



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY

Request for Proposals for 500kV AC Transmission Line Design and Technical Specification Engineering Services (Apex to Crystal)

Issuance Date: May 11, 2020

Response Deadline: June 15, 2020 by 8:00 a.m.

I. Introduction

The Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), on behalf of its Member Utilities, is hereby soliciting competitive proposals for engineering services to obtain a 60% design for a 500kV AC Transmission Line and complete Technical Specifications for the entire project (Apex to Crystal) including the Apex Transmission Line, Apex Switchyard Termination, Protection, and Control & Metering, as described below in Section III.

SCPPA is interested in discovering all Respondent's capabilities related to specified Areas of Interest and associated pricing to enable informed decisions and potentially proceed to more specific negotiations on contract development with one or more qualified Respondents to this Request for Proposals (RFP).

As part of the bid all participants shall provide a detailed schedule to demonstrate how they can achieve the desired due date of completing the task within six (6) month requirement (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF). In addition, a separate schedule outlining design, procurement and construction that illustrates the project completion showing all milestones and in service date by December 2022 (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF).

Responses to this RFP are due on or before June 15, 2020 by 8:00 a.m., as described below in Sections III and V.

II. Background

SCPPA is a joint powers authority and a public entity organized under the California Joint Exercise of Power Act found in Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California, and through the SCPPA Joint Powers Agreement, for the purposes of planning, financing, developing, acquiring, constructing, operating and maintaining projects for the generation or transmission of electric energy. SCPPA also facilitates joint service contracts, at the request of its members, to aggregate like project efforts among its Members for the purposes of developing energy efficiency, demand response and resource procurement Programs or Projects to improve operating efficiencies and reduce costs.

Membership of SCPPA consists of eleven cities and one irrigation district, which supply electric energy within Southern California, including the municipal utilities of the cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, and Vernon, and the Imperial Irrigation District. SCPPA is governed by its Board of Directors, which consists of representatives from each of its

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Members. The management of SCPPA is under the direction of an Executive Director who is appointed by the Board.

Any service contract subsequently entered into by SCPPA pursuant to this RFP would be utilized directly by the interested Members to serve their respective utility customers' needs. The service and work products would be ordered and approved directly by SCPPA and/or the applicable Members and the billing would be administered through SCPPA.

III. Areas of Interest

SCPPA Member LADWP has expressed interest in engineering services to obtain a 60% design for a 500kV AC Transmission Line and complete Technical Specifications for the entire project (Apex to Crystal) including the Apex Transmission Line, Apex Switchyard Termination, Protection, and Control & Metering to meet the needs of its utility as follows:

1. **The 60% design for a 500kV AC, 10+/- mile Transmission Line from Apex Generating Station (GS) to Crystal – Entering the South end of the existing Apex Switchyard including the following elements deliverable from Consultant:**
 - Design shall follow LADWP, Nevada, OSHA, IEEE, NESC and ANSI standards for 500kV transmission line, including Regulatory compliance for LADWP in Nevada and other standards as applicable.
 - Engineering Studies
 - Identification of specific permits required for construction as a permanent installation
 - Geotechnical Investigation and Report per 2016 CBC
 - Soil Corrosivity & In-Situ Soil Resistivity Testing Report of the site and of the site terrain along the line route per IEEE
 - Development of a detailed schedule outlining design, procurement and construction that illustrates the project completion showing all milestones and in service date by December 2022 (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - For review and approval by LADWP Overhead Transmission Engineering:
 - Select insulators and configure insulator assemblies (LADWP material standards for insulators to be provided)
 - Design hardware assemblies (v-string suspension, double insulator dead end)
 - Design electric field performance of conductor and hardware assemblies per IECC, CSA and IEEE
 - Design mechanical supports
 - Design overhead conductors
 - Design shield wires
 - Design communication OPGW
 - Design shall meet wind loading requirements in area; maximum operating transmission voltage 550kV, LADWP, Nevada, NESC and OSHA minimum approach distance requirements
 - Design shall meet clearances in sag from ground and in crossings per LADWP, Nevada, OSHA, IEEE, NESC and ANSI
 - LiDAR (1-foot contour map) per LADWP standards
 - For review and approval with LADWP Geotechnical Group:
 - Geotechnical Investigation and Report per 2016 CBC (Requested in Engineering Studies)

