

ELECTRIC RESOURCE ADEQUACY CONSULTANT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PUC RFP 2026-1
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can PaPUC elaborate on the SDB target requirements? Can a single firm fulfill both sets of targets?

A. SDB and VBE participation goals are separate and distinct. Therefore, Offerors must meet both participation goals in full or seek a good faith efforts waiver from any unmet portion of each goal. However, an offeror may meet both the SDB and VBE participation goals through use of a single firm if that firm is DGS-verified as both an SDB and a VBE. **The goals are not cumulative – the same work can count toward meeting both goals.** See, Appendices E and F, SDB-1 and VBE-1, Section 11.4. "Dually verified firms".

Offerors must submit two separate sets of SDB and VBE submittals Failure to submit an SDB Participation Submittal, VBE Participation Submittal, and accompanying required documentation for the Commonwealth Hosted Solution and an SDB Participation Submittal, VBE Participation Submittal, and accompanying required documentation for the Vendor Hosted Solution will result in the rejection of your proposal.

2. Would PaPUC like an email submittal in addition to hardcopy and flash drive versions?

A. No. There may be confidential information that email cannot secure.

3. Is there any budget guidance?

A. The PUC does not have an expected bid range.

4. Do signatures on required forms need to be wet ink signatures, or will digital signatures be acceptable?

A. Section I-11(A) states “An official authorized to bind the Offeror to its provisions must sign the proposal... the proposal must remain valid for 180 days or until a contract is fully executed...” A wet signature in blue ink is preferred on the physical submissions, but a digital one will be fine.

5. Are you able to quantify the expectation for EDC large-load customer agreements/contracts to be reviewed (i.e. 5 per year)? Any clarification would help me prepare a cost proposal.

A. Preliminary responses to data requests by EDCs indicate approximately 21 executed agreements/contracts that can be reviewed. That may change year to year and some agreements/contracts may be repeats each year, i.e., the same agreement/contract may appear in multiple years until the customer is in-service and load is on system.