

## Bidder Questions WE 11/17/2023

1. Can bidders propose to work with Minnesota Power on a surplus interconnection? For example, if we have a site near the Boswell Energy Center, can we propose to work with MP to use the existing transmission corridor and interconnection rights for our bid? We would like to work with MP on that but are not a formally affiliated bidder.
  - a. MP is not working with bidders during the open bidding period. If a bidder project is shortlisted based on the merits of their solar project, we would start working with the bidder as part of the negotiation process.
2. If we bid the same project as a PPA and BOT, does that count as one bid or two? How should we show that in an application?
  - a. This would count as one bid. For each \$10,000 participation fee, a bidder can provide up to 5 different pricing structures for one project.
3. Though MP prefers projects to be already in the MISO queue and having DPP2 results, is it still acceptable to bid projects that have not reached that maturity level yet?
  - a. Yes. The bid will be evaluated on meeting the requirements and preferences as described in the Solar RFP.
4. Is battery storage of interest for this RFP?
  - a. No. MP is only seeking solar energy projects.
5. Is MN Power willing to accept bids at the Boswell Energy Center?
  - a. MP will not outright reject a bid at the Boswell Energy Center. The bid will be evaluated on meeting the requirements and preferences as described in the Solar RFP.
6. Can MN Power confirm the max MW permitted under a surplus interconnection?
  - a. MP is not making the surplus interconnect at Boswell Energy Center available for bidders.
7. Can MN Power confirm what land, if any, would be available next to the energy center?
  - a. The bidder is responsible for site control. Minnesota Power is not making land available at Boswell Energy Center available to bidders.
8. We've reviewed the solar RFP that was released and are interested in the self-build projects Minnesota Power plans to submit. Are there projects identified that we can review and submit a proposal for the EPC and O&M?
  - a. The RFP bid team is not involved in the self-build projects.