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- Soil Corrosivity & In-Situ Soil Resistivity Testing Report of the site and of site terrain along the line route per IEEE (Requested in Engineering Studies)
 - Tower Foundations
 - For review and approval with LADWP Water System Survey Group/Right-of-Way (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed):
 - Survey Transmission line alignment in private and Bureau of Land Management property (approximately 10+/- miles in total)
 - Control Survey and Mapping
 - Map roads to be used (permanent roads, spur roads and temporary roads)
 - Existing tower footings
 - Provide location of project using Latitude and Longitude in Decimal Degrees, UTM coordinates, etc.
 - For review and approval with LADWP Civil Engineering Group:
 - Access roads and maps
2. **Investigate the existing Apex Switchyard Termination, Protection, Metering & Controls, Communication designs and develop the new designs for Termination, Protection, Controls & Metering, Communications required at Apex GS to comply with Regulatory, Industry Standards shall be the responsibility of the Consultant. The Consultant shall use all of the existing equipment where possible, and only add equipment necessary to comply with all applicable Regulatory, Industry Standards. The Consultant and LADWP shall coordinate with NV Energy for termination and design requirements at Crystal SS. Consultant shall be responsible to include the design, equipment requirements and instructions required for the RFP on Engineering-Procure-Construct (EPC) package which shall be approved by LADWP which includes the following elements:**
- Existing Apex Switchyard configuration and Required Design (if needed)
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - Existing Apex Relay Protection and Required Design (if needed)
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - RAS or CAS (if needed)
 - Existing Apex Metering & Controls and Required Design (if needed)
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - Existing Apex Communication and Required Design (if needed)
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - Existing Apex Fiber Optics and Required Design (if needed)
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - Coordinate with LADWP and NV Energy for design at Crystal Switchyard Termination, Protection, Metering & Controls, Communication:
 - Detailed description of construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, material, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - For review and approval with LADWP:
 - Conduct a site visit to Apex GS to gather required data
 - Detailed description of Apex GS construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, material, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - Technical specification at Apex GS for the following:

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- Detailed description of construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, material and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - Switchyard Termination (South End) at existing position with relay protection, metering and controls, communication, fiber optics, and drawings/schematic
 - Specification for Hardware, Relay Protection, Metering & Controls, Communication, Fiber Optics and Materials needed to complete the terminations at the South end
 - Drawings/Schematics of Switchyard, Relay Protection, Metering & Controls, Communication, and Fiber Optics
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
 - Detailed description of Crystal Switchyard construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, material, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - Technical specification at Crystal Switchyard
- 3. **Preparation of a comprehensive specification for a 500kV AC Transmission Line at 60% design, Apex Switchyard Termination, Protection, Metering & Controls, Communication and collaboration with NV Energy in order to terminate at Crystal Switchyard and meet design requirements that LADWP will use for the RFP on Engineering-Procure-Construct (EPC) package which shall be approved by LADWP which includes the following elements:**
 - For review and approval with LADWP Overhead Transmission Engineering:
 - Detailed description of construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - Technical Specifications for hardware, hardware marking, requirements for electric field modeling of hardware assemblies, overhead conductor, grounding conductor, conductor reels, conductor stranding, surface conditions, conductor data, material, requirements for factory inspection of all material, packing for spare material, transportation of hardware, insulators, protective hardware, sag, guying, vibration dampers, pulling sites, installation requirements, testing requirements, as-built requirements, PLS-CADD model, plans and maps per LADWP criteria
 - Technical Specifications for survey and LiDAR (1-foot contour map) survey per LADWP requirements
 - Prepare preliminary location of proposed project and details of specific work elements planned for the project (e.g. staging area, access roads, spur roads, water diversions, Engineering BMP installation for drainages such as culverts and rip rap, location of tower pads/footings, pull sites, and all potential disturbance areas for the project) in a GIS layover (.kmz) with polygons
 - For review and approval with LADWP Structural Design Group:
 - Technical Specifications for the following:
 - Detailed description of construction activities , list of equipment that will be used during construction, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - Tower foundation design and installation
 - Tower design and erection
 - Tower fabrication and material
 - Weather cases, broken conditions, and loading criteria

