

Addendum No. 3
TO
RFO-23-401
REQUEST FOR OFFERS
FOR
MID-TERM RELIABILITY RESOURCES



Redwood Coast Energy Authority
www.RedwoodEnergy.org

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Is the solicitation still open?

The RFO is open until August 1, 2025, unless RCEA fulfills its CPUC-mandated MTR procurement obligations, in which case it will close sooner. As long as the RFO is listed under “Power Procurement” on RCEA’s contracting opportunities webpage¹, you can assume the solicitation is open. The RFO listing will be moved to “Closed Contracting Opportunities” once it is closed.

2. What is RCEA's typical turnaround time once an offer is submitted?

It takes about a month for staff to check an offer for completeness and conformity, evaluate the offer and obtain shortlisting approval from the board ad hoc committee. Depending on staff’s workload at the time, this process might take more or less than one month.

3. How much does RCEA typically pay for solar?

RCEA’s PPA pricing is confidential information, but you can refer to our public Feed-In Tariff Program² pricing to get an idea of the maximum price RCEA is willing to pay for solar. The FIT Program is for small-scale, local projects within RCEA’s service area, so we expect to pay lower pricing for larger, non-local solar projects.

4. How does RCEA value the 5-hour dispatchability preference in designing our battery energy storage system?

RCEA places higher value on resources that qualify for the CPUC’s Mid-Term Reliability Diablo Canyon replacement obligation, which requires new generation resources that *have the ability to* deliver within the five-hour evening period. This should not impact how the system is designed or operated. RCEA expects to contract solar plus 4-hour storage for this requirement. The implication of using 4-hour storage for the 5-hour delivery requirement is that RCEA can only count a portion of the capacity toward the Diablo Canyon obligation. This qualifying capacity is factored into the 30 points allocated for overall price, market value and compliance value in the offer evaluation.

5. If RCEA does not select our offer, can we resubmit another offer for the same project?

Yes, while the RFO is still open (by August 1, 2025), a respondent can submit as many offers as desired. Note that RCEA’s offer form contains places for up to five offers at once, so we prefer you include all possible project configurations in one offer form for us to evaluate simultaneously, rather than submitting serial offers.

¹ <https://redwoodenergy.org/about/contracting-opportunities/>

² <https://redwoodenergy.org/programs-rebates/feed-in-tariff/>