LLT RFP Proposal Submission – Requirements and Best Practices

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1. Disclaimer

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All capitalized terms in this document have the meaning as ascribed to them in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

The purpose of this document is to provide a general overview and guidance about the LLT RFP proposal submission process. **This document is not comprehensive and does not replace any provisions in the LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP**. In particular, refer to Section 3.1, Section 3.6 and Section 3.7 of the LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP for timelines, instructions and requirements.

2. Proposal Submission – Requirements & Best Practices

To participate in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, Registered Proponents must submit a complete Proposal by the applicable Proposal Submission Deadline. A complete Proposal consists of the Proposal Fee, Prescribed Forms (including all required attachments), and the Proposal Security, all as further described in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

2.1 Proposal Submission Period

To be considered under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, Proponents must submit a complete Proposal prior to the applicable Proposal Submission Deadline.

Proponents that successfully completed the Registration process will receive a **Unique Project ID** from the IESO. Once a Unique Project ID has been issued, the Proponent may, prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, submit a Proposal for the associated LLT Capacity Project or LLT Energy Project (each a "**Project**"), as applicable, and should reference the Unique Project ID in its Proposal submission and related correspondence.

The Proposal Submission Deadlines for the LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP can be found in Section 3.1 of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP (Schedule), as applicable:

LLT(e) RFP Proposal Submission Deadline: November 26, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. (EPT)

LLT(c) RFP Proposal Submission Deadline: November 26, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. (EPT)

The IESO strongly encourages Proponents to submit their Proposal documents and Proposal Fee sufficiently in advance of the Proposal Submission Deadline to avoid any unforeseen delays in electronic delivery or processing of payment.

2.2 The Proposal Fee

A Proposal Fee of $11,300 CAD (HST included) is required for each Proposal prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline. Proponents should ensure the full amount is received by the IESO, identify the payment using the Unique Project ID, submit the funds to the correct IESO bank account, and provide payment notification to the IESO. Early payment is strongly encouraged to avoid any banking or processing delays.

Proponents must submit a Proposal Fee of **$11,300 CAD (HST included)** for **each individual Proposal**, as outlined in Section 3.7(c)(i) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable. To ensure that the Proposal Fee deposited by the Proponent is identified and correctly applied, the electronic funds transfer or wire should include a deposit reference identifier in the form of the Unique Project ID, obtained following registration.

Proponents are reminded that third-party banking fees (e.g., wire transfer charges) may result in the IESO receiving less than the full amount transferred by the Proponent. **The IESO's bank does not charge fees for incoming wire transfers**. Proponents are therefore responsible only for any fees charged by their own bank (or any intermediary bank) and should ensure these fees do not reduce the amount received by the IESO below $11,300 CAD.

Example:
If an $11,300 wire transfer is sent, and the Proponent's bank deducts a $15 fee for the transaction it would result in the IESO receiving only $11,285. To avoid this, interested Proponents should confirm applicable fees with their financial institution and adjust the payment amount accordingly (e.g., if the bank identifies a transfer fee of $15, the interested Proponent should add this to the total transfer amount or ensure it is paid directly to the bank so that the full Proposal Fee of $11,300 is received by the IESO). Please note that fees differ by banking institution and transaction type and the $15 used in this example is for illustrative purposes only.

Proponents must ensure the Proposal Fee is sent to the **correct IESO bank account**, as outlined in Section 3.7(c)(iv) of the LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP. **Note this Bank Account differs from the IESO settlements account.** Funds sent to the IESO Settlements account will not constitute a Proposal Fee and will not be accepted.

The IESO strongly encourages Proponents to submit their Proposal Fee well in advance of the applicable Proposal Submission Deadline. This will help ensure that any banking or processing delays can be resolved before the Proposal Submission Deadline. If any Proposal-related payment is not received **in its entirety** prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, **the entire Proposal will be rejected.**

Once the payment has been sent, Proponents must email the IESO to both of the emails provided below:

LLT.RFP@ieso.ca

ieso.treasury@ieso.ca

Ensure the emails include the following information:

- Proponent name
- Depositor Name (if different than Proponent name)
- Unique Project ID
- Project Name
- Expected deposit date
- Amount of Proposal Fee deposited

Please refer to Section 3.7 of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, for the Proposal Fee requirements and instructions.

2.3 Proposal Submission – Guidance on Submission of Emails and Electronic Materials

Proponents are required to submit all Proposal materials to LLT.RFP@ieso.ca and include the Unique Project ID in the email subject line. Proponents are responsible for ensuring that all Proposal documents are successfully transmitted by no later than the Proposal Submission Deadline. If file sizes are large, submissions may need to be split across multiple emails. Proponents are solely responsible for their technology and the transmission of the Proposal submission (including the full amount of the Proposal Fee). To reduce the risk of delivery issues, proponents are strongly encouraged to use a private-domain email address rather than a public email service and should allow sufficient time to address any transmission or technical issues prior to submission.

