

Large Renewable Procurement

The Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) is a competitive process for procuring large renewable energy projects generally larger than 500 kilowatts.

The LRP is an important component of Ontario's ongoing commitment to building a cleaner and more sustainable energy system, and represents a key step in the province's 2025 target for renewable energy to comprise about half of Ontario's installed capacity. The LRP I process concluded in April 2016, with the execution of 454.885 megawatts (MW) of new wind, solar, and waterpower contracts.

The LRP II process kicked off July 29, 2016 with the launch of the LRP II Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The current LRP II procurement targets include up to 600 MW of wind, 250 MW of solar, 50 MW of waterpower, 30 MW of bioenergy. In addition, 50 MW will be procured which may include a focus toward technological upgrades to and optimizations of existing renewable energy facilities.

LRP II RFQ Process Cancellation – September 27, 2016

Further to the Minister of Energy's September 27, 2016, [direction](#) announcing the government's intention to suspend the Large Renewable Procurement, the IESO is cancelling the LRP II RFQ process and will not be commencing the subsequent LRP II RFP process. Additional details will be provided over the coming days to RFQ Applicants regarding the next steps associated with the cancellation of the LRP II RFQ process.

LRP II RFQ Submission Period Closed - September 12, 2016

The LRP II RFQ submission deadline was September 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EPT. Fifty-nine RFQ Submissions were received by the deadline. These submissions are now being evaluated and more detailed information will be available once the evaluation is complete, expected in November.

LRP II Transmission Circuit Testing Process – August 24, 2016

The IESO has posted the final process documents and associated form for the LRP II Transmission Circuit Testing process. As discussed during the LRP II Technical Session on July 21, 2016 (archived [here](#)), the IESO is offering an early and supplemental connection testing process for RFQ Applicants for a standard fee. The Transmission Circuit Testing process is an entirely optional process available to RFQ Applicants who would like early, location-specific information about available capacity at a proposed connection point.

Each RFQ Applicant is limited to submitting one *Form – Transmission Circuit Testing*. The deadline for submitting the form is September 8, 2016, at 3 p.m. Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT).

The Transmission Circuit Testing process documents and form are available on the [Program Resources](#) web page.

Updated LRP II TAT Table

The IESO has also provided an updated LRP II TAT Table, which includes the latest TS availability information for LRP II. The Table is available on the [Program Resources](#) web page under Connection Related Resources.

LRP II RFQ Addendum Posted – August 19, 2016

The IESO has posted an Addendum to the LRP II RFQ in accordance with Section 2.3 of the LRP II RFQ. This Addendum further clarifies the definition of Facility Service Extension and formalizes the previous update to the Prescribed Form – Qualification Submission Information for the Standard Process. A blackline of the changes (from the originally posted LRP II RFQ) has also been posted. These and all other LRP II materials are available in the [Program Resources](#) section of the LRP website.

The Qualification Submission Deadline is September 8, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT).

Supplemental Transmission Circuit Testing

The IESO will provide an update on the LRP II supplemental transmission circuit testing process and schedule in conjunction with the second LRP II TAT Table posting next week.

Final LRP II RFQ Materials Posted – July 29, 2016

The IESO has posted [final materials](#) for the LRP II Request for Qualifications (RFQ), including the final LRP II RFQ and all associated Prescribed Forms. The LRP II RFQ has undergone minor revisions based on the comments received during the draft RFQ period. A blackline of the changes (from draft to final) has been posted, along with a summary of the key feedback themes and the IESO's responses. These and all other posted materials are available in the [Program Resources](#) section of the LRP website.

The Qualification Submission period begins July 29, 2016, and the Qualification Submission Deadline is September 8, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT). Other important dates relevant to the LRP II RFQ are listed below and found in section 2.2 of the LRP II RFQ:

Release of final LRP II RFQ	July 29, 2016
Question and Comment Period	August 1, 2016, to August 25, 2016
Deadline for Issuing Addenda	August 19, 2016
Qualification Submission Deadline	September 8, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EPT
Notification of Qualified Applicants	November 2016 (target date)

Question and Comment Period

The Question and Comment Period for the LRP II RFQ begins August 1, 2016, and runs until August 25, 2016. The Question and Comment Period is intended to provide additional clarity on the LRP II RFQ. Interested parties may only submit questions by email to LRP@ieso.ca. Please include "LRP II RFQ Question and Comment Period" in the subject line of the email. No other forms of communication regarding the LRP II RFQ will be accepted by the IESO prior to the Qualification Submission Deadline. Email submissions received during the Question and Comment Period, along with any IESO responses, may be posted on the LRP website without identifying the source of the submission.

IESO responses during the Question and Comment Period will be posted on the [Question and Comment Period](#) section of the [Program Resources](#) page.

The IESO has also posted a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document, found on the [Program Resources](#) page, that includes relevant responses to the question and comments received during the LRP I RFQ question and comment period in 2014. Interested parties are encouraged to review the FAQs prior to submitting a new question to the IESO.

Connection Availability Information

On July 19, 2016, the IESO posted an initial LRP II TS and Circuit TAT Table and two connection-related discussion papers on the [LRP Engagement](#) website. These documents have also been posted to the [Program Resources](#) page. On July 21, 2016, the IESO hosted an in person and web-simulcast technical session to discuss technical issues affecting the LRP II. The session outlined the IESO's proposed LRP II connection testing process, supported by discussion papers, which are available for review on the [LRP Engagement](#) website. A recording of the July 21st technical session is also available for review: <http://www.meetview.com/ieso20160721LRP>.

The IESO will provide an update on the LRP II connection testing process and schedule in the coming weeks. The intent remains to provide an opportunity for RFQ Applicants to submit an initial list of connection points for IESO testing in conjunction with their Qualification Submissions by the 3:00 p.m. EPT, September 8, 2016, Qualification Submission Deadline.

Draft LRP II RFQ Materials now Available – June 27, 2016

The IESO has posted the draft Request for Qualifications (LRP II RFQ) and associated Prescribed Forms on the [LRP Engagement](#) page for review and comment. The draft LRP II RFQ builds on the LRP I RFQ, as well as on feedback received on all aspects of the LRP I process and reflects the policy direction from the Minister of Energy outlined in the [April 5, 2016](#), and [June 10, 2016](#) directions.

Comments and feedback on the draft LRP II RFQ and the associated Prescribed Forms can be provided via email to engagement@ieso.ca using the feedback form available on the LRP Engagement page, by July 14, 2016. A webinar will be offered on July 12, 2016, to provide an overview of the draft LRP II RFQ.

Please visit the [LRP Engagement page](#) for more information and the latest updates.