

# Feedback Form

## Transmitter Selection Framework – February 29, 2024

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Following the February 29, 2024 Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF) focused engagement session, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

**Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by **March 20, 2024**.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

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Do you have any suggestions for future Focused Engagement Sessions topics?	The IESO should provide more information about which projects would be eligible for the competitive transmission process or criteria for selecting such projects and whether there would be any changes to transmitter licensing approvals.

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Do you have any initial thoughts around the procurement process to select transmitters for specific transmission projects in Ontario under a future TSF (e.g., the use of an RFP)?	We are supportive of a solicitation or hybrid process for selection. In other jurisdictions we have engaged such as the UK they have pursued a solicitation process which has opened the doors for new ideas and companies providing holistic solutions beyond the cheapest solution available.

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IESO has highlighted several transmitter qualification approaches; Do communities and stakeholders have any concerns around the development of a registry for qualified transmitters for competitive transmission project procurements? What Criteria should the IESO consider in qualifying transmitters?	We are supportive of the IESO's approach to reduce procurement timelines with a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that does not require a transmitter to submit a qualification application each procurement. Qualified transmitters should be developers that have international experience demonstrating their ability to best meet the province's needs.

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<p>IESO is considering recommending the use of the bid-based approach for the initial transmission procurements under the future TSF; Do communities and stakeholders have any feedback on this approach?</p>	<p>We encourage IESO to consider looking at the early competition model in the United Kingdom, the Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner (CATO) process. This process includes an early stage bid stream for projects that do not have completed technical work allowing proponents to bring innovative ideas forward and helps the ESO identify the proponent of the line early in the development process. The CATO program is expected to save consumers up to GBP 1 billion. A similar process in Ontario would allow for the IESO to meet the province's complex and urgent electricity needs. The province could benefit from multiple transmitters able to meet expedited timelines and build relationships with the communities in different parts of the province. Alternatively, a competitive process that emphasizes the lowest bid could result in longer project timelines, higher costs later on and cancelled projects.</p>

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<p>IESO is hoping to strike the right balance with cost containment and risk allocation approaches to ensure opportunities under the TSF promote competition while protecting ratepayers; Do communities and stakeholders have any feedback on the utilization of a Risk Allocation methodology and/or have any feedback about the allocation of specific risks?</p>	<p>We are encouraged by IESO's focus on balance. Focusing on developers with experience delivering complex projects on time and on budget with appropriate technical and industry resources while ensuring contractual commitments are sufficient to reduce risks to acceptable levels for IESO, ratepayers and developers is key. If developers are expected to bear the cost for all risks, that will likely result in significantly increased bid prices, or execution risks.</p>

## General Comments/Feedback

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