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LT2 RFP Webinar for Indigenous Communities and Municipalities

Discussion with Municipalities

Thank you for joining today's session

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Context for LT2 RFP



Changing electricity landscape: Ontario is entering a period of need – by 2050, energy consumption could grow by 75%. To meet the emerging needs, a multi-pronged approach is being implemented, including new supply and transmission.



A mix of resources will be required: To meet needs emerging in 2029-2030, energy producing resources and capacity resources will be required to meet system needs.



What to expect regarding LT2 RFP: Proposal submissions expected to be due in 2025, protections for Prime Agricultural Areas, requirements for municipal support confirmations with proposal submissions, incentivizing the participation of Indigenous communities, incentivizing development in the North and offering a technology-agnostic procurement.



Your feedback is integral: Procurement design for both the LT2 RFP Energy and Capacity streams will be informed by input from Indigenous communities, municipalities, and stakeholders.

Municipal Key Items Recap

Timing	Multiple proposal submission windows with increased targets, expected to be run on an annual basis, under the umbrella of the LT2 RFP starting in Q3 2025.
Support Confirmations	Similar to the E-LT1 and LT1 RFPs, proponents are required to obtain a Municipal Support Confirmation from the municipality, signaling that the municipality is supportive of the proponent submitting their proposed project to the IESO. Proponents are encouraged to engage early and frequently with communities. A support confirmation does not impact or change any approvals, permits or requirements the project may be subject to (e.g. environmental permits).
Community Engagement	The IESO has proposed enhanced community engagement requirements to empower municipalities to share how they want community members to be engaged, tying the satisfactory completion of that engagement to the issuance of a Municipal Support Confirmation.
Two Mandatory Engagement Requirements	The IESO is proposing two Mandatory Requirements a Proponent would need to satisfy the LT2 RFP engagement requirement: Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice and Support Confirmation.
Rated Criteria Points	Based on government direction, the IESO is proposing a rated criteria structure whereby rated criteria points are available for projects not located on PPA and rated criteria points are available for projects in the territorial district of Northern Ontario.

Frequently Heard Feedback: Engagement

Feedback	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ability to determine how to proceed with municipal engagement and municipal support is appreciated• Training, updated guidance and standards should be provided for energy projects• More support for municipalities is important• Municipal support resolution templates should be made more flexible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Developed a process to empower municipalities and proponents to determine the appropriate engagement process for each community.✓ The IESO has developed several resources/actions targeted to the needs of municipalities to ensure uniform access to information to aid municipal decision-making, such as webinars, toolkits etc.✓ The templated Municipal Support Resolution can be edited; however the resolution must include key details to ensure the project meets the mandatory requirements set out in the LT2 RFP.✓ The IESO welcomes feedback regarding specific guidance and standards that may be of interest.

Frequently Heard Feedback: Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibility to complete an AIA• Clarity around when the AIA should be completed• More clarity required, including on pre-submission filing requirements• Municipality determining whether the AIA is satisfactory can be a challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The approach around AIAs is a matter of government policy and direction.✓ The IESO is working with relevant Ministries to determine the specific process to ensure developers and municipalities have clarity and to develop energy project specific resources.✓ The AIA will be completed by proponents and will need to be completed within 18 months of contract award. However, as part of this proposed process a proponent will be required to consider alternative sites as part of the site selection process, a process that typically occurs prior to proposal submission.✓ The IESO welcomes feedback regarding specific guidance and standards that may be of interest.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental impacts (such as noise and decommissioning) of projects should be mitigated• More information is needed around battery safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ A number of government, agencies and authorities determine environmental assessment processes and standards for the safe maintenance and operation of electrical equipment.✓ Standards and regulations that govern the safe operation of electricity facilities in Ontario are determined by Electrical Safety Authority, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and the Office of the Fire Marshal.✓ Project impacts and mitigation options are determined through the environmental assessment, and administered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks.✓ Proponents are required to obtain and comply with all existing permits and processes.✓ More information about safety and environmental impacts can be directed to proponents and relevant agencies and authorities.

Seeking Input: LT2 RFP

Written feedback can be submitted to engagement@ieso.ca by December 4, 2024

Your feedback is important. The IESO is hoping to understand:

- How can the IESO streamline relevant processes (i.e., community engagement, municipal support) to the benefit of proponents and municipalities?
- How can the IESO better support municipalities to make decisions about proposed projects? Including what training and updated guidance for energy projects should be provided?
- What feedback or municipal perspectives can be shared on the new LT2 RFP proposed municipal requirements and engagement approach?
- What feedback or municipal perspectives can be shared on the additional information shared about AIAs? Is there any training or updated guidance that should be provided?
- What feedback or municipal perspectives can be provided on the prescribed forms that have been shared?
- What feedback or municipal perspectives can be shared on the key RFP design or contract items shared (eg. Rated criteria points, mandatory requirements etc.)
- Given the window approach, what are municipal perspectives around the timing for Municipal Support Confirmations?

Live Question Period

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Next Steps



The **IESO invites written feedback by December 4, 2024 for the LT2 RFP.** All written feedback should be submitted to engagement@ieso.ca.



For the LT2 RFP, the IESO will aim to continue engaging prior to release of the final RFP and contract.



On November 21, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness will provide an overview of current policies around siting energy projects in prime agriculture areas as part of the LT2 procurement, and answer questions. [Register here](#).



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