- Step bolts and connection bolts
 - Tower fit up and load testing
 - PLS-CADD/Tower model (.BAK format)
 - Tower erection/fabrication drawings
 - Foundation and grounding drawings
 - Installation requirements
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
 - Plans and maps per LADWP criteria
- Conceptual design of Towers
 - Tower height
 - Tower footprint
 - Tower configuration (double circuit, freestanding, steel lattice tower in horizontal configuration) conductor spacing
 - Hardware attachment (Vang plate) details
 - Weather and loading criteria
 - Tower loading procedure for tangent and dead end structures
 - Broke wire conditions for tangent and dead end towers
- Conceptual design with appropriate foundation support for towers (typically will be cylindrical concrete pier with geotechnical engineering review and approval)
- Design of tower grounding for review and approval between overhead engineering and structural engineering (drawings will reflect this information)
- For review and approval with LADWP Geotechnical Group:
 - Geotechnical Investigation and Report per 2016 CBC
 - Soil Corrosivity & In-Situ Soil Resistivity Testing Report of the site and of site terrain along the line route per IEEE
 - Tower foundation design
 - Foundation and grounding drawings
 - Tower footprint
 - Conceptual design with appropriate foundation support for towers (typically will be cylindrical concrete pier with geotechnical engineering review and approval)
 - Design of tower grounding for review and approval between overhead engineering and structural engineering (drawings will reflect this information)
- For review and approval with LADWP Environmental Affairs Wastewater Quality Group and Environmental Planning and Assessment:
 - Consultant shall include language in the RFP to cover the colored photographs of the project site. Photos that include sensitive sites such as wetlands and stream crossings (if any). The photographs can also be used for permit compliances as “before construction” photos. [Note: the EPC will need “during construction” and “completion of construction” photos for permit compliance.]
 - Consultant shall include language in the RFP to cover the engineering design drawings and plans for construction to be submitted with permit application
 - Consultant shall include language in the RFP to cover the Civil Engineering grading plans, drainage plans, trenching and/or utility substructure or relocation designs
 - Prepare preliminary location of proposed project and details of specific work elements planned for the project (e.g. staging area, access roads, spur roads, water diversions, Engineering BMP installation for drainages such as culverts and rip rap, location of

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- tower pads/footings, pull sites, and all potential disturbance areas for the project) in a GIS layover (.kmz) with polygons
- Detailed description of construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
- Transmission Tower Dimensions
 - Height of structures
 - Clearance requirements
 - Tower foundation area
 - Tower footing area
- Access Road Design
 - Requirements and location of drainages ditches, culverts, bridges, and/or low-water crossings
- Provide location of project using Latitude and Longitude in Decimal Degrees, UTM coordinates, etc. (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed)
- Provide a GIS Map, USGS 7.5 min Topo Map or equivalent showing area of the project site, clearly identifying the action work in the waterbody(s)/drainages that will be conducted. This would be used to overlay the map with jurisdictional delineation (JD) for the project to identify the work areas (disturbance areas) impacting waterbody(s)/drainages (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed)
- The .Shp files showing location of the surveyed project components (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed)
 - Transmission line alignment
 - Transmission towers
 - Access roads
 - Right-of-way corridor
 - Construction staging sites
 - Pulling and tensioning sites
- For review and approval with LADWP Civil Engineering Group:
 - Access Road Design
 - Requirements and location of drainages ditches, culverts, bridges, and/or low-water crossings
- For review and approval with LADWP Water System Survey Group/Right-of-Way (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed):
 - The .Shp files showing location of the surveyed project components
 - Transmission line alignment
 - Transmission towers
 - Access roads
 - Right-of-way corridor
 - Construction staging sites
 - Pulling and tensioning sites
 - Survey that will clearly define the boundaries in the field of the right of way of the transmission line with stakes or demarcations
- For review and approval with LADWP High Voltage-Alternating Current and Direct Current Station Design Group:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment) based on existing conditions researched and termination at same existing location
 - Technical specification for the following:
 - Apex Switchyard layout