Proponents must submit the applicable Prescribed Forms for their Proposal via email submission to the LLT.RFP@IESO.ca inbox. Please note the "." (period) in the email address. Proponents should **include the Unique Project ID for the Proposal in the subject line** of the email.

2.3.1 Email Size Limits

Due to limitations on the size of electronic delivery of emails to the LLT.RFP@ieso.ca email of twenty (20) megabytes, Proponents may submit their Proposal documents through multiple emails (i.e., email submissions may have to be split into two or more emails, as applicable). To ensure the IESO receives all the attachments, ensure the file size for a single email does not exceed 20MB. Please note, size limits for emails can differ between servers, so even if a sender is able to attach over 20MB in an email, it does not mean that the IESO would receive that email or its attachments. If your email is blocked due to surpassing the email size limit, your submission may be considered incomplete or late, resulting in the Proposal not being considered under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

When splitting a Proposal into multiple emails, Proponents should clearly indicate they are part of a group by adding an identifier at the end (e.g., 1 of 3).

2.3.2 Email Servers

As a best practice and to decrease the chance of email delivery failures, it is strongly recommended that Proponents use the same email address used for submission of registration documents during the Registration process when submitting Proposal materials. One exception to this would be if a Proponent submitted registration information using a public email domain. Future emails from this email address may be rejected by the IESO's firewall, so Proponents are strongly encouraged to utilize an email system operating on a private server when submitting a Proposal.

As stated in Section 3.7 of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, **Proponents are solely responsible for their technology and the transmission of the Proposal submission**. Any delays due to firewalls, technical faults, file size, unreadable or partial scans of compiled documents, forms or attachments, electronic funds transfers or a high volume of Proposals will not be taken into account. For clarity, the IESO will not be responsible for late deliveries, deliveries to the incorrect email address or location or other electronic delivery failures.

Important Note: Proponents are advised that the IESO's firewall may reject emails containing attachments when originating from certain public email platforms such as **gmail.com; yahoo.com; hotmail.com; msn.com; sympatico.ca; rogers.com and similar public email domains**. Proponents are strongly encouraged to utilize email systems operating on private servers for the electronic submission of a Proposal as certain domains or configurations may be blocked by the IESO's firewall.

If your email is blocked as a result of the emails originating from a public email domain, your submission may be considered incomplete or late, resulting in the Proposal not being considered under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

Please note that even if the IESO has received an email from an individual using one of these domains in the past, it does not guarantee it will be received again in the future.

Due to high email volume related to LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFPProposal intake, please note **that individual confirmations for receipt of Proposal materials cannot be provided via email**; additionally, **multiple emails sent within a short time frame may not each receive an auto-reply due to system limitations**. We recommend Proponents assign a single point of contact to oversee and manage any Proposal submissions.

2.4 Proposal Submission – Prescribed Forms

Proponents must submit a complete Proposal, including all applicable Prescribed Forms required under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable. Proponents should ensure that they are using the correct and most up-to-date versions of the forms, complete all required sections, include all applicable supporting documentation and exhibits, and obtain all required signatures before Proposal submission. Except as specified in the Prescribed Forms, the Prescribed Forms must not be modified, and should be submitted electronically in the format specified in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

To constitute a complete Proposal, Proponents, among other things, must submit several Prescribed Forms, as set out in Section 3.7(c)(i).

Note, Prescribed Forms must be written in English only and must be **submitted in electronic format, typed in black font**, printable on an 8.5 × 11-inch paper, and all pages in applicable documents should be numbered sequentially, as per Section 3.6(e) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

The Prescribed Forms are found on the Long Lead-Time RFP webpage, under both the Energy documents section for the LLT(e) RFP and the Capacity documents section for the LLT(c) RFP. Ensure the correct version of these forms (Energy or Capacity) and the most up to date versions are submitted.

Proponents should attach any supplementary evidence to the corresponding exhibit, as applicable. Each Prescribed Form should be included in the Proposal as a separate document, and Proponents are strongly encouraged to use the naming convention provided for each document under Section 3.7(c)(i) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable. Proponents must not alter any wording on the Prescribed Forms.

Important Note: All required Prescribed Forms must be signed by an individual who has authority to bind the Proponent and the signature section must include the Proponent's name, signee's signature, signee's printed name, signee's title, and date.

The following is a list of Prescribed Forms and some considerations to keep in mind.

