

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RFP #2023-017

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Evaluation, Monitoring and Verification Consultant

	Questions	Answers
1.	To what degree is the location of the consultant important in consultant selection? For example, would a consultant located out of state, who would largely participate in meetings remotely, be less desirable to the Department than a local consultant who could participate in more meetings in person?	Most, if not all, meetings are remote. Experience in the state and/or region are important, but physical location in the state or region is not a scoring criterion.
2.	In what percentage of meetings has the current consultant attended in person?	All meetings have been held remotely.
3.	To what degree is the independence of the consultant important in consultant selection? For example, would a consultant that secures no revenues from utilities be more desirable to the Department than a consultant that does receive revenues from utilities?	Please see Section III, Paragraph 6. Proposers are required to disclose existing or potential conflicts of interest that arise out of relationships or affiliations <i>with utility companies under the jurisdiction of the PUC or others that participate in or represent stakeholders that participate in proceedings before the Commission or Department</i> . These conflicts would include conducting evaluation, monitoring, and verification work related to energy efficiency programs, specifically, and securing revenues from the listed organizations, generally, and are potentially disqualifying. Conducting work for utilities outside the jurisdiction and other organizations that do not appear before the Commission or Department is not disqualifying. Conducting evaluation, monitoring, and verification work related to energy efficiency programs for utilities outside the jurisdiction will be considered “experience” and scored appropriately. See Section IV.B. Paragraph 3.
4.	What is the review cycle and timing for the eTRM updates?	The TRM is under constant review. In the past, the TRM was finalized and submitted in December, but the utilities have proposed to finalize the TRM for the next year by June for submittal in July.
5.	Are the eTRM updates made by the EM&V consultant or by the eTRM team?	The EM&V working group and a TRM subgroup, both of which include the EM&V consultant, work on the TRM updates.