

June 12, 2023  
 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
 RFP #2023-008  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
 DEFAULT SERVICE INVESTIGATION CONSULTANT

|    | Questions   | Answers   |
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| 1. | As outlined in the Department's Order of Notice in the Investigative Proceeding Relative to Energy Service Procurement (dated May 24, 2023, INV 2023-01), participants in the proceeding "can expect to receive specific questions" associated with the investigation "by June 30, 2023". Does the Department anticipate the winning bidder, who is expected to support the Department in this proceeding (contract commencement is anticipated for "Mid-July 2023"), to have further opportunities to submit inquiries to the participants of INV 2023-01? | Yes.  |
| 2. | The Scope of RFP #2023-008 includes "Preparation of responses, if needed, to inquiries regarding the final report." Could you please elaborate on what format the Department expects the responses to stakeholder input to take? Would it be acceptable to use more informal communication methods, such as phone calls or emails, to respond to some or all inquiries?   | The Department expects that the responses to any questions regarding the final report would be written. |
| 3. | The Scope of RFP #2023-008 includes "Interviews of electric utility personnel, market participants and other relevant entities." Does the Department anticipate these interviews to be conducted in-person, virtually, or through a combination of both methods?  | Virtually.  |

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| 4. | Other NH State RFP's have used a template Transmittal page. Is there a template Transmittal page for this response? | No.   |
| 5. | Has the PUC previously contracted for Default Service Consulting? If yes, who won those solicitation(s)?            | No.   |
| 6. | Other NH State RFP's have used a template pricing template. Is there a pricing template for this response?          | No.   |
| 7. | Please explain the connection between RFP #2023-008 and INV 2023-001.   | The consultant from RFP#2023-008 will work with Department staff for the investigation into default service procurement and issue a draft and final report for INV 2023-001.  |
| 8. | Please clarify the complete project schedule, including planned commencement and completion dates.                  | The anticipated start date is mid-July after G&C approval. Discovery will ensue after a meeting with DOE staff and proceed to a draft report sometime around October 1, 2023 before a final report is issued by December 1, 2023. |
| 9. | Please explain whether the consultant have access to the NH utility management for data requests and meetings.      | The Department expects the consultant to have access to all utility personnel involved in default service procurement and any others who have a decision role to play in DS procurement.  |