2.4.1 Access Rights Declaration: LLT(e/c) PF-AR100

Proponents must demonstrate access rights to the Project Site as required under Section 3.7(c) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, as part of their Proposal.

Proponents should ensure that they only complete the sections of the Prescribed Form: Access Rights that are applicable to their Project Site and include any required supporting documentation attached as one or more Exhibits to the Prescribed Form. For example, if the Project Site is not located in whole or in part on Provincial Crown Lands, the checkbox in 3(a) of the Prescribed Form: Access Rights should **not** be selected.

Supporting Documentation

The supporting documentation required under the Access Rights Declaration depends on the lands on which the Project Site is located. The following table provides a brief summary of the requirements for each land category. Detailed requirements are set out in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable:

Project Site Type	**Documentation required**
Private land	• Parcel register(s) • Title-holder letter (if applicable) • Project Site map
Provincial Crown Land	• MNR Confirmation Letter • Provincial Crown land Shapefile • Attestation
Federal Crown Land (with Survey/Priority Permit)	• Permit • Federal Crown Land Shapefile • Attestation
Federal Crown Land (without Survey/Priority Permit)	• Executed lease, • Parcel register(s) • Project Site map

Projects that include multiple types of land must satisfy the requirements applicable to each land category included within the Project Site.

Project Sites Not Entirely Located on Provincial Crown Land or Federal Crown Land

If a Project is not proposed to be entirely located on Provincial Crown Land or Federal Crown Land, Proponents must provide:

- one or more parcel registers (or equivalent for lands not registered on the Ontario land titles system) in respect of the Properties included in the Project Site, other than any Federal Crown Lands or Provincial Crown Lands, dated no earlier than the applicable RFP Effective Date, evidencing the registered owner of such Properties included in the Project Site;
- where title to one or more Properties included in the Project Site, other than any Federal Crown Lands or Provincial Crown Lands, is not in the name of the Proponent (including where title is held by an Affiliate of the Proponent), a letter addressed to the IESO signed by the documented title holder of such Properties stating that the Proponent has: (i) the contractual right to acquire such Properties; or (ii) contractual rights to build, operate and maintain the Project on such Properties, if it is selected as a Selected Proponent. Such title holder's statement shall not otherwise be qualified or conditional; and
- An electronic copy of a map of the Project Site with a single scale showing the outer boundary of the Project Site .

Important Note: Do not submit underlying commercial agreements such as purchase agreements, lease agreements, options, subleases, or similar contractual arrangements. The IESO only requires the prescribed ownership and access-rights evidence described in the form.

Project Sites Located Whole or in part on Provincial Crown Land

For Projects proposed to be located in whole or in part on Provincial Crown Land Proponents must provide:

- a Copy of a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Confirmation letter from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources confirming that a completed Public Land Site Report Form has been submitted by the Proponent in respect of the applicable lands;
- a Provincial Crown Land Shapefile mapping the boundary of the portions of the Project Site that are located on such Provincial Crown Lands (and, separately, that of any included Proposal PQ Alternates) that is consistent with Project Site information included in the Public Land Site Report Form; and
- A completed attestation confirming:
    - the Provincial Crown Land Shapefile is consistent with the Public Land Site Report; and
    - the Project Site does not overlap with Provincial Crown Lands associated with another Applicant of Record.

Where a Proposal includes Proposal PQ Alternates, the boundary(ies) of the included Proposal PQ Alternates must be included as a separate boundary(ies) mapped within the respective Provincial Crown Land Shapefile. The IESO has published LLT RFP Crown Land Shapefile Guidelines and encourages Proponents to utilize the Crown Land Shapefile template provided. Proponents must also attest that their Project Site does not overlap with or use any of the same Crown land as AOR Held Lands for which the Proponent is not the Applicant of Record. To support this analysis, the Ministry of Natural Resources has published Waterpower Legacy Applicant of Record site maps.

Note: Where the Project Site is **entirely** located on Provincial Crown Land, proponents are not required to submit parcel registers, title-holder letters, or a Project Site map.

Federal Crown Land Subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit

For Projects proposed to be located in whole or in part on Federal Crown Land subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit, Proponents must provide:

- The applicable Survey Permit or Priority Permit;

- A Federal Crown Land Shapefile mapping the boundary of the portions of the Project Site that are located on such Federal Crown Lands (and, separately, that of any included Proposal PQ Alternates) that is consistent with Project Site information included in the Survey Permit or Priority Permit (as applicable); and
- A completed attestation confirming:

- the Survey Permit or Priority Permit (as applicable) is valid;
- the Federal Crown Land Shapefile is consistent with the Project Site information included in the Survey Permit or Priority Permit (as applicable).

