

Large Renewable Procurement II (LRP) Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan

I. Introduction

The IESO invites feedback from all stakeholders, municipalities, and Indigenous communities to help prepare for the launch of the second Large Renewable Procurement (LRP II) process. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that any learnings and opportunities for improvement derived from the first LRP process (LRP I) are considered for the planned LRP II.

This Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (the Engagement Plan) outlines the background, objectives and proposed timelines related to this initiative as well as the activities and methods to be used to engage interested parties.

The Engagement Plan outlines the process in the following three phases:

- **Phase I: Review of the LRP I process**
The IESO will invite feedback on the LRP I process, including the components within the Request for Qualifications (LRP I RFQ), Request for Proposals (LRP I RFP) and LRP I Contract. This feedback will be considered to identify any potential improvements for the planned LRP II.
- **Phase II: Feedback on a draft LRP II Request for Qualifications (LRP II RFQ)**
The IESO will consider all feedback from Phase I of this engagement and post a draft LRP II RFQ for review and comment. All feedback on the draft RFQ will be considered by the IESO prior to releasing the final LRP II RFQ.
- **Phase III: Feedback on draft LRP II Request for Proposals (LRP II RFP) and draft LRP II Contract**
The IESO will consider all feedback from Phase I of this engagement and post a draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract for review and comment. All feedback on the draft RFP and Contract will be considered by the IESO prior to releasing the final LRP II RFP and LRP II Contract.

All interested parties are invited to participate in this engagement initiative. It is anticipated that each Phase will attract interest from a variety of individuals, communities, organizations, or their representatives.

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This Engagement Plan may be subject to review and update. As the process evolves, revisions to the Engagement Plan may be required to ensure that interested parties have fair opportunities to contribute their input on this initiative.

Inquiries and/or comments throughout this engagement process can be directed to engagement@ieso.ca.

II. Background

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 IESO (formerly the Ontario Power Authority) undertook extensive engagement throughout the development of the LRP program in 2013 and 2014 to seek input on the design of Ontario's first LRP program. Outreach efforts included multiple public webinars, in-person regional meetings including meetings with municipal officials, LDCs, and First Nation and Métis communities, as well as meetings with industry associations and other interested parties. Discussions were also held with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee whose members consist of individuals throughout various constituencies within Ontario's electricity sector including consumers, generators, distributors/transmitters, related businesses/services and Ontario communities.

Feedback received in these discussions was taken into consideration in providing interim and final program development recommendations to the Minister of Energy, for the development of guiding LRP I framework documents and for the development of the draft and final LRP I program materials (the RFQ and the RFP).

LRP I Request for Qualifications

Taking into consideration public comment on draft materials that were [posted](#) on April 8, 2014, the final RFP I RFQ was open for submissions from July 14, 2014 to September 4, 2014. Seventy qualification submissions were received by the deadline. After reviewing for completeness and eligibility, on November 4, 2014, 42 Qualified Applicants had met the RFQ requirements and were eligible to participate in the subsequent LRP I RFP.

LRP I Request for Proposal

The draft LRP I RFP materials were also [posted](#) for public comment shortly after the RFQ announcement on November 17, 2014. Following months of engagement on the draft RFP materials, the final LRP I RFP was posted on March 10, 2015. The IESO received 103 proposals by the September 1, 2015 submission deadline. The LRP I RFP was generally oversubscribed; receiving 3,613 MW of proposals in response to the 565 MW procurement target.

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III. Interested Parties

The IESO encourages interested parties or their representatives to participate in this engagement throughout or any of the Phases outlined in this Engagement Plan.

It is recommended that those who wish to be involved in this engagement initiative have an understanding of the LRP I process.

IV. Engagement Goal, Objectives and Scope

The goal of this engagement initiative is to ensure that any learnings and opportunities for improvement derived from the LRP I procurement process are taken into account for the planned LRP II procurement.

In order to achieve this goal, the objective and scope of each phase is outlined as follows:

- **Phase I: Review of LRP I process**
 - Objective: To consider any lessons learned from the LRP I process (including the RFQ, RFP and Contract) so as to improve the planned LRP II process.
 - The IESO will seek input on:
 - Effectiveness of the engagement process used to develop LRP I to inform any insights or improvements in this Engagement Plan; and
 - The details of the final LRP I RFQ and LRP I RFP documents, including components such as the mandatory community engagement requirements, and rated criteria activities related to community support and Aboriginal participation.
 - For clarity, feedback that is out of scope of this engagement includes:
 - Comments on the need or amount of renewable generation to be procured;
 - Potential environmental impacts of proposed renewable energy projects;
 - Changes to laws and regulations related to renewable energy generation; or
 - Challenges on the outcome of the LRP I RFP process (e.g. contract awards).
- **Phase II: Feedback on the draft LRP II RFQ**
 - Objective: To inform and seek feedback for consideration on the draft LRP II RFQ in advance of launching the final version.
 - Feedback will be invited on the draft LRP II RFQ.

