

- 1. I have a question surrounding hydrogen facilities. I am wondering if the province has stipulated any regulations concerning where the main electrolyser and liquafication facility can be located such as minimum distances from communities, can we install pipelines under existing roads and hiways, does the facility have to be within the boundaries of the nominated crown land, etc. This information would be useful for our proposal.**

Final, approved, set back distances and locations of infrastructure will be determined through the Crown land and Environmental Assessment processes.

Proponents must identify the location of all project-related infrastructure as part of their bid submission.

- 2. Please clarify the intended definition and scope of disclosure for the following and/or how they differ from each other:**

- **the term “project partners” as used in Q4 and elsewhere in the guidelines,**
- **the term “project ownership and management” used in Q1**
- **the term “project team” as used in Q3 and elsewhere in the guidelines**

In Question 4, the term ‘project partners’, is used to refer to the overall partnership arrangement in the bid. Where the partnership is formed in accordance with generally accepted industry practices and standards. These partners may or may not be included in the bidding entity, and may or may not have an ownership stake in the project.

Within Question 1, the term ‘ownership and management’ is used to refer to the ownership and management structure of the bidder as defined in applicable law (e.g., articles of incorporation), industry standards, project charter as developed in accordance with generally accepted industry practices and standards (e.g., Project Management Institute). This term may or may not differ from the ‘project partners’. The project partners may or may not be part of the project ownership and project team.

In Question 3, the project team that provides overall governance, guidance and management of the project and was formed in alignment with generally accepted industry practices and standards (e.g., ISO and PMI). The project team is defined by the bidder.

- 3. Item 6.4 of the Guidelines-Crown-Land-Call-for-Bids-for-Wind-Energy-Projects indicates the following:**

6.4 No Incorporation by Reference

The entire content of a bid should be submitted in a fixed form, and the content of websites or other external documents referred to in the bid but not attached will not be considered to form part of its bid.

Our bid may contain references to external links related to public awards, recognitions and Company new articles. Can IET re-confirm that none of these will be considered for evaluation unless they are incorporated into the proposals?

Bidders must ensure that responses align with requirements and that the template contains sufficient detail for the evaluation team to evaluate. If additional space is required, a summary must be provided in the template. Bidders must reference in the summary the specific section and page number of their full submission that contains further details.

As per the Guidelines: Crown Land Call for Bid for Wind Energy Section 6.4, the entire content of a bid should be submitted in a fixed form, and the content of websites or other external documents referred to in the bid but **not attached will not be considered to form part of its bid.**

4. **Regarding the 50MB file size limit, can a Proponent submit its response in multiple parts in the event the total attachment size of the proposal and shape files are greater than the 50MB email limit?**

Yes, as long as the email clearly indicates the proponent's name and the files are named accordingly.

5. **“A Phase One review will be conducted on all bids on criteria such as ensuring the companies have experience, financing, etc. Those companies passing Phase One review will proceed to the next phase beginning May 2023.” Would you be able to confirm that when you refer to the next Phase review starting in May, you are referring the second Stage review noted in the Crown Lands Call for Bids for Wind Energy Projects Guideline (ie., evaluation of the remaining 65 IET questions in the Annex). If so can, you estimate when this review may be concluded and announcements made for successful proponents.**

Yes, we are referring to the Phase Two review. Please note, estimated dates provided for the commencement and completion of review are subject to change. As the Call for Bids has not closed, the number, quality and complexity of Bids is not known, and, therefore, an estimation for the commencement and completion of the Phase Two review is not possible at this time.

6. **Good afternoon. We had an inquiry regarding the optional presentation to IET. We would like to know whether the presentation would be held in-person or online? And if in-person, where it would be held?**

Presentations will be virtual only.

- 7. In the Guidelines, section 4. "Bid Submission Requirements", subsection A. "Bidder", bullet 9, sub-bullet 4, "As per section 14.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, NLH has exclusive right to supply, transmit, distribute and sell electricity. As such, bidders should consider this provision when forming partnerships"**

What is the intent and implication of this statement in the Guidelines? Does the Provincial Government intend that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro shall be the owner of or a partner in any wind power projects developed following the Crown Land Bids process?

The purpose of the statement regarding the **Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 (EPCA)** is that proponents and any partners they engage should be aware of and address the EPCA s.14.1 exclusivity provisions.

- 8. We understand based on the Q&A that was released that presentations are set to be via online communications, we are wondering if it is possible to do an in-person presentation?**

Presentations will be virtual only.

- 9. How we can set a time for this presentation, will we be given a list of available slots from your department to choose from or may we propose a date and time ourselves within the specified period?**

Proponents can email windlandbids@gov.nl.ca to request a presentation. Proponents requesting a presentation will be emailed an agreed upon date and time.

- 10. Is there a limit to the number of individuals from our team that may participate in this presentation?**

There is no limit.

- 11. If the bidder is a company with fewer than two years of completed operations, and if the bidder is owned (>25%) by a shareholder with also fewer than two years of completed operations, is it necessary to provide audited financial statements of such shareholder or is it in this case sufficient to provide audited financial statements of any shareholder that holds a 25% or greater stake in such shareholder?**

If bidder has less than two years operations, parent company less than two years operations, then the best information would be to provide audited financial statements from any shareholder with 25% ownership from both the bidding company and the parent company.

12. How would the conflict between an application for a mining lease, through the mineral act, and a bid for the same land be resolved? Would the holder of the mining tenure have priority for the surface rights of land above a subsurface deposit?

The Wind Energy Land Reserve (reserve) is established to ensure that available Crown lands located within the area included in the call for bids are available for the purpose of the call for bids. Available Crown lands are Crown lands that have not been granted, leased or the subject of a license or easement, or otherwise lawfully set apart or alienated from the Crown.

Bidders are asked to identify known land use conflicts (which would include pre-existing mineral tenure) within or adjacent the area included in their bid submission and detail any action they would take to mitigate the impact of this conflict.

Successful bidders, selected through the Call for Bids will still be required to undergo existing Crown lands application and approval processes including the identification of land use conflicts and the referral of such applications to the Mining and Mineral Development Branch of the Department of Industry Energy and Technology.