Where a Proposal includes Proposal PQ Alternates, the boundary(ies) of the included Proposal PQ Alternates must be included as a separate boundary(ies) mapped within the respective Federal Crown Land Shapefile. The IESO has published LLT Crown Land Shapefile Guidelines and encourages Proponents to utilize the Crown Land Shapefile template provided.

Note: Where the Project Site is **entirely** located on Federal Crown Land that is subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit, proponents are not required to submit parcel registers, title-holder letters, or a Project Site map.

Federal Crown Land Not Subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit

Where the Project is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Federal Crown Land and is **not** subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit, Proponents must provide:

- A valid executed lease in favour of the Proponent in respect of the applicable lands;
- An electronic copy of a map of the Project Site with a single scale showing the outer boundary of the Project Site; and
- one or more parcel registers (or equivalent for lands not registered on the Ontario land titles system) in respect of the applicable Federal Crown Lands, dated no earlier than the applicable RFP Effective Date, evidencing the registered owner of such Properties included in the Project Site.

The map should use a single scale and clearly identify the outer boundary of the Proposal/Primary Proposal PQ Project Site.

Mixed-Land Projects

Project Sites that include a combination of Properties (e.g., A Project Site located partly on Provincial Crown Land and/or Federal Crown Land) must satisfy the requirements applicable to each category. For example, a project that includes private land and Provincial Crown Land would be expected to provide both the documents required for a Project that is proposed to not be entirely located on Provincial Crown Land or Federal Crown Land and the documents required for a Project that is proposed to be located on Provincial Crown Land.

If a Proposal is in respect of both a Provincial Crown Land Project and Federal Crown Land Project that is subject to a Survey Permit or Priority Permit, the Provincial Crown Land Shapefile and Federal Crown Land Shapefile must be provided as separate shapefiles.

2.4.2 Confirmation of Unincorporated Territory: LLT(e/c) PF-CUT100

For Projects proposed to be located in whole or in part on Unincorporated Territory, Proponents must submit a Confirmation of Unincorporated Territory as required under Section 2.1(c)(vii) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, as part of their Proposal.

The Confirmation of Unincorporated Territory letter, attached as Exhibit A, must:

- Be addressed to both the Proponent and the IESO;
- Be prepared by a Land Use Planner;
- Be accompanied by the Land Use Planner's Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) seal or certificate; and
- Confirm that the Project Site, or the applicable portion of the Project Site, is located on Unincorporated Territory, with reference to a scale map.

Important Note: The letter from the Land Use Planner **must** include the seal or certificate of such Land Use Planner issued by the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

2.4.3 Economic Bid Statement: LLT(e/c) PF-EB100

Proponents must submit the Economic Bid Statement as part of their Proposal.

The information which the Proponent is required to provide in the Economic Bid Statement must only be provided in the Economic Bid Statement and must not be disclosed, referenced, summarized, described or otherwise included anywhere else in the Proposal. This includes:

- Bid prices;
- Economic assumptions;
- Pricing methodologies;
- Commercial offer details; and
- Any information from which the economic bid could reasonably be inferred.

Important Note**:** Disclosure or inclusion of Economic Bid Statement information in any other part of the Proposal will result in rejection of the Proposal.

The LLT(e) Fixed Price Tool does not form part of the Proposal and should not be submitted to the IESO.

Proposal PQ Alternates

Proponents may submit up to two Proposal PQ Alternate prices. Submission of alternate pricing is optional.

Important Note: If a Proponent submits a Proposal PQ Alternate as part of the Proposal Workbook but does not provide a corresponding alternate price in Section 3 of the Economic Bid Statement, the Fixed Price/Fixed Capacity Payment (as applicable) indicated in Section 2 will automatically apply to that Proposal PQ Alternate.

Accuracy and Completeness

The values to be set out in the Economic Bid Statement Prescribed Form must be entered precisely in numeric form using the format provided, without further information, condition or qualification whatsoever. Any deviation from the required format of the Prescribed Form, will result in the rejection of the Proposal.

Proponents are solely responsible for the accuracy of all values entered in the Economic Bid Statement.

The IESO will not correct errors, seek clarification regarding potential errors, or notify Proponents of perceived mistakes in the Economic Bid Statement. Submitted values will be evaluated as provided.

Because pricing cannot be clarified or corrected after the submission of a Proposal, Proponents should carefully review:

- Units of measure;
- Decimal placement;
- Currency values;
- Alternate pricing values; and
- Consistency between the Proponent and project information in Section 1 of the Economic Bid Statement and the Proposal Workbook.

