



Illinois Power Agency

Request for Information - Professional Consulting Services – Utility Integrated Resource Plan Pre-qualified List Responses to Questions

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The purpose of the RFI is to develop a list of Pre-qualified Consulting Firms for the purposes of developing IRPs on behalf of applicable municipal power agencies, municipalities, or electric cooperatives. The questions provided below were submitted by prospective Firm to this RFI through written submissions that were due by June 15, 2026. Some questions have been edited either to generalize them for all prospective Firms and/or to maintain submitter confidentiality.

Question & Answer

Q. Are resumes part of the page limit in Section 2.3?

A: Section 2.3 is a Qualification Requirements matrix, whereby prospective Firms should be responding “Yes” or “No” only to the qualification requirements A through F. No additional materials should be submitted in response to Section 2.3. Please refer to Question 7 below concerning page limitations associated with Section 1 (Submittal Checklist), Section 2.3 (Firm Qualifications), and Section 2.5 (Signature of Authorized Representative). Additional details and information should be provided in response to Section 2.4. The response to Section 2.4 may include resumes or other non-marketing materials; however, page number limitations do apply (no more than 3 pages per requirement or 18 pages in total). Review Section 2.4 for further information.

Q: Referring to the Introduction Section of the RFI, is the IPA requiring or recommending the inclusion of an indicative price as a component of the proposal? If yes, is there a technical scope of work for us to use to develop the indicative price?



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A: No. The RFI issued on June 1, 2026 erroneously included reference to indicative pricing. The RFI has been [reissued](#), removing this reference in the Introduction Section of the RFI. No other terms or provisions were updated in the RFI reposted on June 22, 2026.

Q: Is there a cut-off age for how recent prior experience or expertise must be?

A: No, there is not a recency requirement for prior experience or expertise.

Q: In terms of demonstrating experience or expertise, is work performed by current staff of the firm in previous positions held at other firms applicable or must the expertise come only from work performed by or at the responding firm?

A: Experience of current staff of the firm in previous positions held at other firms is accepted. The Agency recommends Firms qualify such experience in the RFI proposal submission in response to Section 2.4 (Firm Statement of Qualifications).

Q: For criterion A under Section 2.3 of the RFI, is prior experience only work conducted directly for a utility, or would experience in developing plans or portfolios for consortiums or other parties in proceedings qualify?

A: Section 1-30 of the Municipal and Cooperative Electric Utility Transparent Planning Act obligates the Agency to issue an RFI to develop a list of pre-qualified consulting firms to support Utilities in the development of IRPs (see 220 ILCS 31/1-30). Section 1-30(a)(1) requires that, to prequalify, a consulting firm must have *“direct previous experience preparing integrated resource plans for utilities, assembling power supply plans or portfolios for utilities.”*

Section 1-10 of the Municipal and Cooperative Electric Utility Transparent Planning Act defined Utilities, as a *“municipal power agency, municipality, or electric cooperative, including a generation and transmission electric cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to one or more distribution electric cooperatives.”*

Based upon these statutory requirements, Criterion A is limited to work conducted on behalf of Utilities. Other experience may be provided in response to Section 2.4 of the



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RFI if desired; however, qualification under the RFI requires direct previous experience for an entity meeting the statutory definition of a Utility.

Q: Is the definition of “Utilities” provided in footnote 1 the only set of utilities for whom prior experience would be applicable, or can “Utilities” be understood to also include Investor Owned Utilities or Public Power Agencies?

A: Refer to the response to Question 5.

Q: Is it acceptable if the submission package (inclusive of Section 1 – Submittal Check List; Section 2.3 – Firm Qualifications, and Section 2.5 – Signature of Authorized Representative) is more than a single page, as long as it is a single document? Or should these sections be reformatted such that all sections fit in a single page?

A: It is acceptable for the submission package (inclusive of Section 1 Submittal Check List; Section 2.3 – Firm Qualifications, and Section 2.5 – Signature of Authorized Representative) to exceed a single page. Firms may provide responses across two pages (one page for Section 1 and one page for Section 2.3 and Section 2.5). For the purposes of clarity to prospective Firms, the 18 page limitation described in Section 2.4 of the RFI does not include the required responses to Section 1, Section 2.3, or Section 2.5.

The complete submission package shall therefore be no more than 20 pages in response to Section 1, Section 2.3, Section 2.4, and Section 2.5.

Q: The pdf template is not editable, but throughout the template there is red text instructing applicants to "Click here" to enter text. Is there another form or link that I am missing with an editable version? Or should applicants replicate the formatting of the template (e.g., in word) when preparing submissions?

A: The PDF template can be downloaded and edited through the Adobe Acrobat application; however, Firms are not required to use this method to respond to this RFI. Instead, Firms are permitted to replicate Section 1, Section 2.3, and Section 2.5 of the RFI exactly replacing “*Click here to enter text.*” with the Firm’s appropriate response. If replicated by a Firm in response to the RFI, the Agency will not permit changes in the language found within the RFI. Any change in the language used will be a deficiency and



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a failure to rectify the deficiency will result in a rejection of the proposal to this RFI.
Refer to RFI Section I.10 (Evaluation Process) concerning responsiveness to this RFI.

Q: Does the IPA want bidders to provide references for any or all of the pre-qualification requirements?

A: Firms responding to this RFI are permitting to submit non-marketing materials they deem appropriate in response to Section 2.4 of the RFI (subject to the page limitations defined in Section 2.4). The Agency is not specifically requiring Firms provide references or supporting documents as a component of a submission package.