- Termination design and drawings
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
- For review and approval with LADWP Relay Protection Design Group:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment) based on existing conditions researched and equipment
 - Technical specification for the following
 - Relay and Protection
 - RAS or CAS (if needed)
 - As-built requirements
- For review and approval with LADWP Metering and Controls:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment) based on existing conditions researched and equipment
 - Technical specification for the following:
 - Metering and Controls
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
- For review and approval with LADWP Communication Group:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment) based on existing conditions researched and equipment
 - Technical specification for the following
 - Communication
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
- For review and approval with LADWP Fiber Optics Group:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment) based on existing conditions researched and equipment
 - Technical specification for the following:
 - Fiber Optics
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
- Coordination with LADWP and NV Energy for Crystal Switchyard Termination & Protection:
 - Detailed description of work to be performed (including equipment)
 - Technical specification for the following:
 - Switchyard Termination (location to be specified by NV Energy) at new position with protection
 - Detailed description of construction activities and construction schedule
 - Testing requirements
 - As-built requirements
- For review and approval with LADWP:
 - Technical Specifications for the RFP EPC package completion of the project
 - Environmental Planning and Assessment section
 - Environmental Affairs Wastewater Quality section
 - Overhead Transmission section
 - Right-of-way and Survey section
 - Civil Engineering section
 - Geotechnical section
 - Structural Engineering and Design section

- Real Estate section
- Legal section
- Apex Generating Station Termination
- High Voltage-Alternating Current and Direct Current Station Design section
- Relay Protection section
- Meter and Controls section
- Communication section
- Fiber Optics section
- Crystal Switchyard Termination and Protection coordination
- Detailed description of construction activities, list of equipment that will be used during construction, and construction schedule (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
- Consultant shall include language in the RFP to cover the colored photographs of the project site. Photos that include sensitive sites such as wetlands and stream crossings (if any). The photographs can also be used for permit compliances as “before construction” photos. [Note: the EPC will need “during construction” and “completion of construction” photos for permit compliance.]
- Provide location of project using Latitude and Longitude in Decimal Degrees, UTM coordinates, etc. (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed)
- Provide a GIS Map, USGS 7.5 min Topo Map or equivalent showing area of the project site, clearly identifying the action work in the waterbody(s)/drainages that will be conducted. This would be used to overlay the map with jurisdictional delineation (JD) for the project to identify the work areas (disturbance areas) impacting waterbody(s)/drainages (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed)
- Prepare preliminary location of proposed project and details of specific work elements planned for the project (e.g. staging area, access roads, spur roads, water diversions, Engineering BMP installation for drainages such as culverts and rip rap, location of tower pads/footings, pull sites, and all potential disturbance areas for the project) in a GIS layover (.kmz) with polygons

4. **Conduct Land Survey and Legal Description of the proposed new 500kV AC Transmission Line to satisfy all required parameters needed by Bureau of Land Management, LADWP Right of Way/Survey and Design of the project which includes the following elements (At the option of LADWP to exercise as needed):**

- Right of Way with the 125-foot width on either side of the centerline of the transmission line (250-foot total width)
- New Transmission Tower locations and 60-foot by 60-foot surface area for each tower (within the 250-foot right of way)
- New Transmission Line path
- New pulling and tensioning sites 200-foot by 500-foot surface area for each site
- New permanent and temporary access roads 32-foot wide path
- New spur roads 20-foot wide path
- Proposed laydown areas
- Proposed drainage improvements
- Proposed soil stockpiles areas
- Proposed temporary construction access points and disturbance areas

