

**Request for Indicative Proposals
Western Area Power Administration-Upper Great Plains Region**

**On Behalf of the United States Department of Air Force
for Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
October 13, 2023**

Introduction

Western Area Power Administration - Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region (WAPA) is distributing this Request for Indicative Proposals (RFIP) to identify alternatives for firm capacity supply for the United States Department of Air Force (Air Force), Ellsworth Air Force Base (Ellsworth AFB), located near Rapid City, South Dakota, for the summer season(s) to begin on May 1, 2024, May 1, 2025, May 1, 2026, May 1, 2027, and/or May 1, 2028. Following a review of the Indicative Proposals received in response to this RFIP, WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, will select one or more suppliers for negotiations or issue a more refined request for proposals. If WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, does engage in direct negotiations with one or more suppliers as a result of this RFIP, material changes in price or non-price terms and conditions (except for adjustments to reflect changes to forward market price curves) may result in elimination from further consideration.

Supply and Transmission Requirements

WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, is requesting proposals for firm capacity.

Standard Product – Monthly Fixed Blocks

The supplier will provide the fixed capacity for the amounts shown in Attachment A.

Deliveries must be made into the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Zone 19, Upper Missouri Zone (UMZ) Transmission System where the contract can be designated as a Network Resource under SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

Contract Length

WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, is requesting proposals for the following five summer seasons: May 1, 2024, thru October 31, 2024, May 1, 2025, thru October 31, 2025, May 1, 2026, thru October 31, 2026, May 1, 2027, thru October 31, 2027, and/or May 1, 2028, thru October 31, 2028, may be submitted as one net proposal, for a length of one to five years beginning May 1, 2024.

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Pricing

WAPA encourages proposers to provide a single fixed price for the Standard Product.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be evaluated based on ability to best meet the electricity supply needs of Ellsworth AFB considering price, contract term, reliability of supply, and other factors. WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, reserves the right to consider any factor deemed relevant to Ellsworth AFB electricity supply needs. Only proposals for firm capacity that meet SPP Tariff, Integrated Marketplace Protocols, and Planning Criteria, will be evaluated. All Proposals must be for capacity either inside of the SPP market or delivered into SPP utilizing firm transmission. External resources shall provide proof of firm transmission for delivery into the SPP market. For all proposals, respondents must make all arrangements and accept financial responsibility for firm transmission service from the resource to the delivery point into SPP Zone 19, UMZ. Respondents are responsible for all losses, physical or financial, up to the SPP footprint. All transmission shall meet SPP requirements for firm capacity and all capacity resources must meet accreditation requirements of SPP.

RFIP Terms and Conditions

The RFIP shall not constitute a commitment to purchase supply from any entity submitting a response to this RFIP. WAPA on behalf of the Air Force retains the right to reject any and all proposals. All recipients and participants of this RFIP are responsible for all costs incurred in evaluating and responding to this RFIP and/or the negotiation process.

WAPA on behalf of the Air Force reserves the unilateral right to waive any technical or formal requirements contained in the RFIP.

Confidentiality

All information submitted in response to this RFIP will be treated as confidential by WAPA and the Air Force, and will only be disclosed to directors, staff, and advisors of WAPA and the Air Force, as necessary, to review and evaluate the proposals.

Ellsworth AFB's requirements data provided with this RFIP is confidential information and proposers should limit the distribution of this information to staff members involved in preparing proposals.

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Additional Information or Clarifications

Requests for clarifications or additional information concerning this RFIP can be directed to Mike Goodman at (406) 255-2935 or Darla Helms at (406) 255-2938.

Proposals

Indicative Proposals must be electronically submitted by **1200 MST on November 22, 2023**, to UGPEllsworthRFIP@wapa.gov.

Proposer may offer proposals for as many products and contract lengths as preferred.

An Indicative Proposal must include the following:

Section 1 – Proposer Information

This section must contain a description of the proposer and include the name of the contact person, complete with pertinent information including address, phone number, fax number and email address.

Section 2 – Products

This section must provide descriptions of the products being offered.

WAPA encourages proposers to offer the month capacity amounts described in this RFIP.

Section 3 – Pricing

This section must provide indicative pricing for any proposals offered.

WAPA encourages proposers to provide a single fixed price of dollars per MW-month for the firm capacity requirements.

Section 4 – Source of Supply

WAPA, on behalf of the Air Force, is seeking proposals for firm capacity. This section must describe the location(s) or source(s) of the capacity to be supplied to SPP Zone 19, UMZ. Any contingencies to firmness and availability of the product must be detailed (Operating constraints, curtailment risks, fuel supply risks, etc.).

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Attachment A

Standard Product – Monthly Capacity Requirements

Month	Capacity (MW)
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	3
June	3
July	3
August	3
September	3
October	3
November	
December	