

Questions & Answers - 1

Solicitation

25-001 - Community Power Plan Support Services and Other Outreach Services

Buying Organization

Orange County Power Authority

No	Question/Answer	Question Date
Q1	<p>Question: Teams Meeting link</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>I noticed the organization is located in California however the Teams' meeting link is showing EST of 1 am. Is this the correct meeting time?</p> <p>Answer: The Virtual Q&A Session meeting time has been corrected to 10:00 AM PST/ 1:00 PM EST.</p>	01/14/2025
Q2	<p>Question: Number of Awards</p> <p>Will all respondents be awarded a contract through this RFQ?</p> <p>Answer: No. Neither submission of a response nor initial applicant selection guarantee a contract. There is no set amount for the number of contracts to be awarded.</p>	01/28/2025
Q3	<p>Question: Contract Begin Date</p> <p>When will the contracts begin?</p> <p>Answer: Contracts for applicants selected to support the Community Power Plan are expected to begin between March and April 2025.</p>	01/28/2025
Q4	<p>Question: Option to Apply for All or One Services</p> <p>Do we need to apply for all the options?</p> <p>Answer: Organizations can apply for one or multiple support services.</p>	01/28/2025
Q5	<p>Question: Location Requirement</p> <p>Are organizations that apply required to be Orange County or Southern California-based?</p> <p>Answer: There is no requirement for the respondent to be an Orange County or Southern California-based organization to participate in this solicitation. OCPA will consider submissions from organizations located or operating outside of its Member Agencies, provided they deliver services to individuals within Orange County. Respondents should demonstrate their ability to directly engage with communities within OCPA's member cities. This includes a clear understanding of the local demographics and priorities, as well as the capacity to conduct meaningful outreach and engagement activities in these areas.</p>	01/28/2025

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Q6	<p>Question: Other Services Question Can you help us understand what is meant by “Other Services”?</p> <p>Answer: The term 'Other Services' in the RFQ title refers to tasks that extend beyond the development of the Community Power Plan (CPP). This includes support for outreach efforts related to programs such as the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program (EBD-DI), which is administered by the County of Los Angeles. These services may involve activities such as engaging with under-resourced communities, providing program promotion, and assisting with implementation efforts. The flexibility of 'other services' ensures that OCPA can address future programmatic needs while leveraging the expertise of selected applicants.</p>	01/28/2025
Q7	<p>Question: Other Category Question What does the “Other” category represent? This is listed under Partnership and Capacity, Option 6.</p> <p>Answer: The ‘Other’ category under Partnership and Capacity in Option 6 refers to any additional professional services that respondents believe they can provide to support OCPA’s efforts, which may not be explicitly listed in the RFQ. Respondents selecting this category are encouraged to provide detailed descriptions of these services, including their relevance to OCPA’s goals, and how their organization is uniquely positioned to deliver them. This allows flexibility for organizations to showcase innovative or specialized capabilities that align with the RFQ’s objectives.</p>	01/28/2025
Q8	<p>Question: Amount Available What is the total amount available for this solicitation?</p> <p>Answer: The total amount available for this solicitation will depend on the final scope of work assigned to the selected applicants. The RFQ provides budget caps for specific engagement activities, which are outlined in Exhibit C. The total compensation for a selected applicant will depend on the scope of engagement and the compensation arrangement negotiated and agreed to by the parties. This could range from hosting a single event to implementing multiple engagement types across various tasks. Respondents should refer to Exhibit C for detailed budget guidelines.</p>	01/28/2025
Q9	<p>Question: Stipends or Gift Cards Are stipends or gift cards an approved use of funds for volunteers engaging in performing outreach on behalf of this RFQ?</p> <p>Answer: Under this RFQ, gift cards are allowable as participant incentives to encourage engagement in activities such as surveys or listening sessions, as outlined in Exhibit C. OCPA will consider volunteer compensation on a case-by-case basis.</p>	01/28/2025
Q10	<p>Question: Virtual Q&A Recording Was the Virtual Q&A session recorded?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, a copy of the Q&A session can be found here - https://www.ocpower.org/wp-content/uploads/virtual_qa_-_rfq_outreach-720p.mp4</p>	01/28/2025