

Appendix 8 - Glossary

I. Key Terms

a. Customer

Systems for which Bids are submitted under the SPV RFP must be behind the meter of a Customer of an electric utility, an alternative retail electric supplier, a municipal utility, or a rural electric cooperative located in Illinois. Typically the Customer is the individual or entity listed on the utility bill.

b. Distributed Generation

Systems for which Bids are submitted under the SPV RFP must be photovoltaic devices that meet the definition of “distributed renewable energy generation devices” as reflected in Illinois law, namely:

- (i) Interconnected at the distribution system level of an electric utility, an alternative retail electric supplier, a municipal utility, or a rural electric cooperative;
- (ii) Located on the customer side of the Customer’s electric meter and primarily used to offset that Customer’s electricity load; and
- (iii) Limited in nameplate capacity to no more than 2,000 kW.

c. Energized Date

The Energized Date is the date by which the system has first been turned on or is expected to be turned on for a period of 24 consecutive hours and is operational for purposes of generating electricity (regardless of whether the system has been registered with a REC tracking system).

d. Host

The Host is the individual or entity that owns or controls the site where the system is installed or will be installed.

e. Interconnecting Distribution Company

The Interconnecting Distribution Company is the electric utility, alternative retail electric supplier, municipal utility, or a rural electric cooperative to which the system is interconnected at the distribution level.

f. Seller

The individual or entity that will be the counterparty under the SPV Contract and that will provide RECs from one or more systems to the IPA.

g. System Owner

The System Owner has title to RECs from the system unless the System Owner has entered into an agreement to provide to another party unconditioned title to the RECs or the right to legally transfer RECs to the IPA under the SPV Contract.

II. Additional Terms

a. Aggregator

An Aggregator is a party that (i) owns or plans to acquire either unconditioned title to or rights to legally transfer renewable energy credits from distributed renewable energy devices through contracts with multiple system owners, and (ii) is willing to contract with IPA and accepts standard Illinois terms as well as procedures for contract administration. Please see section 4.6.1 of the Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan for more details.

b. Bid

For the 25-Plus Category, a Bid is a price per REC for a given identified system. A Bidder must present Bids for a number of identified systems to account for a quantity of no fewer than 500 RECs. For the Sub-25 Category, a Bid is a price per REC for a quantity of no fewer than 500 RECs; such RECs may be associated with identified systems, with a forecast quantity, or both.

c. Bidder

A Bidder is a party that submits any part of a response to the SPV RFP.

d. Bid Assurance Collateral

A Bidder is required to submit Bid Assurance Collateral in the amount of \$8/REC for forecast quantities and \$4/REC for identified systems with its Part 2 Proposal. Bid Assurance Collateral must be in the form of a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit or cash.

e. Bid Date

The Bid Date is the day Bids are due.

f. Category

A Category refers to the size of the system (nameplate DC output rating). There are two Categories. The Sub-25 Category refers to systems less than 25 kW. The 25-Plus Category refers to systems 25 kW or over (but no more than 2,000 kW).

g. Deficiency Notice

The Procurement Administrator sends a deficiency notice to a Bidder when the Bidder's Part 1 Proposal or Part 2 Proposal (excluding Bids) is incomplete or requires clarification. A Bidder must respond to a deficiency notice in order for the Proposal to be complete and for Bids to be evaluated.

h. Forecast Quantity (or "Speculative Bids")

A Forecast Quantity is a quantity of RECs that is not associated with identified systems. Forecast quantities may only be bid for the Sub-25 Product.

i. Identified System

An Identified System is a system for which the Bidder has some or all information required by the Worksheet Insert (#P1-2).

j. Insert

Separate form to be filled out and uploaded to the online form or emailed to the Procurement Administrator.

k. Part 1 Date

The Part 1 Date is the last day of the Part 1 Window and the day when Part 1 Proposals are due.

l. Part 1 Proposal

The Part 1 Proposal is the Bidder's response to the qualification standards described in Article IV of the RFP Rules. The Part 1 Proposal consists of the completed online Part 1 Form as well as one (1) copy of all documents required by the online Part 1 Form.

m. Part 2 Date

The Part 2 Date is the last day of the Part 2 Window and the day when Part 2 Proposals are due.

n. Part 2 Proposal

The Part 2 Proposal consists of the completed online Part 2 Form, Bid Assurance Collateral, the Bid Form, and all other documents necessary to fulfil the Part 2 Proposal requirements described in Article V of the RFP Rules.

o. Part 1 Window

The time period during which a Bidder can submit its Part 1 Proposal.

p. Part 2 Window

The time period during which a Bidder can submit its Part 2 Proposal.

q. Performance Assurance

A Bidder with winning Bids is required to submit Performance Assurance in the amount of \$16/REC for forecast quantities and \$8/REC for identified systems under the SPV Contract. Performance Assurance must be in the form of a Post-Bid Letter of Credit or cash.

r. Previously Presented

A system has been previously presented when: (i) documentation in regards to this system has been submitted to the Procurement Administrator in a previous procurement event under the SPV RFP or the DG RFP; (ii) such system was not identified as part of a winning Bid in a previous procurement event under the SPV RFP or the DG RFP; and (iii) the Bidder certifies that the previously submitted documentation remains valid and that there have been no changes in the identities of the System Owner, Seller, and Host for the system. A Bidder may rely on the previously submitted documents if the Bidder can provide the system's unique identifier or if the Procurement Administrator can otherwise uniquely match the system to one in the database of systems that were reviewed in previous procurement events.

s. Previously Qualified

A Bidder that successfully completed the Part 1 Proposal in a previous procurement event under the SPV RFP. Such a Bidder is generally able to confirm information previously provided and that remains valid.

t. Product

There are three distinct Products: (i) RECs associated with systems below 25 kW in size (the "Sub-25 Product"); (ii) RECs associated with systems 25 kW or over but no larger than 500 kW in size (the "25-500 Product"); and (iii) RECs associated with systems over 500 kW but no larger than 2,000 kW (the "Over-500 Product")

u. Qualified Persons

This term is defined in section 1-56(i) of the Illinois Power Agency Act (20 ILCS 3855/1-56(i)).

v. Representative

A Representative of the Bidder is an individual authorized to act on behalf of the Bidder.

w. Size of the System

The size of the system is the final nameplate DC output rating, expressed in kilowatts, rounded to two decimals.

x. System Marked “Done” or “In Progress”

When processing Part 1 Proposals, the Procurement Administrator will mark a system included in a Bidder’s Proposal either as: (i) “done” to indicate that the information and documents provided for that system have been determined to be complete and to satisfy the requirements; or (ii) “in progress if the information and documents provided for that system are incomplete or require clarification. Once a project is marked as done, and the Bidder is notified of that fact, the Bidder may not change the information or documentation with respect to that project. If information or a document for a given system marked done is no longer valid, the system must be withdrawn from the Proposal.