

# Request for Information (RFI)

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Question:** Can you provide the exact start date needed for the short-term (1-5 years)? I do not see it specified in the RFI documentation.

**Answer:** January 1, 2024

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- 2. Question:** A question on Section 8 on Transmission Requirements: The electricity must interconnect to the CRSP transmission system and have Point(s) of Delivery (POD) to one or more of the following substations:

- Glen Canyon, Arizona
- Pinnacle Peak, Arizona
- Midway, Colorado
- Ault, Colorado
- Four Corners, New Mexico
- Vernal, Utah

Is WAPA's intent that respondents that are interconnecting on the CRSP system but not at one of the listed PODs would be required to procure transmission service to reach one of the preferred delivery points?

**Answer:** WAPA's intent is to take delivery of resources at these locations. Resources delivered to other locations on the CRSP system may or may not be considered in our evaluation of the responses. WAPA could consider an alternative point on the CRSP system.

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- 3. Question:** When evaluating RFI responses from tribal utilities or governments in the footprint of these RFIs, does WAPA plan to support tribal preference provisions as defined in the Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA of 2005), and subsequent DOE policy guidance [Implementation of Indian Energy Preference Provision | Department of Energy](#) including supporting GAO Report <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-19-359?>

**Answer:** If WAPA decides to procure Western Replacement Power for all or a portion of its CRSP customers as a result of evaluating RFI responses, including those responses from tribal utilities or governments, WAPA will publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). The Western Replacement Power RFP will solicit bids from qualified energy suppliers, including tribal utilities or governments. The Western Replacement Power RFP will

describe all applicable tribal preference provisions and how they will be applied in WAPA's evaluation and scoring of all RFP responses. Please note, however: WAPA may also facilitate RFP assistance, on a pass-through cost basis, for electrical power and energy and other electricity-related products to certain entities, primarily WAPA preference customers and other Federal agencies. In these circumstances, the preference customer and/or Federal agency will define, if any, applicable tribal preference provisions to be applied, evaluated, and scored through the RFP process.

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4. **Question:** Please clarify the request for an indicative PPA price that pertains to "generation cost only."

**Answer:** WAPA desires a PPA price (\$/MWh) for power to one of the six points of delivery (PODs). The PPA price should include all the respondents' costs (including transmission) to get the generation to that POD.

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5. **Question:** Can you please clarify if respondents are supposed to submit BOTH email deliverables and hard copies to the address listed below (or if email alone is sufficient).

***Response Contact Information***

*Please send your response via e-mail to [CRSP-Energy@wapa.gov](mailto:CRSP-Energy@wapa.gov), with the title "CRSP Long (or Short-) Term RFI Response-Name of Organization" with a copy of the completed RFI form and one of the spreadsheets (Attachment A or B), if applicable, for the corresponding term length. Mail paper responses to: Western Area Power Administration, Colorado River Storage Project, Energy Management and Marketing Office, 1800 South Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401.*

**Answer:** WAPA prefers the responses to be submitted by email to [CRSP-Energy@wapa.gov](mailto:CRSP-Energy@wapa.gov). Responses can be sent via mail if necessary or if responding via email is not an option.

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6. **Question:** Is interconnection to the WAPA system truly a must? Would WAPA and its preference customers necessarily rule out off-system interconnection, but with firm and/or non-firm transmission service to one of the nodes in the RFI?

**Answer:** Our response to this question is very similar to our response to FAQ Question 2. WAPA's intent is to take delivery of resources at the POD identified in the RFI. However, resources delivered to other locations, whether to the CRSP system or some other transmission owner's system, may or may not be considered in our evaluation of the responses. WAPA could consider an alternative POD. If applicable, state the alternative POD(s) in the section called: Location and Interconnection Point.

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7. **Question:** Must projects be at a current stage of the interconnection study process to bid or to be considered competitive?

**Answer:** No, they do not. WAPA recommends stating the interconnection plans in the RFI response to better inform timelines and decision making.

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8. **Question:** Do you require NRIS interconnection service or is ERIS + transmission service acceptable?

**Answer:** WAPA plans to use its own federal transmission rights to move any resources delivered to the POD identified in the RFI. However, if there were attractive resources at alternative delivery points, in most cases, WAPA would prefer Network Resource Interconnection Service (NRIS).

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9. **Question:** Must projects have already secured transmission service to one of the listed nodes?

**Answer:** No.

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10. **Question:** Are there any alternative, acceptable nodes for delivery?

**Answer:** Please see FAQ number 2 and 6.

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11. **Question:** Has there been any extension to the RFI response date of February 24?

**Answer:** There has not been an extension (as of February 9, 2023).

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12. **Question:** Do you anticipate issuing a follow-up RFP to this RFI or would you begin negotiations with respondents to this RFI directly? Or only issue the RFP to respondents of this RFI?

**Answer:** As a federal entity, WAPA is required to solicit competitive bids for new generation. Once WAPA and its participating customers review the RFI responses and plan a course of action, follow up RFPs will be released to the market in a similar manner to the release of the RFI.

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**13. Question:** Regarding the confidentiality section of the WAPA RFI, if we plan to submit some confidential information, would WAPA entertain a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for the RFI submission?

**Answer:** At this time, WAPA will not entertain signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement. This is primarily because the RFI review will be a collaborative process with several WAPA power customers who will be assisting with evaluation of all RFI responses, including those marked sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential. This collaborative effort will lead to the development of a procurement strategy and release of one or more RFPs. However, as indicated in the RFI, WAPA will require that each participating customer and WAPA personnel execute a confidentiality agreement prior to enabling the privileges of seeing the RFI responses. If this process is insufficient for specific RFI information, the Respondent must indicate with a cover sheet which specific information they do not want shared with those collaborating electric power customers and the specified RFI information will not be shared. Be advised, this will impact WAPA's collaborative process with its customers and may influence the ultimate procurement strategy going forward.

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**14. Question:** Related to the CRSP RFI, we are wondering if you would be able to provide a transmission map detailing the CRSP's transmission system. We have a project that may be a fit for the RFI, but we haven't been able to find any public information on which transmission lines are considered to be part of the CRSP system.

**Answer:** Most transmission maps are no longer available to the public for Critical Infrastructure Protection reasons. However, there is one map available to the public at: [http://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/CRCM/CRCMdocs/WACM\\_OASIS\\_Map\\_V-19.pdf](http://www.oasis.oati.com/woa/docs/CRCM/CRCMdocs/WACM_OASIS_Map_V-19.pdf) . If you have access to the OASIS, you can find more information on the CRSP transmission system at [www.oasis.oati.com](http://www.oasis.oati.com).

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**15. Question:** We are requesting an extension on the WAPA RFI for Purchase of Electricity until February 28 in order to provide WAPA the most complete and helpful information possible.

**Answer:** WAPA approves this extension until February 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. MST.

