer pursuant to Section 7.3(e)(i) of the Model PPA.
16. 2/5/20222 Will the facility output be subject to frequent curtailment?
  - a. Based on the information provided, Entergy Mississippi is unable to opine on the expected frequency of curtailment of the referenced facility. Even if sufficient information were given, Entergy Mississippi would not provide or disclose

facility-specific curtailment estimates to Bidders. Bidders are responsible for assessing the frequency, duration, scope, and other aspects of curtailment of the facility and factoring that assessment into its pricing for the proposed transaction(s), taking into account the Model PPA and other terms of its proposal. (We have assumed the question relates to a potential PPA proposal.) In general, curtailment of renewable energy from resources contracted for out of the RFP is expected to be dependent upon the locational marginal prices for the energy delivered under the applicable PPA or the result of instructions from MISO or other applicable balancing authority for reliability purposes.

17. 2/5/2022 What is the target commissioning date?

- a. As set forth in the RFP documentation, Bidder will need to propose a "Guaranteed Delivery Term Commencement Date" for PPA transactions and a "Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date" for BOT transactions. For PPAs, the applicable Guaranteed Delivery Term Commencement Date may be no earlier than May 31, 2024, and no later than December 31, 2024, for 2024 resources and no later than June 1, 2025, otherwise. For BOT transactions, the proposed Guaranteed Substantial Completion Date can be no later than May 31, 2025, subject to limited exceptions. (RFP Main Body, Sections 1.9, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4)

18. 2/7/2022 I would like to know how Entergy will be evaluating Wind for EML. Would EML be opened to wind in other MISO South Regions to EML territory?

- a. All eligible proposals submitted into the 2022 EML Renewables RFP will be evaluated and assessed on the basis of economics, transmission, viability, credit, accounting treatment, and other factors relevant to consideration of the proposals. Certain particulars of the evaluation and assessment of proposals were addressed at the February 8, 2022, Bidders Conference and included in the conference's presentation materials. Those materials soon will be or are available for review on the public 2022 EML Renewables RFP Website, <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2022EMLSolarRFP/Index.htm>
- b. For the 2022 EML Renewables RFP, all eligible resources, including wind, are required to interconnect directly to the EML transmission system and be located within the EML certificated area. (Ref: Main Body, Section 1.9)

19. 2/8/2022 Will EML consider standalone energy storage projects during this RFP process?

- a. No, standalone battery energy storage proposals are not being considered in this RFP.

20. 2/8/2022 Will you be sending out either a recording of the Bidder's conference or slides from the presentation.

- a. The presentation is posted online under the "Reference" tab of the RFP website <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2022EMLSolarRFP/Index.htm> . Recordings will not be available.

21. 2/11/2022 Will you please send a link to the 2022 EML Renewable RFP website that shows documents available for this RFP? This link <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2022EMLSolarRFP/Index.htm> does not flow to the 2022 EML Renewable RFP website.

- a. The link below is correct. Please try using the link in a different web browser and let us know if you still have issues. The documents can be found by clicking on the 'RFP Documents' tab of the website. <https://spofossil.entergy.com/ENTRFP/SEND/2022EMLSolarRFP/Index.htm>

22. 2/16/2022 Given the unknown timing of a potential extension of the Federal Investment Tax Credit, can a respondent submit pricing under today's current tax regime, while also indicating how pricing could be improved with an ITC extension, under a single Proposal Submission Fee?

- a. An additional Proposal Submission Fee would not be required in this scenario.

23. 2/16/2022 The RFP guidance specifies that Eligible Resources "are not and will not be part of a shared facility-type structure or arrangement." Could EML provide further guidance and details as to what facilities cannot be shared? For example, if a project will be built in multiple phases and is metered separately but shares interconnection facilities, would a single project phase be an Eligible Resource in the EML RFP?

- a. A BOT seller may not share with any party other than the host transmission owner an ownership interest in or a right to use facilities on the BOT seller's side of the point of change of ownership (PCO) under the applicable generation interconnection agreement (GIA), i.e., the point where the seller's/interconnection customer's interconnection facilities connect to the host transmission owner's interconnection facilities. A BOT seller may share facilities on the transmission owner's side of the PCO as required by the GIA. Accordingly, a BOT seller may have shared interests in the project substation, the gentie(s), breaker(s) at the utility substation, other interconnection facilities, including the

transmission owner interconnection facilities (as MISO defines the term), if and to the extent such interests are in assets physically located or rights on the transmission owner's side of the PCO and are required by the GIA. BOT bidders are reminded that the GIA is a contract that, under the terms of the BOT agreement, the BOT seller will be required to assign to Entergy Mississippi (as the BOT buyer) at the closing.

Entergy Mississippi (as the PPA buyer) prefers that a PPA seller not share with any party other than the host transmission owner an ownership interest in or a right to use facilities on the PPA seller's side of the point of the PCO. A PPA seller may share facilities on the transmission owner's side of the PCO as required by the GIA. Any shared ownership of or reservation or grant by a PPA seller of a right to use facilities on the PPA seller's side of the PCO (or similar right retained or granted by a PPA seller) will be subject to Entergy Mississippi's prior consent.

If a Bidder has a question regarding a specific proposed shared facility arrangement, Bidder may submit the question through PowerAdvocate during the question and answer period.

24. 3/1/2022 Can Entergy share more about Entergy's specific concerns about shared facilities arrangements and the basis by which Entergy would grant or withhold consent to shared ownership or use arrangements as it relates to a PPA seller? As a specific example: The project being bid into this response is phase 2 of a 3-phase project complex. A Shared Facilities Agreement (SFA) among the phases is in final form and will be executed imminently. What criteria would Entergy use in determining whether to consent to shared ownership or use arrangements in an SFA, whether executed yet or not?
- a. Assuming the referenced PPA proposal meets the Threshold Requirements and other specified conditions for participation in the RFP (see, for example, Sections 2.4 and 4 of the Main Body), EML will assess the proposal. The determination whether a shared services arrangement for a proposed PPA resource is acceptable to EML will be driven by the specifics of the particular arrangement. The Evaluation Teams will consider the aspects of the shared services arrangement that they deem relevant to a reasonable evaluation of the PPA proposal, including, if it has been entered into, the applicable shared facilities or other similar agreement (which for this purpose may include a detailed term sheet or memorandum of understanding). Any PPA proposal for a generation facility that has a shared facilities or similar agreement in place should include a copy of the agreement as part of the Proposal Package. If no such agreement is in place, Bidder should include in the Proposal Package a summary of the important details of the resource's shared services arrangement.

25. 3/1/2022 On the RFP, the Interconnection Status section states that: The proposed Facility must have an executed GIA with MISO and EML or be included in the 2019 or 2020 MISO DPP Queue.

Could you please confirm that a project that went in the MISO DPP Queue in 2021 is out of Scope and would therefore be outside of consideration?

- a. The project would need to fall into the following criteria to be eligible to participate: have a fully executed Generator Interconnection Agreement ("GIA") with Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") or have submitted an application and are active in the 2020 or earlier MISO Definitive Planning Phase ("DPP") studies. Resources that are not included in any of these DPP studies and lack an executed GIA would be ineligible to participate in this RFP.

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