2.4.4 Evidence of Municipal Support: LLT(e/c) PF-MS100

Proponents must demonstrate municipal support for projects proposed to be located in in whole or in part on Municipal Lands as required under Section 2.1(c)(vi) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, as part of their Proposal. In cases where the Project Site is located in more than one municipality a Municipal Support Confirmation from each Local Municipality with the authority over the Municipal Lands is required. **In cases where the Project Site is located on Provincial Crown Lands and/or Federal Crown Lands but also falls within a Municipality, a Municipal Support Confirmation is required.**

Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice

Before obtaining municipal support, the Proponent must deliver a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to the Local Body Administrator of each Local Municipality with authority over any part of the Project Site. The Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice must be delivered no later than 60 days prior to the date of the Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission or the applicable Blanket MS Confirmation Letter, as the case may be.

Municipal Support Confirmation

The Municipal Support Confirmation must be attached as Exhibit B to the Evidence of Municipal Support Prescribed Form and must not have been revoked, amended, or supplemented in any material respect as of the Proposal Submission Deadline.

Municipal support may be demonstrated through either:

- A Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission; or
- A Blanket Municipal Support Resolution together with Blanket MS Confirmation Letter.

Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission and Blanket MS Confirmation Letters must be dated no earlier than February 27, 2026.

Where a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission is submitted, Local Municipalities are encouraged to utilize the template provided as Exhibit A, however if a Local Municipality wishes to develop their own resolution, Proponents must ensure that the resolution is substantively in the form of the template provided as Exhibit A.

Whether using the Exhibit A template or an alternative resolution document, Proponents should ensure that the resolution contains all information, confirmations, signatures, and dates required under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

Agricultural Land Use

Projects are prohibited from being located on any lands located in areas designated as Speciality Crop Areas. This must be confirmed through the Municipal Support Confirmation.

Where any Municipal Lands comprising the Project Site are designated as Prime Agricultural Areas, the Municipal Support Confirmation must additionally confirm:

- The Proponent has satisfied the AIA Component One Requirement to the satisfaction of the municipality; and
- If selected, the municipality will engage in good faith with the Selected Proponent to enable completion of the AIA Components Two and Three Requirements

For additional guidance on the Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) requirements, Proponents should review the OMAFA Guidelines for the AIA Component One Requirement and the OMAFA Guidelines for the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement. Although these guidelines were originally developed for the LT2 RFP, they remain applicable to LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP.

Multiple Municipalities

Where a Project Site crosses municipal boundaries, support must be obtained from each Local Municipality with authority over any portion of the Project Site.

2.4.5 Evidence of Indigenous Support: LLT(e/c) PF-IS100

If the Project Site is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Indigenous Lands, Proponents must submit an Indigenous Support Confirmation as required under Section 2.1(c)(v) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, as part of their Proposal. An Indigenous Support Confirmation is required from each Indigenous Community with authority over the Indigenous Lands that comprise the Project Site.

Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice

Before obtaining Indigenous support, the Proponent must deliver a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to each Indigenous Community with authority over the Indigenous Lands included in the Project Site. The notice must be delivered no later than 60 days prior to the date of the Indigenous Support Confirmation.

Indigenous Support Confirmation

The Proposal must include an Indigenous Support Confirmation from each Indigenous Community with authority over the Indigenous Lands included in the Project Site.

The Indigenous Support Confirmation must:

- Be dated no earlier than the RFP Effective Date;
- Remain unrevoked and unamended in any material respect as of the Proposal Submission Deadline; and
- Be attached as Exhibit B to PF-IS100

Where an Indigenous Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission is being submitted, Indigenous Communities are encouraged to utilize the template provided as Exhibit A, however if an Indigenous Community wishes to develop their own resolution Proponents must ensure that the resolution is substantively in the form of the template provided as Exhibit A.

Whether using the Exhibit A template or an alternative resolution document, Proponents should ensure that the resolution contains all information, confirmations, signatures, and dates required under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

Multiple Indigenous Communities

Where the Project Site includes Indigenous Lands associated with more than one Indigenous Community, the Proponent must obtain and submit an Indigenous Support Confirmation from each applicable Indigenous Community.

2.4.6 Evidence of Indigenous Community Participation LLT(e/c) PF-IP100

Proponents seeking Rated Criteria Points under Section 4.3(a) and 4.3(b) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, must demonstrate Indigenous Community Participation as part of their Proposal. In cases where the Economic Interest is held by an Indigenous Holding Vehicle, the Proponent must include the name(s) of the Indigenous Community(ies) that form the Indigenous Holding Vehicle in the Workbook.

The form supports two separate rated criteria categories:

1. Proponent Indigenous Participation Level; and
2. Local Indigenous Community Participation

Proponent Indigenous Participation Level

Proponents may seek up to three (3) rated criteria points where Indigenous Communities and/or Indigenous Holding Vehicles hold an economic interest in the Proponent.