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- Proposed ancillary optical/telecom ground wiring or infrastructure improvements
5. **Support in evaluation of RFP EPC package which includes the following elements:**
- Support in evaluating Bidder’s qualifications
 - Support in evaluating Bidder’s Technical and Commercial Proposal
 - Participation in technical clarification and review meetings
 - Provide assistance in an advisory role with the technical aspects during contract negotiations
 - Support in review of document submittals (study reports, design drawings, calculation)
 - Support in review and validation of change order requests
 - Risk assessment/management
 - Support at the option of LADWP to exercise as needed including:
 - Assistance in equipment and facility inspection and testing
 - Provide reviews of commissioning and startup activities
 - Support of Performance test witnessing/validation
 - Support in negotiations for settlements of outstanding contract and warranty issues
6. **Items 1-6 shall be completed by Consultant with the following deadline:**
- The bids shall consist of entire work to be performed on RFP and a second one that does not include the options stated on the RFP. The estimates for the work that is an option shall not exceed the price given to us if we choose to add them at any time.
 - Schedule outlining design, procurement and construction that illustrate the project completion showing all milestones and in service date by December 2022.
 - 60% Design completed with complete technical specification and design at Apex and Crystal shall be completed by January 25, 2021 (Microsoft Projects .mpp and PDF)
 - RFP EPC package shall be completed by February 4, 2021

Selection Process and Schedule*

| SCPPA RFP for 500kV Transmission Design and Complete Technical Specification Engineering Services Selection Process and Schedule | |
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| Schedule and Milestones | Target Date(s) |
| Issue RFP | Mon, May 11, 2020 |
| Q&A Begins (between SCPPA and bidders) | Mon, May 11, 2020 |
| Q&A Ends (between SCPPA and bidders) | Mon, May 18, 2020 |
| Notify all bidders on Q&A “summary” | Fri, May 22, 2020 |
| Deadline for bidders to submit RFP response to SCPPA (no extension & follow proposal submission delivery requirements) | Mon, Jun. 15, 2020 by 8:00 a.m. |
| Evaluation Period (2 weeks) | Mon, Jun. 15 through Thurs, Jun. 25, 2020 |
| Selection of Award Bidder | Mon, Jun. 29, 2020 |
| Develop and Finalize Terms and Conditions between SCPPA and Awarded Bidder | Mon, Jun. 29, 2020 through Mon, Jul.13, 2020 |
| SCPPA Board Award | Thurs, Jul. 16, 2020 |

***Selection Process and Schedule** is subject to change.

IV. Proposal Submission Required Elements

1. **Transmittal Letter Content:**

- a. A brief statement of the Respondent's understanding of the work to be done and commitment to perform the work as scheduled, including:
 - i) statement of work specifications; and
 - ii) reference to any proposed contractual terms and conditions required by the Respondent; and
 - iii) a summary of exceptions taken to the RFP requirements; and
 - iv) any and all expectations from SCPPA including, but not limited to: requirements definitions, strategy refinement, and staffing requirements to support the proposed project or program implementation.
- b. An officer authorized to bind must sign the proposal on behalf of the Respondent and must include the following declarations on the transmittal letter:

“This proposal is genuine, and not sham or collusive, nor made in the interest or in behalf of any person not herein named; the Respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Respondent to put in a sham bid, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal; and the Respondent has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure for themselves an advantage over any other Respondent.”

2. **Respondent Information:** Provide legal name of Company or Individual, physical street address, the name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) authorized to represent the Respondent, including telephone number(s) and email address(es).
3. **Proposal:** Proposals must include a description of the proposed project or program, how it meets (or does not meet) each of the objectives of this RFP, and a detailed description addressing all of the Areas of Interest. Respondents may also include additional services, products, tasks, task elements and/or functions that may not be part of or included in the RFP, but are deemed by the Respondent to be pertinent and potentially valuable to SCPPA or its Members. SCPPA will have full discretionary authority to consider, accept and/or reject without cause such supplemental information that is not directly requested, included in or made part of the RFP.
4. **Fees:** Pricing in all Proposals should be made based on good faith estimates of the requirements defined in this RFP. Please include all necessary details of specific examples or estimates of the fees, labor rates and service charges. Describe how the fees, rates or charges will be determined. Respondents shall also be prepared to provide a breakdown of the applicable overheads and fringe benefit costs that are part of any labor rates and other direct costs associated with the services to be performed.
5. **Experience:** Respondent shall clearly identify project participants and management team, including:
 - a. Describe your firm's experience as may be applicable to this RFP, your organizational structure, management qualifications, and other contract related qualifications, including number of years firm has been in business.

