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**Subject:** IESO Webinar | LT2 Community Update

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Attachments: LT2 Requirements for Municipalities Final.pdf

On behalf of the IESO, you are invited to register for a community webinar on the IESO's second long-term procurement (LT2) Request for Proposals (RFP). The webinar will be held on July 17 at 1:00 p.m. for Indigenous communities and municipalities.

As the LT2 RFP progresses over the coming months, municipalities may be approached by developers to discuss potential projects. During the webinar, the IESO will share more information to help prepare for this important process and answer questions. Key ministry staff will also participate. For more details, please see below.

Register to participate in the main session.

Register to participate in the <u>municipal breakout session</u>.

Register to participate for the <u>Indigenous Community breakout session</u>.

## **Background**

The growth of Ontario's electricity system must accelerate at an unprecedented pace. The IESO forecasts annual electricity demand to grow 75 per cent by 2050 due to economic growth, electrification, and evolving technologies. To ensure reliable and affordable electricity is available where and when it is needed, the IESO is moving forward with ambitious plans to build a significant amount of new supply and transmission infrastructure, as well as to expand energy efficiency programs.

To address Ontario's growing electricity needs, the IESO has initiated several electricity supply acquisition mechanisms, including the LT2 RFP. The LT2 RFP seeks to procure new supply resources and will include multiple proposal submission windows, that will be run on an annual basis. The LT2 RFP will take an "all of the above" approach to eligibility and will include wind, solar, bioenergy, energy storage, combined heat and power, hydroelectric and natural gas projects, which may be brought forward under the first submission window. Successful projects will be awarded a 20-year contract term.

Final procurement documents, including the final Request for Proposal (RFP), Contract and Prescribed Forms, are now available on the <u>Long-Term RFP webpage</u>. The posting of these documents marks the official launch of the LT2 RFP. Proponents (i.e. project developers) have until October 16, 2025 under the energy stream, and until December 18, 2025 under the capacity stream to submit their proposal(s) as part of Window 1.

You're invited to register for a webinar on July 17 at 1:00 p.m. that will be held exclusively for Indigenous communities and municipalities.

The webinar will take place in two parts:

- 1. The first part of the webinar will provide a re-cap of the changing electricity landscape, the current procurement initiatives, and details around what to expect. Please register here to participate.
- 2. The second part of the webinar will offer breakout discussions for municipalities and

Indigenous communities, respectively, to allow for more focused information sharing and dialogue, as well as opportunities to ask questions.

- a. Register to participate in the municipal session.
- b. Register to participate in for <u>Indigenous Community session</u>.

As part of the LT2 RFP, municipal governments will play a critical role in indicating whether their community is willing to host electricity projects by issuing a Municipal Support Confirmation (MSC) and overseeing local development approvals. Municipal participation and support is essential to secure the energy resources needed to meet Ontario's growing electricity needs. Therefore, it is critical that municipalities remain engaged and informed in the procurement process. Learn more about the steps a municipality can expect during the LT2 RFP process by reviewing the attached guide. The guide outlines the specific requirements that developers and municipalities must complete if the proposed project is to be supported by the municipality and eligible to compete for an IESO contract.

The IESO is committed to engaging municipalities as the LT2 RFP progresses. This email signals the beginning of a competitive procurement process, which means that starting today, the IESO will provide responses in accordance with the required communication protocols. Should you have any questions please email our Regional and Community Engagement team at <a href="mailto:communityengagement@ieso.ca">communityengagement@ieso.ca</a>. Learn more by visiting the IESO's <a href="mailto:website">website</a>. Sincerely,

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