

# Engagement Plan

## Regulation Service Request for Proposals (RS RFP)

### Introduction

Regulation service is an ancillary service that the IESO contracts to help ensure the reliable operation of the power system. Regulation provides frequency support to ensure electricity supply and demand are balanced on a second-to-second basis.

Near-term needs are expected to be met through bilateral negotiations with existing generators. To cost-effectively acquire incremental regulation capacity to meet needs emerging in 2030 and beyond, the IESO is engaging on the introduction of a competitive procurement process, the Regulation Service Request for Proposals (RS RFP). The RS RFP is intended to provide recurring opportunities for generation and storage resource owners to compete for contracts to provide this important ancillary service.

The RS RFP engagement plan outlines the objectives, approach, timeline and considerations for engaging stakeholders and conducting outreach to other targeted audiences throughout the development of the procurement. This engagement plan may be updated from time to time as the process evolves.

### Additional Background and Resources

The [2026 Annual Planning Outlook](#) identified a need for 30 MW of incremental regulation service beginning in 2027, increasing to 110 MW by 2034. The incremental need is driven by an increase in loads that have highly fluctuating operating profiles, electrification and increased penetration of renewable generation resources. Regulation needs may change in the future depending on how these variables evolve over time (e.g., in-service timelines and rate of growth/expansion).

### IESO Objectives

This engagement is intended to provide information on the RS RFP competitive procurement, and seek feedback on the key design features, potential risks and challenges. Input collected through this process will support the development of an enduring competitive procurement framework while strengthening ties with current and prospective proponents.

## Stakeholders

Initially, owners and operators of existing transmission-connected conventional generation (e.g., gas, hydro) and battery storage facilities that are in-service before January 2030. As procurement activities continue, to meet future needs, owners and operators of existing transmission-connected generation and storage that come into service later (i.e. post 2030).

## Approach

This engagement plan will be implemented in accordance with the [IESO's approved engagement principles](#).

This is a public engagement process. All materials will be posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage, and any information/input supplied by interested parties will also be posted (with consent).

The approach for this engagement is to inform and engage relevant external parties who are able to participate in discussions and provide input to an assumption/question on the proposed technical requirements.

The IESO will use the following tactics for this engagement

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| Webinars             | Engagement webinars to introduce key design elements and seek feedback on current risks/challenges.                                                                   |
| Targeted Discussions | Targeted discussions with stakeholders may be utilized to provide background on technical details or gain further insights from individuals within the energy sector. |
| Written feedback     | Feedback forms will be available for all participants following an engagement webinar. Feedback will be considered as part of procurement design.                     |

## Proposed Engagement Schedule

Anticipated timing for this engagement is presented below.

| Timing                         | Engagement Activity                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 18, 2026              | First public engagement webinar (with feedback due two weeks after the session)                                                                                          |
| December 2026 – September 2027 | Six to seven public engagement webinars will be held approximately every one to two months to discuss design considerations and inform drafting of the RFP and Contract. |
| TBD                            | Procurement launch (posting of final RFP and Contract)                                                                                                                   |

## Related Engagements/Initiatives

[Ancillary Services](#)

[Resource Adequacy Framework](#)

[2026 Annual Planning Outlook](#)

[Enabling Resource Program \(ERP\) Storage Integration Project](#)