REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Power Supply Proposals

Brainerd Public Utilities

ISSUED BY: Public Power Energy Services, LLC

Dated: June 30, 2020

1. BACKGROUND

Brainerd Public Utilities (BPU) is interested in purchasing Zonal Resource Credits (ZRC) beginning in June 1, 2025. For evaluation purposes we will accept capacity quantities up to 40 MW. We will also request offers from renewable and/or qualified facilities within MISO Zone 1.

BPU serves approximately 7,900 retail electric customers in Crow Wing County in Minnesota. BPU operates about 160 miles of electric lines energized at 34,500 volts. Power is delivered to BPU over MP transmission lines. Brainerd Public Utilities will be referred to as the Customer.

2. INTRODUCTION

Through the issuance of this Request for Proposals (RFP), the Customer is requesting bidders to submit proposals for capacity supplies as laid out in the RFP below. The number of bidders will be narrowed down to a list of pre-qualified bidders. After the short list is selected, a more detailed evaluation is expected to occur. This will make the process of evaluation easier and faster to complete. We will be accepting proposals from the MISO region. Capacity proposals will be delivered to the MISO Zone 1 Region.

3. <u>RFP PROCESS SCHEDULE</u>

Issuance of RFP - June 30, 2020

Proposals Due – July 20, 2020

Pre-Qualified Short List Notification August 10, 2020

Contract Execution – On or before September 17, 2020

4. **BIDDER COMMUNICATION**

All bidder communications should be made in writing with questions and proposal submissions directed to:

Todd Hegwer Co-CEO Public Power Energy Services, LLC 2145 Beechnut Place, Castle Rock, Colorado 80108 E-mail: toddhegwer@gmail.com

All proposals should be submitted in Portable Document Format (pdf) and sent via e-mail and also submit (1) hard copy to Public Power Energy Services, LLC.

A Screening Committee will review submittals and determine which qualified candidates are invited to present their qualifications further at an interview with the Screening Committee.

1. Bids and Discussion with Bidders

Customer or its representative may initiate discussion with Bidder(s), as appropriate, following the analytical assessment of the bids. Customer reserve the right to enter into an agreement at any time with a Bidder who, in the opinion of the Customer, will provide the greatest value. The Customer in their sole discretion may decline to enter discussions with any Bidder, may terminate negotiations with any Bidder, and/or decline to select any Bidder at any time during the RFP process. All communications between Bidders and Customers shall be conducted in writing. The Customer, being public entities is subject to its governing body giving approval prior to any final authorization to enter into contracts.

2. <u>RIGHT OF BPU TO CANCEL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, TO ELECT NOT TO AWARD,</u> <u>TO REJECT SUBMITTALS, AND TO WAIVE INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES</u>

BPU expressly reserves the right to cancel the RFP at any time, to elect not to award contracts cited in the RFP, to reject any or all submittals, to waive any informality or irregularity in any submittal received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective submittals received. BPU is not liable for any costs incurred by the Bidder associated with the preparation of a proposal or the negotiation of a contract for services prior to issuing of the contract. BPU reserves the rights to negotiate any and all elements of the proposal, if such action is deemed in best interest of BPU.

Appendix A

Suppliers must complete each of the following items in order to be considered.

1.	FIRM NAME:
2.	BUSINESS ADDRESS:
3.	NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:
4.	TELEPHONE, WITH AREA CODE:
5.	E MAIL ADDRESS:
6.	Web-site:

Delivery Period	Quantity	Capacity Type	Zone 1 Pricing (\$/kW-month)
PY25/26-31/32	Up to 20 MW	ZRC	
PY32/33- 34/35	Up to 40 MW	ZRC	
PY35/36- 39/40	Up to 40 MW	ZRC	
PY40/41-44/45	Up to 40 MW	ZRC	