To qualify under this category:

- The Proponent Indigenous Participation Level must be 10% or greater; and
- The Economic Interest must be held by one or more:
    - First Nation Communities;
    - Métis Communities; and/or
    - Indigenous Holding Vehicles.

The form requires proponents to identify:

- The Indigenous Community(ies) or Indigenous Holding Vehicle(s) participating in the Proponent; and
- The percentage of Economic Interest held by each participant. **These values are populated from the Proposal Workbook.**

To support the Indigenous Participation Level claimed, proponents must submit:

Exhibit A

- An organizational chart showing the Economic Interest in the Proponent held by one or more Indigenous Communities; and
- Securities registers demonstrating the Indigenous ownership interest claimed, including any intermediary entities or Indigenous Holding Vehicles.

Exhibit B

- A statutory declaration executed by an officer of the Proponent confirming the organizational charts and securities registers are accurate and complete in all material respects.

Local Indigenous Community Participation

Up to three (3) additional rated criteria points may be available where the Project Site is located in whole or in part on: (i) Indigenous Lands; or (ii) lands within the treaty area, or the established or asserted traditional territory or homeland, as evidenced by an attestation from an individual with authority to bind that Indigenous Community, in either case, of a participating Indigenous Community, that holds an Economic Interest in the Proponent of at least ten percent (10%) and is included in the Proponent Indigenous Participation Level (including through an Indigenous Holding Vehicle).

Where proponents are seeking Local Indigenous Community Participation points based on the Project Site being located in the treaty area, traditional territory, or homeland of an Indigenous Community that holds an Economic Interest in the Proponent of at least ten percent (10%) and is included in the Proponent Indigenous Participation Level (including through an Indigenous Holding Vehicle), an attestation must be provided by an authorized representative of the participating Indigenous Community.

2.4.7 Proponent Information, Declaration and Workbook: LLT(e/c) PF-PI100

Proponents must submit the Proponent Information, Declaration and Workbook as part of their Proposal. Before submission, Proponents should verify that all declarations and acknowledgements have been completed, all applicable checkboxes have been selected, the Proponent information is consistent throughout the Proposal, and all required exhibits and supporting documents have been completed and included.

2.4.8 Proposal Workbook: LLT(e/c) PF-PW100

The Proposal Workbook contains six mandatory worksheet tabs: Proponent Information, Project Information, Project Site Information, Connection Information, Team Member Experience, and SCDP Summary. Proponents must complete all green fields in these mandatory worksheets. The Proposal Workbook also contains the CCCP Summary and Rated Criteria tabs, which are required only where the Proponent is seeking the applicable incentive(s) or rated criteria points. Where these worksheets are applicable, Proponents must complete all green fields in the relevant worksheet(s).
Certain cells in the Proposal Workbook have been locked.

Important Note: Do not modify or tamper with the Proposal Workbook, including alter formulas, worksheets, formatting, hidden tabs, or Proposal Workbook structure.

Complete the Proposal Workbook in the recommended sequence. Working through the Proposal Workbook in order helps ensure all required information is entered and reduces the risk of omissions Complete the HST field: The HST field is mandatory for Proposal submission.

Note, the Proponent Payment Account Information inputs (items #23-28), including the HST number, **are all required fields that must be completed at time of Proposal Submission.** If necessary, this information can be updated at the contract execution stage if the Proposal is selected as a Selected Proposal.

2.4.9 Class II LDES independent Engineer Certification: LLT(c)PF-IE100

Under the LLT(c) RFP only, Proponents must submit the Class II LDES Independent Engineer Certificate for projects proposing to use a Class II LDES Technology as required under Section 2.1(c)(ii) of the LLT(c) RFP. The purpose of the form is to provide an independent engineering assessment confirming that the proposed technology meets the RFP requirements and is capable of achieving the required performance and operational expectations.

The Independent Engineer may either:

- Use the template certificate provided in Exhibit A; or
- Prepare its own certificate, provided it contains all information required by the prescribed form and satisfies the RFP requirements.

The Independent Engineer must confirm three key matters:

- that the project uses an eligible Class II LDES Technology and identify the applicable technology type;
- that, based on the information reviewed, the project is reasonably expected to require no less than five years to achieve Commercial Operation from the Contract Date; and
- that, based on the project's design and technical information, the project is reasonably expected to be designed, engineered, and constructed to operate in accordance with the contract requirements throughout the Commitment Period.

The certificate must:

- Be signed by the Independent Engineer;
- Include the Independent Engineer's Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) seal or certificate; and
- Include a representation and warranty that the information contained in the certificate is complete, true, and accurate and does not omit material information.

