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The IESO continues to progress towards securing new electricity resources with the launch of the Long-Term Request for Proposals (LT1 RFP). This is the second in a series of long-term procurements being undertaken to help address Ontario's future electricity needs. The LT1 RFP expects to procure more than 2,500 MW of capacity from new build resources, to be online no later than May 2028.

Final procurement documents, including the final RFP, Contract and Prescribed Forms, are now available on the Long-Term RFP [webpage](#). The posting of these documents marks the official launch of the LT1 RFP. Proponents (i.e. project developers) have until December 12, 2023 to submit their proposal(s).

Municipalities Have an Important Role

Municipalities continue to play an integral role in these procurement processes, especially those where projects are seeking to be located. As set out in the final procurement documents, proponents of projects that are located within municipalities are expected to approach municipalities to obtain confirmation of support. Proponents are also required to develop a community engagement plan and undertake public consultation that includes at least one public meeting. Refer to the Prescribed Forms [Evidence of Municipal Support](#) and [Community Engagement Requirements](#) for details.

As outlined in an August 2023 [Directive](#) to the IESO from the Minister of Energy, a Municipal Support Confirmation – through a Municipal Support Resolution or Blanket Municipal Support Resolution – will continue to be required where the project is planned to be located within a Municipality. This requirement applies to both new facilities and eligible expansions of existing facilities.

Confirmation of municipal support can either be submitted by the Proponent as part of their Proposal, to be eligible for Rated Criteria points, or up to 18 months after the Contract Date. Note that all projects selected under the LT1 RFP are still subject to all other regulatory, permitting, zoning and siting requirements that apply to the Project Site.

What Municipalities Can Expect

The Minister's August 2023 Directive makes clear that a Municipal Support Confirmation is required where the project is planned to be located within a municipality. Therefore, municipalities may be contacted by Proponents seeking a Council's support. In some areas the competitive procurement may have more than one Proponent interested in project(s) in the same community.

This is why it is critical that municipalities work closely with staff across your organization (e.g. economic development officers, planners, Chief Administrative Office staff, etc.) to understand from Proponents what the project entails and to ensure that the community has all of the information it requires to make a well-informed decision.

Why This Process Matters

This is a pivotal point for the electricity system. Looking ahead, it is clear that ensuring reliability, sustainability and affordability in the future depends on maintaining this momentum. New supply must be secured as needs continue to grow and evolve and Ontario sees an expanding reliance on the electricity grid. In addition, as a requirement for more energy production emerges toward the end of the decade, a broader range of supply options could be considered for future procurements.

Ontario's economy is projected to see continued development over the coming decades in a number of sectors. This is increasingly being driven by decarbonization and electrification. The 2022 Annual Planning Outlook demand forecast anticipates increased consumption from projects such as new battery manufacturing facilities and mining operations that support decarbonization.

Collaboration with municipalities is critical to ensure that the community's economic growth and development potential is realized in the context of an orderly energy transition.

Optional Resources

For more information, municipalities are encouraged to consult the province's [Powering Ontario's Growth](#) report and these IESO resources to learn more:

[The Evolving Grid: Securing New Energy Supply](#)

[Municipal Electricity Toolkit](#)

[Pathways to Decarbonization Report](#)

Communicating with the IESO during the Open Procurement Period

This email signals the beginning of a competitive procurement process. This means that starting today, the IESO will provide responses in accordance with the communication protocols outlined in Section 3.4 of the final LT1 RFP to protect the competitive process.

Therefore, any questions regarding the LT1 RFP must be provided in writing via the LT.RFP@ieso.ca inbox. No other inboxes will be responded to if it is related to procurement.

Through the design of the procurement, municipalities are empowered to consider providing support for generation and storage projects that align with their strategic goals and priorities. The future of our system is predicated on community decision-making to the benefit of all communities across Ontario. The expansion of our electricity system will help to attract investment, electrify our economy and help support the population and economic development growth that lies ahead.

We look forward to your continued involvement and will be in touch in the coming months with updates and opportunities for input into future procurements.

Thank you,
IESO Engagement