RCEA Cluster 16 RFI Terms & Conditions

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) intends to issue an RFI for CAISO Queue Cluster 16 Resources to allocate Commercial Interest Capacity to projects in CAISO's interconnection process. Terms and conditions for Commercial Interest Capacity allocation that will be included in RCEA's RFI are as follows.

Mandatory Eligibility Specifications

Interconnection: The project is requesting interconnection in CAISO's Cluster 16 Process.

Deliverability: Projects seeking allocation of Transmission Plan Deliverability ("TPD") capacity must be located in zones with sufficient TPD capacity to accommodate the project (does not apply to Energy-Only projects).

Site Control: The project has secured sufficient site control to satisfy CAISO's requirements for interconnection application.

Technology Type: Must be a California Renewable Portfolio Standard generating resource that is either standalone or paired with energy storage.

Preferred Eligibility Specifications

Size: RCEA serves an average annual retail load of 550 GWh and an average peak demand of 85 MW in the summer and 100 MW in the winter. RCEA's QC16 Commercial Interest Capacity amounts are shown in the table below. Respondents are encouraged to scale their responses appropriately given RCEA's size and available Commercial Interest Capacity, and to provide indicative commercial terms for multiple offtake capacities. Offered size will be factored into the "Portfolio fit, economics, and compliance value" scoring criterion.

TPD Allocation (MW)	Max Single Project TPD Allocation (MW)	Energy-Only Allocation (MW)
22	34	11

Location: RCEA's descending order of locational preference is as follows. Project location will be factored into the "Location and site-specific environmental impact" scoring criterion.

1. Humboldt County or Humboldt Local Capacity Area
2. NP-15 (Northern California in CAISO)
3. Elsewhere in CAISO

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation will be based on, but not limited to, the weighted scoring criteria listed below. Responses will be scored by each member of the evaluation committee on a scale of zero to five in each criterion with a five being the best score. A response's total points out of a maximum of 100 points will be calculated according to each criterion's weight below and the average score assigned by the evaluation committee. One or more of the highest scoring responses may be selected for allocation of all or a portion of RCEA's Commercial Interest Capacity, at RCEA's discretion.

30 – Development risk including site control (≥90%), interconnection, permitting, and procurement
25 – Portfolio fit, indicative pricing, and compliance value
25 – Respondent experience, qualifications, and creditworthiness
20 – Location, environmental impact and community benefits

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RCEA is a member of California Community Power (CC Power). On October 20, 2025, CC Power issued a solicitation for clean generation and capacity resources for projects with and without interconnection queue positions. RCEA may award Commercial Interest Capacity to Cluster 16 projects that submitted bids and entered into exclusivity arrangements with CC Power in accordance with the requirements of the CC Power solicitation. RCEA will determine whether to award Commercial Interest Capacity to Cluster 16 projects bid into the CC Power solicitation using substantially similar consideration factors to those used to evaluate Cluster 16 projects in its own independent RFI process as detailed above, while reserving the right to account for the unique economic, strategic, portfolio, regulatory, and geographic benefits offered by CC Power joint procurements.