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- b. Specify key employees and describe their qualifications, experience and duties related to this RFP, including the office location(s) where work will be performed, in addition to the physical street address referenced above.
- c. Provide a commitment statement for the retention and use of key employees as proposed, their availability to initiate and sustain the proposal, as well as planned supplemental employees if key personnel are not available to assure project delivery.
- d. State whether Respondent will use subcontractors to perform services pursuant to the contract. Should the use of subcontractors be offered, the Respondent shall provide the same assurances of competence for the subcontractor, plus the demonstrated ability to manage and supervise the subcontracted work. Subcontractors shall not be allowed to further subcontract with others for work. The provisions of any contract resulting from this RFP shall apply to all subcontractors in the same manner as to the Respondent.
- e. Respondent shall indicate any and all pending litigation that could affect the viability of Respondent's proposal, continuance of existing contracts, operation or financial stability.

6. References:

- a. Describe whether the Respondent has, within the last five (5) years, rendered any service to SCPPA or to any of SCPPA's Members, either as a contractor or subcontractor, either under the current Respondent's name or any other name or organization. If so, please provide details (status as prime or subcontractor, brief description of the contract, contract start and end date, the contract administrator name, and total actual contract expenditures).
- b. If the Respondent has not rendered any service within the last five (5) years to SCPPA or to any of SCPPA's Members, then please provide references over that period with the details described above including the counterparty for which services were provided.
- c. Identify existing related or relevant projects or programs which Respondent developed and/or operates that would demonstrate Respondent's capabilities in this area.
- d. Describe relevant program development and implementation experience, approach, and provide a list of references for similar projects completed.

V. Proposal Submission Delivery Requirements

There will not be an initial Respondent's conference associated with this RFP. Clarification questions may be addressed to Projects@SCPPA.org.

One (1) electronic copy of your proposal should also be e-mailed to Projects@SCPPA.com no later than the time and date referenced above.

No contact should be made with the Board of Directors, committees or working group representatives, or SCPPA Members concerning this RFP.

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All information received by SCPPA in response to this RFP is subject to the California Public Records Act and may be subject to the California Brown Act and all submissions may be subject to review in the event of an audit.

VI. Terms and Conditions

1. SCPPA reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time, reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities.
2. SCPPA shall determine at its sole discretion the value of any and/or all proposals including price and non-price attributes.
3. Proposals may be sub-divided or combined with other proposals, at SCPPA's sole discretion.
4. SCPPA shall perform an initial screening evaluation to identify and eliminate any proposals that are, for example, not responsive to the RFP, do not meet the minimum requirements set forth in the RFP, are not economically competitive with other proposals, or are submitted by Respondents that lack appropriate creditworthiness, sufficient financial resources, or qualifications to provide dependable and reliable services for this RFP.
5. SCPPA reserves the right to submit follow up questions or inquiries to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information from any one or more of the Respondents.
6. SCPPA reserves the right, without qualification and in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason without explanation to the Respondent, or to make any award to that Respondent, who, in the opinion of SCPPA, will provide the most value to SCPPA and its Members.
7. SCPPA may decline to enter into any potential engagement agreement or contract with any Respondent, terminate negotiations with any Respondent, or to abandon the request for proposal process in its entirety.
8. SCPPA reserves the right to make an award, at its sole discretion, irrespective of price or technical ability, if SCPPA determines that to do so would result in the greatest value to SCPPA and its Members.
9. Those Respondents who submit proposals agree to do so without legal recourse against SCPPA, its Members, their directors, officers, employees and agents for rejection of their proposal(s) or for failure to execute or act on their proposal for any reason.
10. SCPPA shall not be liable to any Respondent or party in law or equity for any reason whatsoever for any acts or omissions arising out of or in connection with this RFP.
11. SCPPA shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any Respondents in preparing any information for submission in connection with this RFP process or any and all costs resulting from responding to this RFP. Any and all such costs whatsoever shall remain the sole responsibility of the Respondent.
12. SCPPA may require certain performance assurances from Respondents prior to entering into negotiations for work that may result from this RFP. Such assurances may potentially include a requirement that Respondents provide some form of performance security.