2.4.10 Supply Chain Disclosure Plan: LLT(e/c) PF-DP100

All Proposals must include a Supply Chain Disclosure Plan. The Supply Chain Disclosure Plan must be provided in **narrative form** and should reflect the Proponent's understanding of the project supply chain as of the Proposal Submission Deadline.

Supporting documentation may be included where available, such as:

- Supplier quotations;
- Product specifications;
- Equipment information; and
- Other supporting supply chain documentation.

The objective is to provide a reasonable and transparent description of how the Project is expected to source major goods and services, as further described in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

As part of the Proposal Workbook, a completed worksheet titled "SCDP Summary" which includes a line-item breakdown of the indicative, non-binding information provided as part of the Supply Chain Disclosure

OPTIONAL: Committed Canadian Content Percentage

If the Proponent is seeking an Evaluated Proposal Price reduction under Section 3.6(f) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP by optionally electing to commit to a Committed Canadian Content Percentage, ensure that the CCCP Summary tab of the Proposal Workbook is complete and meets the requirements outlined in the RFP. Before submission, proponents should verify that the Committed Canadian Content Percentage entered in cell 407 has been manually entered and that the auto-calculated total in cell 409 is greater than or equal to the Committed Canadian Content Percentage in cell 407. If the value in cell 409 is less than the value entered in cell 407, the CCCP Summary should be reviewed and updated prior to submission.

2.5 Submitting Multiple Proposals

Proponents submitting more than one Proposal must treat each Proposal as a separate submission. Each Proposal must have its own Unique Project ID, Proposal Fee, Proposal Security, Prescribed Forms, supporting documentation, and email submission package. To avoid processing issues, proponents should clearly identify the applicable Unique Project ID on all Proposal-related materials and communications submitted to the IESO.

If a Proponent is planning to submit more than one Proposal, note the following requirements:

1. Separate documentation:

Each individual Proposal must include its own set of required Prescribed Forms and documentation. Submitting combined documentation for multiple projects would be contrary to Section 3.7(a)(i) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, which requires one Proposal per Project. This would result in the Proposal being deemed incomplete or non-compliant and therefore disqualified during Stage 1 – Completeness Requirements (Section 4.1 of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable) evaluation.

2. Separate Proposal Fees:

A Proposal Fee of $11,300 CAD must be **submitted separately for each Proposal**. A combined payment for two or more Proposals is not permitted. Failure to submit separate fees would be contrary to the financial submission requirements and would result in disqualification under Stage 2 – Mandatory Requirements (Section 4.2 of the LLT (e) RFP or LLT (c) RFP, as applicable).

3. Separate Email for each Proposal submission:

When submitting the Proposal materials to the IESO via email, Proponents are to send a separate email (or multiple separate emails depending on attachment size restrictions indicated in section 2.3 above) for each Proposal that is being submitted. Bundling multiple Proposals into one email could lead to confusion or misprocessing of submissions and may result in the Proposal being considered not received or incomplete, risking disqualification under Stage 1.4.

4. Separate Proposal Security:

A Proposal Security must be submitted separately for each Proposal**.**

Example:
In the event a Proponent wishes to submit three Proposals, they should submit the following, each time referencing the Unique Project ID:

- Three separate Proposal Fee payments and send three separate emails to the IESO (LLT.RFP@ieso.ca and ieso.treasury@ieso.ca) with payment details
- Three separate emails (or groups of emails) to the IESO with the corresponding separate Proposal materials
- Three **separate** hard copy Proposal Security materials to the IESO's address

2.6 Hard Copy Submission Requirements – Proposal Security

Each Proposal must be supported by its own Proposal Security, submitted in hard copy to the IESO before the Proposal Submission Deadline. Proposal Security must be provided in the form of an irrevocable and unconditional standby letter of credit that complies with the requirements of the applicable RFP, including the prescribed form in Appendix D. Proponents are encouraged to engage with their financial institution early to confirm eligibility, issuance requirements, and delivery timelines, and should ensure all Proposal Security materials are clearly labeled with the applicable Unique Project ID and Project information.

A Proponent must provide their Proposal Security in hard copy submission to the IESO's address provided in Section 3.7(d)(iii) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline.

Proposal Security must be in the form of an irrevocable and unconditional standby letter of credit; where the issuing financial institution must be a Schedule I or Schedule II bank under the Bank Act (Canada) or such other financial institution that satisfies the RFP's minimum credit-rating requirements with Toronto counter/a location capable of supporting the letter of credit draw requirements in the RFP. The IESO recommends engaging with your financial institution early to confirm eligibility and ensure there is sufficient time to address any letter of credit requirements, revisions, or issuance delays.

