

Questions from the 10/7/2021 Webinar

Is there a target annual budget that you would like the EM&V consultant to stay under?

To maintain the Ratepayer Impact Measure (RIM) required by PURA, it is our aim to keep costs low.

Is the budget provided supposed to cover all three years?

Yes. Per the RFP, please make sure that any rate increases are noted.

Does CT Green Bank expect/prefer submeter data or whole-building meter data for M&V purposes?

We expect and prefer M&V to be performed on submeter data.

Can you describe the scope of the data warehousing activities that will be handled by a separate contract, vs. what will be expected to be handled under this contract? In terms of intaking, linking, cleaning data from multiple sources?

The Green Bank, working with the EDC's, will handle all data warehousing activities with our IT partners. While the selected EM&V Consultant might be required to perform some data scrubbing, it is our aim to automate data standardization upon intake from the source (i.e. EDC's DERMS and Green Bank enrollment platforms).

Minimally, can resumes be excluded?

The submitter may convey the qualifications of the team however they choose as part of the submittal (with resumes or in another format).

What is the relationship between Guidehouse and CTGB with respect to this procurement. In your application you indicated that you had already selected them as your EM&V consultant for this procurement.

Guidehouse was selected as a Green Bank consultant in developing its Solarize Storage proposal in 2020 and supported the Program Administrators during the program design stage (now complete).

Is Guidehouse conflicted out of this procurement then given that they aided in the design?

The Green Bank does not view Guidehouse as conflicted. If Guidehouse chooses to participate in the RFP, it is expected to participate in the RFP process under the same terms and conditions as all other respondents.

The original bidder's conference was supposed to be the week of Sept 20 – we would like to know if there are any schedule changes given that this is a couple weeks late on that.

In order to meet the deadlines established by PURA, we will not be changing the timeline.

Do the appendices count in the twenty-five (25) page limit?

No. However, appendices should be used judiciously and not contain superfluous information.

Regarding the program metrics, does the Green Bank already have a methodology for qualifying "aggregate avoided emissions" or is the contractor expected to develop that methodology?

The Green Bank has a well-vetted methodology for assessing the improvements to air quality associated with our projects. We look forward to working with the selected consultant and the other program administrators (Eversource and United Illuminating) to adapt and improve this methodology for storage projects.

Should the contractor expect that the Green Bank or the electric distribution companies will have the data to support the program metrics listed on page 4?

The Green Bank is working with the EDC's to aggregate data. We expect to build a dashboard that sits on this data that calculates the BCA's and the program metrics. We expect to grant the EMV consultant access to the dashboard and to the underlying data.

When will answers to questions submitted by October 1st be posted?

Answers to previously submitted questions below.

Questions Directly Received by Connecticut Green Bank

Can you please advise on whether there is a Q&A webinar scheduled for this week and if so, how would you be inviting respondents?

Held on 10/7/2021. All original recipients of the RFP were notified.

Concerning the list of EM&V consultants that received the RFP, can you share the names of the companies to us in order to facilitate partnering discussions between the firms as soon as possible?

ADM Energy	Dynmhx	Illume Advising	PSD consulting
AN Evaluation	E9Insight	Industrial Economics	Recurve Analytics
ANB Systems	Ecometric Consulting	Itron	RMI
Apex Analytics	Ecotope	Johnson Consultants	Ryn Hamilton Consulting
Applied Energy Group	ECW	Kevala Analytics	SAIC
Apprise, inc	EMI consulting	Klos Energy	SBW Consulting
Brightline Group	Energy Futures Group	Leftfork	SERA, inc
Building Metrics	Engine Group	Lexicon-Energy	Slipstream, inc
CA Energy	Ethree	Michaels Energy	Strategen
Cadeo Group	Evergreen Economics	Nexant	Sustainable Energy Advantage
Cadmus Group	Evergreen-Efficiency	NMR Group, inc	Synapse-Energy
CE Advisors	GDS associates	Opinion Dynamics	Tetrattech
Daymark EA	Grounded-Research	ORC International	Tierrarc
DMI Inc	GTI	Peci	TRC Companies
DNVGL	Guidehouse	Plugged-in Strategies	TRC Solutions
Dunsky	ICFI	Proctor Engineering	VEIC
			Westhill Energy

Regarding Section 4.1, Approach to managing data collection from the Program Administrators. The RFP says the Green Bank will act as a central data aggregator for program participant information and system use and dispatch information, which will live in a secure data warehouse built by the Green Bank.

- **Is this already in place? If not, what is the timeline for its deployment?**

- **What types of customer- or project-specific data will this warehouse contain (e.g., program tracking data on installed systems, DERMS data, consumption data, battery meter data, solar generation data, etc.)?**

The Program Administrators are in the process of finalizing the different systems we will use for the program, including a customer enrollment platform and dispatch platform. The data warehouse will be built once this technology selection is complete. Our aim is to have this complete in Q1 2022.

We will seek to capture all DERMS data, the customer data, and any other data that is suggested by the selected EMV consultant that will help the calculation of the BCA's of the program and speak to its impact. For solar systems that are part of the RSIP, we have access to meter data for generation. The program administrators expect the selected EMV partner to help define other data requirements.

Regarding "CT GREEN BANK IT Assessment.pdf.

The CT GREEN BANK IT Assessment appears identical to the Eversource Vendor Security DDQ8 security assessment (version 8, in Excel). Is this correct? The version number is not visible in the pdf.

If yes, can the bidder submit CT GREEN BANK IT Assessment as an excel file?

There is no Green Bank IT assessment.

In its final decision, PURA required the filing of Program Design Documents no later than October 1, 2021. At time we are submitting these questions, they do not appear to have been posted to the online docket. Can a copy of those documents be provided to assist in proposal development?

PURA has granted a 2 week extension on the Program Design Documents. These documents will be submitted to PURA by 10/15/2021.

Regarding budget.

Is there a specific budget template CT Green Bank would like us to use?

No.

Can you please confirm the due date and at what time on the due date the proposal must be submitted?

The final responses are due on October 15th, 2021 by the end of the day.

Do the Program Administrators intend for bidders to follow a prescriptive outline when developing the Description of Proposal (i.e., subheaders for data collection, metrics identification & calculation, and reporting) (see pg 9 of the RFP)?

No, there is no prescriptive outline. The only requirement is to include information requested on page 9 of the RFP.

Eversource and CT Green Bank terms and conditions and related materials are included with the RFP. Can Avangrid (UI) share theirs?

CT Green Bank will reach out to UI and ask them of this. Please see an updated answer on our webpage where all responses will be available.