

Feedback Form

Transmitter Selection Framework (TSF): Focused Engagement Session #3 – April 24, 2024

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Following the April 24, 2024 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **May 10, 2024.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked “Confidential”. Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked “Confidential” will be posted on the engagement webpage.

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<p>During the session, the IESO shared a number of proposed guiding principles to help inform Indigenous participation design features under the TSF – Do you have any feedback on the proposed principles (slides 24-25), or responses to the discussion questions posed (slides 26-29)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support early Indigenous community involvement in the energy planning process because including more Indigenous perspectives will lead to better project and system outcomes. • Local treaty, historical, political rights and interests in a proposed project area must be understood and recognized; this can be learned and incorporated as part of the TSF design through early and direct engagement with communities. • Participation by local communities should be prioritized. Proponents should be encouraged (if not required) to demonstrate meaningful support from as many proximate Indigenous communities as possible. • We recommend that the IESO establish a clear set of principles or criteria to provide proponents and Indigenous communities certainty on how bids will be evaluated and awarded. These principles should be reflective of Indigenous inputs and may evolve over time. • In reviewing proponents’ competitive bids, some of the criteria the IESO could consider as part of TSF include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrated experience and successful collaboration with Indigenous partners, lenders, federal & provincial loan guarantee programs, etc., including detailed plans on partnership models; ○ Proven ability to deliver on commitments made to Indigenous communities in previous projects (e.g. equity ownership); ○ Placing proponents who have failed to deliver on previous equity commitments at a disadvantage in a TSF process; ○ Preference to proponents with demonstrated support from proximate Indigenous communities;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clear proposals and demonstrated estimated cost of capital from proponents who claim they may be able to facilitate with Indigenous community partners; ○ Proponent’s willingness to commit to using their balance sheet to help enable Indigenous participation; and, ○ Rewarding and/or favouring proponents who can demonstrate: (1) early and meaningful Indigenous involvement in project planning that commenced prior to a formal process, and (2) strong local Indigenous community support throughout the process.
<p>What is the preferred level of prescriptiveness of Indigenous participation design features under the TSF (eg. develop for each procurement under the TSF, or develop overarching policy for all procurements under the TSF)?</p>	<p>As previously noted, a clear set of principles and criteria need to be provided to proponents and Indigenous communities on how bids will be evaluated and awarded.</p>
<p>How should the IESO think about timing associated with Indigenous partnerships within a competitive transmission procurement (e.g. Partnerships formed before a bid is submitted, post-bid, or post-energization)?</p>	<p>At the point of submission of a bid, the proponent should be able to demonstrate support from the communities in proximity to the project area.</p>
<p>What are the barriers to Indigenous communities assessing and understanding participation options for future transmission projects (and how might the IESO help address those barriers)?</p> <p>Are there any other challenges communities have experienced with respect to participating in new electricity projects, or other infrastructure?</p>	<p>No comment at this time.</p>

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Are communities supportive of an Indigenous Advisory Committee?	No comment at this time.

General Comments/Feedback

Hydro One has provided several comments to the proposed principles discussed in Engagement #3. Several other questions were raised for feedback above. Feedback was not provided to those follow-on questions at this time as these matters are best left answered by Indigenous communities themselves. Nonetheless, Hydro One looks forward to discussing these matters further in future sessions.