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- In response to the June 9, 2016 Ministerial direction, the IESO will also seek feedback on the proposed Request for Information process for technological upgrades and/or optimizations of existing facilities.
- May also seek early feedback on key RFP components.
- **Phase III: Feedback on the draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract**
 - Objective: To inform and seek feedback for consideration on the draft LRP II RFP and Contract in advance of launching the final version.
 - Feedback will be invited on the draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract.

V. Approach and Methods

The implementation of this Engagement Plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved [engagement principles](#).

This is a public engagement process. All materials will be posted on the IESO website at <http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Stakeholder-Engagement/Large-Renewable-Procurement-LRP-Engagement.aspx>. In addition, any information supplied by interested parties will be posted (with consent) to the designated engagement webpage.

The approach for this engagement initiative includes opportunities to provide input through various channels such as face-to-face meetings, webinars, information sessions, conference calls and/or written feedback. The IESO will consider all relevant input and illustrate how feedback was considered to shape the stated objectives.

The method to be used in Phase I (as outlined in section IV above) consists of:

- A public webinar to provide an overview of the LRP I process, including the IESO's engagement efforts throughout 2013 to 2015 which informed the program design
- An on-line survey to invite feedback to be considered for improvements to the LRP II process
- Targeted outreach with First Nation & Métis communities
- Posting of the responses from the on-line survey
- Posting of a summary of the feedback heard and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered for the planned LRP II process

The method for Phase II of this Engagement Plan will consist of:

- A webinar and other outreach efforts to provide an overview of the draft LRP II RFQ
- A comment period to provide written feedback on the proposed draft LRP II RFQ
- Industry association meetings and other possible one-on-one meetings

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- A Request for Information to gather additional information about proposed technological upgrades to and/or optimizations of existing facilities
- One or more in-person technical sessions on key RFP components
- First Nation and Métis outreach
- Posting of all written comments received (with consent)
- Posting of a summary of the feedback received and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered to finalize the LRP II RFQ

The method for Phase III of this Engagement Plan will consist of:

- A webinar and other outreach efforts to provide an overview of the draft LRP II RFP and draft Contract components
- A comment period to provide written feedback on the proposed draft LRP II RFP
- Industry association meetings and other possible one-on-one meetings
- First Nation and Métis outreach
- Meetings with Qualified Applicants from the LRP II RFQ
- Posting of all written comments received (with consent)
- Posting of a summary of the feedback received and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered to finalize the LRP II RFP and Contract

VI. Engagement Schedule

Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Expected Date
Post and communicate draft Engagement Plan	February 26, 2016
Commence Phase I: Review of LRP I process	
Webinar to provide overview of LRP I and the draft Engagement Plan	March 2016
Launch on-line survey to seek input on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What worked well and what were some of the challenges in the LRP I process, and • Draft Engagement Plan for LRP II RFQ and RFP development 	March/April 2016
Targeted outreach with First Nation & Métis communities	March/April 2016
Survey to submit input on LRP I process and draft Engagement Plan closes	May 2016
IESO to summarize and respond to survey results related to the draft Engagement Plan – including how input was considered in final Engagement Plan	June 2016
Post final Engagement Plan	June 2016

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Commence Phase II: Feedback on draft LRP II RFQ	
IESO post draft LRP II RFQ for review and comment, as well as a summary of survey results and how that input was considered in the draft LRP II RFQ	June 2016
Webinar(s) to provide overview of draft LRP II RFQ	July 2016
Other outreach efforts as required	June/July 2016
Comments due on draft LRP II RFQ	June/July 2016
In-person technical session on key RFP components	July/ Aug 2016
IESO to post and respond to feedback received – including how feedback was considered for final LRP II RFQ	Q3 2016
Commence Phase III: Feedback on draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract	
IESO to post draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract for review and comment	Following Completion of RFQ Process
Webinar(s) to provide overview of draft LRP II RFP draft Contract components	Q1 2017
Other outreach efforts as required	Q1 2017
Comments due on draft LRP II RFP and draft LRP II Contract	Q1 2017
IESO to post and respond to feedback received – including how feedback was considered for final LRP II RFP and LRP II Contract	Q2 2017

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