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13. Prior to contract award, the successful Respondent shall supply a detailed breakdown of the applicable overheads and fringe benefit costs that are part of the labor rates and other direct costs associated with the services to be performed.
14. SCPPA Members, either collectively or individually may contact Respondents to discuss or enter into negotiations regarding a proposal. SCPPA is not responsible or liable for individual Members interactions with the Respondent which are not entirely conducted through SCPPA or at SCPPA's option or election to engage the Respondent as defined within the RFP.
15. Submission of a Proposal constitutes acknowledgement that the Respondent has read and agrees to be bound by the terms and specifications of this RFP and any addenda subsequently issued by SCPPA.
16. Information in this RFP is accurate to the best of SCPPA's and its Members' knowledge but is not guaranteed to be correct. Respondents are expected to complete all of their due diligence activities prior to entering into any final contract negotiations with SCPPA.
17. SCPPA reserves the right to reject any Proposal for any reason without cause. SCPPA reserves the right to enter into relationships with more than one Respondent, can choose not to proceed with any Respondent with respect to one or more categories of services, and can choose to suspend this RFP or to issue a new RFP that would supersede and replace this RFP.

VII. Additional Requirements for Proposal

1. **Consideration of Responses:** Submitted proposals should be prepared simply and economically, without the inclusion of unnecessary promotional materials.
2. **Insurance, Licensing, or other Certification:** If selected, the Respondent will be required to maintain sufficient insurance, licenses, or other required certifications for the type of work being performed. SCPPA or its Members may require specific insurance coverage to be established and maintained during the course of work and as a condition of award or continuation of contract.
3. **Non-Discrimination/Equal Employment Practices/Affirmative Action Plan:** If selected, the Respondent and each of its known subcontractors may be required to complete and file an acceptable Affirmative Action Plan. The Affirmative Action Plan may be set forth in the form required as a business practice by the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles which is SCPPA's largest Member.
4. **Living Wage Ordinance:** If selected, the Respondent may be required to comply with the applicable provisions of the City of Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance and the City of Los Angeles Service Contract Workers Retention Ordinance. The Living Wage Ordinance provisions are found in Section 10.36 of the Los Angeles City Administrative Code; and the Service Contract Workers Retention Ordinance are found in Section 10.37 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (SCWRO/LW0).
5. **Child Support Policy:** If selected, Respondent may be required to comply with the City of Los Angeles Ordinance No. 172401, which requires all contractors and subcontractors performing work to comply with all reporting requirements and wage earning assignments and wage earning assignments relative to court ordered child support.

6. **Supplier Diversity:** Respondents shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all available business enterprises, including Small Business Enterprises (SBEs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs), Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBES), and other Business Enterprises (OBEs), have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in the work being requested by this RFP. Efforts to obtain participation of these business enterprises may reasonably be expected to produce a twenty-five percent (25%) participation goal for SBEs.
7. **SCPPA-Furnished Property:** SCPPA or a Member's utility drawings, specifications, and other media furnished for the Respondent's use shall not be furnished to others without written authorization from SCPPA or the applicable Member(s).
8. **Contractor-Furnished Property:** Upon completion of all work under any agreement developed as a result of this RFP, ownership and title to reports, documents, drawings, specifications, estimates, and any other document produced as a result of the agreement shall automatically be vested to SCPPA and no further agreement will be necessary for the transfer of ownership to SCPPA. SCPPA has the sole right to distribute, reproduce, publish, license, or grant permission to use all or a portion of the deliverable documentation, work product or presentations as it determines in its sole discretion.