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24-RFQ-02
Request for Qualifications: Planning Consultant

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On May 1, 2024, the Illinois Power Agency released a [Request for Qualifications](#) ("RFQ") for a Planning Consultant to support the Agency by developing the Agency's annual Electricity Procurement Plan, supporting biennial revisions of the Agency's Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan, conducting key research, modeling, and analysis related to assessing resource adequacy and reliability for Illinois, providing research and analysis to support the Agency's understanding of the economics of clean energy development, and other tasks as needed.

The Agency has completed its review of responses received for that RFQ and has found the following firms qualified:

- Brattle Group
- Energy + Environmental Economics
- Levitan and Associates
- London Economics International
- PA Consulting Group
- Tabors Caramanis Rudkevich

Section 1-75(d)(3) of the Illinois Power Agency Act contains the following provision for the process of qualifying firms:

The Agency shall provide affected utilities and other interested parties with the lists of qualified experts or expert consulting firms identified through the request for qualifications processes that are under consideration to develop the procurement plans and to serve as the procurement administrator. The Agency shall also provide each qualified expert's or expert consulting firm's response to the request for qualifications. All information provided under this subparagraph shall also be provided to the Commission. The Agency may provide by rule for fees associated with supplying the information to utilities and other interested parties. These parties shall, within 5 business days, notify the Agency in writing if they object to any experts or expert consulting firms on the lists. Objections shall be based on:

- (A) failure to satisfy qualification criteria;
- (B) identification of a conflict of interest; or



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(C) evidence of inappropriate bias for or against potential bidders or the affected utilities.

The Agency shall remove experts or expert consulting firms from the lists within 10 days if there is a reasonable basis for an objection and provide the updated lists to the affected utilities and other interested parties. If the Agency fails to remove an expert or expert consulting firm from a list, an objecting party may seek review by the Commission within 5 days thereafter by filing a petition, and the Commission shall render a ruling on the petition within 10 days. There is no right of appeal of the Commission's ruling.

With this notice the Agency is inviting other interested parties to review this list of qualified firms and provide any objections to the Agency by the 5 pm CPT, June 25, 2024. Objections should be sent to IPA.Contactus@Illinois.gov.

Once this process is complete the Agency will issue a Request for Proposals to the qualified firms.