

# Feedback Form

## Long-Term RFP – March 28, 2023

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Following the March 28<sup>th</sup> public webinar on the Long-Term RFP (LT1 RFP), the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from participants on design of the LT1 RFP and LT1 Contract.

The referenced presentation can be found on the [Long-Term RFP webpage](#).

Please provide feedback by April 11, 2023 to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca).

Please use subject header: **Long-Term RFP**. To promote transparency, this feedback will be posted on the [Long-Term RFP webpage](#) unless otherwise requested by the sender.

The IESO will work to consider and incorporate comments as appropriate and post responses on the webpage.

Thank you for your contribution.

## LT1 RFP Design and Lessons Learned from E-LT1 RFP

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<p>E-LT1 RFP: Please provide any general feedback reflecting on your participation in the E-LT1 RFP as it relates to the upcoming LT1 RFP.</p>	<p><i>Lesson Learned #1: Municipal timelines regarding council decisions are ill equipped to react to changes to requirements in the short term.</i></p> <p>The timing between the proposed releases of the E-LT1 RFP documents and the submission deadline was always aggressive (i.e. within 10 weeks). With only four (4) to five (5) council meetings within a ten-week window, there were limited opportunities to meet with council and obtain support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The City of Windsor requires a minimum of two to three weeks in order to place an item on a meeting agenda for city council to decide on. Agenda items require an accompanying Report to Council, complete with recommendations and administrative approvals.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ City administration was proactive and invited proponents to contact the municipality early to discuss proposed projects. Many proponents met with city administration to discuss the criteria and procedure for procuring municipal support prior to the release of the deliverability reports.</li><li>○ To accommodate proponents at different stages of project development, city administration made the decision to obtain a Council Decision that delegated the issuance of Municipal Support Confirmation Letters to the office of the CAO for battery storage system projects November 28, 2022 (CR 487/2022). Many projects at this time were still in the scoping phase with rated capacities still outstanding.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>The release of the Minister of Energy’s Letter dated December 23, 2023 (addendum No 1), changed the requirements for proof of municipal support and removed Municipal Support Confirmation Letters from the list of accepted documents for the purposes of contract award.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City administration needed to regroup and decide next steps quickly and in a manner not to impact proponents' ability to receive rated criteria points for municipal support. A course of action required development.</li> </ul> <p><i>Lesson Learned #2: Late release of deliverability reports and/or Addendums resulted in changes to proponent proposals which had the potential of requiring rework by the municipality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proponents discussed a number of project options (storage, non-storage, and maximum capacity) during community engagement sessions that may not have been reflected in final project submissions. Review of project changes were required to ensure they remained aligned with the corresponding City Council decision.</li> <li>○ Changes to proposed project capacities occurred during the project submission period. The City of Windsor received requests to adjust project capacities on a number of <b>issued</b> Municipal Support Confirmation Letters to match capacities listed on project submission documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Municipal Support Resolution template indicated the Maximum Capacity approved. From the perspective of the municipality, any modifications which results in a reduction of project capacity (i.e. less than the Maximum Capacity) should not require an updated Municipal Support Resolution document.</li> <li>○ Addendums released on December 23, 2022, January 27, 2023, and February 3, 2023 required review and analysis to ensure work completed previously still aligned with new or updated requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>LT1 RFP design: Please provide any feedback on the proposed Mandatory Requirement for Municipal Support.</p>	<p>The City of Windsor understands the desire to know whether a proposed project has municipal support as early in the process as possible. However making municipal support mandatory in as a condition to submit a proposal has the potential to shift the decision-making authority regarding contract awards for the LT1 RFP from the IESO to individual municipalities. The City of Windsor approached the issuance of municipal support documents as a method of communicating our willingness to act as a host for energy projects, which would benefit the economic growth and prosperity of the region, with the understanding that the IESO would have the final decision regarding the awarding of contracts coming out of the IESO’s procurement process.</p> <p>Making the support mandatory may result in changes to the level of detail the city requires from proponents in order to make a decision moving forward. In that the proposed timelines for LT1 do not appear to differ from those from E-LT1, municipalities may require additional lead-time to review project details and parameters, or modify zoning. Learning from the experiences from the E-LT1 process, a number of program elements were at a high level or undecided at the time of Municipal consent. The expectation moving forward is that project parameters and environmental impacts would be finalized prior to the issuance of a Report to Council, in order for Council to make an informed decision.</p>
<p>LT1 RFP design: Please provide any feedback on the Rated Criteria Categories and Point Allocation.</p>	

## Indigenous Community Participation

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Please provide any feedback on the Rated Criteria for Indigenous Community Participation as contemplated in the E-LT1 RFP as it relates to the upcoming LT1 RFP.	Suggestion: Engagement and potential partnerships between proponents and Indigenous community(ies) should where possible, occur with the Indigenous community(ies) "local" to the development (i.e. local community given first refusal).

## Proposed Contract Design: General Feedback

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<p>Please provide feedback on any contract provisions you wish to comment on.</p> <p><i>Note: the commercial structure/ revenue model for the LT1 Contract will not be modified from that which was used under the E-LT1 Contract.</i></p>	N/A

## General Comments/Feedback

In general, the proposal submission timeline for the E-LT1 RFP was very tight. Requirements changed or were updated throughout the project submission timeline in reaction to questions or requests for clarification. This made it challenging for municipal administrations to prepare reports and recommendations to council for consideration.

As deliverability reports were issued at the end of November, a number of proponents in an attempt at being proactive held early discussions with municipal staff and the community providing briefings on a number of potential projects for both storage and non-storage solutions. Once the deliverability reports were released, the final project submission(s) put forth for municipal consideration had the potential to differ from previous iterations.

Municipalities can only provide decisions on the final request presented. With the tight timelines, there was little time available to suggest modifications to project submissions in the event the final project submission was the least preferred option communicated previously.

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The E-LT1 did not explicitly site solar and wind installations as viable options as part of the RFP. As a result, the City of Windsor received proposals for Battery Storage Systems and Natural Gas Generation. During the LT1 process, will municipalities have the ability to advocate for renewable projects? Renewable options are currently part of Ontario's energy mix.

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Suggestion: Limit or avoid the issuance of Addendums on Friday afternoons or before holiday periods.