Please ensure the form of the letter of credit utilized for the Proposal Security under the LLT RFPs is the form found in Appendix D of the applicable LLT RFP. Interested Proponents are reminded that the form of letter of credit found in Exhibit C of the applicable LLT Contract is only to be used if a Supplier is replacing the Completion and Performance Security during the term of the contract as provided in Article 6 of the applicable contract and is not to be used for the purposes of the Proposal Submission. Submitting Proposal Security that is not consistent with the form set out in Appendix D to the applicable LLT RFP will result in a rejected Proposal.

The Proposal Security must be submitted separately for each proposal and

- be in an opaque and sealed envelope;
- include a cover letter, which clearly identifies: the Proponent's name, Unique Project ID and LLT Energy Project or LLT Capacity Project's name to which the enclosed Proposal Security relates;
- include a label, affixed to the outside of the hard copy package, that is clearly marked "Proposal Security" and indicates: the Proponent's name and address, the Unique Project ID, the Project Name and relevant contact details. The IESO's mailing address should also be marked underneath the project specific information. Note: Proponents are strongly

encouraged to use the "Proposal Submission Label" that has been provided in Appendix C to the LLT(e) RFP and LLT(c) RFP.

Important Note: The IESO will create a time stamp upon receipt of the hard copy materials and provide the Proponent a record of such time stamp. This time stamp will be the sole determinant of whether hard copy Proposal documents were received prior to the applicable Proposal Submission Deadline. **To receive a receipt, the hard copy materials should be delivered to the IESO on a Business Day between 9:00 am-3:00 pm EPT.**

Refer to Section 3.7(d) of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, for the Proposal Security requirements.

3. Summary of Best Practices

The following best practices are intended to help Proponents prepare a complete and compliant Proposal. **This list is not comprehensive** and does not replace any provisions in the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP. This information is provided solely to help prospective Proponents understand some common and **avoidable mistakes**.

1. **Submit Proposals Early:** Proponents are encouraged to submit all Proposal materials, including Proposal documents, Proposal Fee payments, and Proposal Security, well in advance of the Proposal Submission Deadline of November 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. EPT. Early submission provides time to address any unforeseen issues related to electronic delivery, email size limitations, payment processing, courier delays, or Proposal revisions. Ensure that sufficient funds are transferred to account for any bank charges, wire fees, currency conversion fees, or other deductions so that the full required Proposal Fee amount is received by the IESO. Historically, third-party banking fees have sometimes resulted in the fee received in the IESO account to be less than the required amount.
2. **Verify the required Proposal Security amount:** Confirm that the Proposal Security amount is calculated correctly and satisfies all requirements of the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable, before Proposal Submission Deadline. Proponents who have submitted a Proposal Security amount that is below the required amount will not be able to rectify this mistake and their Proposal will be rejected following the Proposal Submission Deadline.
3. **Use the Correct form of Proposal Security:** Proposal Security must be in the form of letter of credit that is substantially in the form set out in Appendix D of the LLT(e) or LLT(c) RFPs, as applicable. For greater clarity, the Form of Letter of Credit in Exhibit C of the LLT(e) or LLT(c) Contracts will not be accepted for the purposes of providing Proposal Security. The form of letter of credit in Exhibit C is only to be used if a Supplier is replacing the Completion and Performance Security during the term of the contract, and not for Proposal Security under the LLT(e) RFP or LLT(c) RFP, as applicable.

4. **Maintain Economic Bid Statement Confidentiality:** Ensure the information contained in the Economic bid Statement is not disclosed or otherwise included in any other part of the Proposal, failing which, the Proposal shall be rejected.
5. **Include all required Prescribed Forms and supporting documentation:** Verify that all required Prescribed Forms, exhibits, attestations, confirmations, and supporting documents have been completed and included in the Proposal package.
6. **Complete all required signature blocks**: Confirm that all forms, declarations, attestations, confirmations, and other documents requiring signatures have been properly executed by authorized signing representatives and dated, where required.
7. **Check file sizes and email submission requirements**: Prior to submission, verify that Proposal files comply with the IESO's email size limit of 20 MB per email. Where Proposal materials exceed this limit, separate the files across multiple emails and allow sufficient time to transmit all required documents before the Proposal Submission Deadline.
8. **Review Proposal information for consistency**: Ensure that the Proponent name, Project name, Unique Project ID, Project information, and other key details are accurate and consistent across all Proposal documents and Prescribed Forms.
9. **Perform a final completeness review**: Before submitting the Proposal, review all Proposal documents to confirm that required fields have been completed, applicable workbook tabs have been populated, attachments have been included, and all Proposal submission requirements have been satisfied.



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