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Over the last several months I have had the opportunity to connect with mayors and members of Council, municipal staff, and community representatives across the province to discuss Ontario's rapidly shifting electricity landscape. Strong economic development, decarbonization initiatives, our changing supply mix and evolving consumer preferences are driving Ontario's energy transition, and communities have an integral role to play during this pivotal time.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) remains committed to working closely with its municipal partners, ensuring information and support is provided to help inform important decisions. This email provides an update on some of the significant efforts that are underway and we invite you to join important upcoming discussions.

As the provincial agency responsible for meeting Ontario's electricity needs reliably and cost-effectively today and in the future, the IESO has been conducting competitive procurements and other resource acquisition initiatives to secure new electricity supply. Important progress has been made due in large part to the tremendous efforts of municipalities engaging with the IESO, project proponents and local constituents, as well as driving complex and challenging discussions at Council. As part of the May 2023 [IESO Resource Adequacy Update](#), the IESO shared that these combined efforts is securing 1,325 megawatts (MW) of needed capacity to support jobs and economic growth in communities across Ontario.

In the coming weeks, the IESO will be continuing the dialogue with municipalities, Indigenous communities and its sector partners to inform further competitive procurements that will be launched to acquire additional supply and prepare the system for enduring economic growth and decarbonization.

The IESO will be launching another procurement, the first Long-Term RFP (LT1 RFP) that will be filling the remaining capacity needs to bring a total of 2,500 MW of storage and 1,500 MW of non-storage projects onto the system. The engagement on this procurement has commenced and the formal documents will be issued this fall. An invitation will be sent to you and other municipal staff to join us (virtually) on June 8 to recap activities to date, outcomes and next steps for the LT1 RFP, with a focus on the important role of municipalities in this process. In my discussions with community representatives, I have heard the appreciation for and importance of early and sustained engagement with municipalities in this work. We encourage you to join us for this conversation.

You can also stay involved and up to date on these important topics by accessing our [community engagement webpage](#).

We look forward to our continued work with municipalities across Ontario as we plan for the future. If you would like to discuss any of these priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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