

Thank you very much for your interest in NCEMC'S RFP for Renewable Energy Resources.

Bid Submission:

According to Section 5.3 of the [Request for Proposals document](#), all bids must be submitted in writing (one original and four copies) by no later than 2:00 PM EPT on Friday, December 7, 2007. In order to facilitate the timely processing of bid form data, an Excel version of the [Bid Submission Forms](#) has been included on the [RFP 1010 site](#). NCEMC strongly encourages all bidders to submit these Excel forms via CD media along with their written bid package, or via e-mail to renewable.rfp@ncemcs.com. Regardless of submission method, the written proposals are considered the bid of record and must be received by the stated deadline.

Notice of Intent/Bid Submissions:

- I fully understand that the Oct 26th deadline has passed. We were not aware of the notice until today. Can we submit a bid 12/7 if we remit the Intent to respond ASAP?
[Yes. NCEMC will review proposals that are submitted by the 12/7 deadline.](#)
- Regarding the December 7, 2007 due date for the RFP, is there any mechanism or movement on NCEMC's part to allow an extension for the submittal? I am working with a client to develop an RFP for a Landfill gas to energy project and could benefit from an extra week or two. This extension request is driven by the time needed to establish a contract with a municipality to develop a response to the RFP. That takes a while and we are concerned about beginning work without a contract in place. I look forward to hearing from your response.
[NCEMC will review proposals that are submitted by the 12/7 deadline.](#)
- I was only today informed about the opportunity to submit bids to provide renewable energy in NC and saw that the deadline to submit the INTENTION to bid has past. Is it possible that I can get a waiver on that deadline and submit a bid to become a solar power producer in both Forsyth and Davie Counties?
[Yes. NCEMC will review proposals that are submitted by the 12/7 deadline.](#)
- Is the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation open to delaying the deadline – the short period of time before announcement and the submittal will limit the opportunity to develop the best possible options?
[No, we are not considering a delay in the deadline for responses.](#)

Electric Cooperative Information:

- What is the customer breakdown for the Cooperatives served by the NCEMC, by that I mean how many commercial, institutional and industrial customers are there in this service territory? How many commercial, institutional and industrial customers are there with a peak demand greater than 500 kW?
Approximately 99% of NCEMC's members are residential and small commercial
- We note that there are several other electric membership corporations in North Carolina that will have RPS requirements. Is there the possibility of sizing a PV power plant larger than what is required by NCEMC and using the RECs to meet other North Carolina utility requirements?
In the event that the combined amount of the project is greater than our needs, we will evaluate the use of any surplus RECs.
- Can you provide us with a map of local distribution substations that we could use in evaluating land availability and suitability?
We encourage you to submit a bid with specifications for your siting requirements for solar projects in order to meet our request for offers >1 MW per project. If you choose, this offer can be a combination of multiple sites as long as the total proposed project meets the stipulation of exceeding 1 MW. By providing generic information regarding the requirements of an installation, we will be able to determine the areas that would be possible installation sites. As discussed in the RFP we are not providing transmission or distribution maps to bidders.

IOU Information:

- Is Duke Energy Corporation the same as Duke Energy Carolinas? And if so, is this requirement in addition to the RFP they released in April 2007?
Duke Energy Carolinas is a part of the Duke Energy Corporation and provides transmission service to some of the member cooperatives of NCEMC. NCEMC has issued this RFP to meet its own members' needs and is independent of any action that Duke Energy has undertaken.

Renewable Project Information:

- Will preference be given to renewable energy manufacturers based in North Carolina?
As stated in the RFP, NCEMC prefers Renewable Energy Resources located in North Carolina due to the requirements of Senate Bill 3 and the pending NCUC rules.
- First how many hours of capacity and energy are you looking for? Are you looking for year round support?
The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard for North Carolina is an energy standard that must be met on a calendar year basis.

NCEMC is not looking for a specific amount of capacity, or a specific number of hours, in order to meet its need. The energy that fits into our portfolio and provides the best value to NCEMC, while meeting the requirements of the legislation, will be considered in this evaluation.

- Would Demand Response qualify as a suitable renewable option to meet the RFP requirements?

We will consider any responses that meet the requirements of the legislation. Any project that meets these requirements and guarantees an aggregate capacity greater than 1 MW will be considered in this RFP.

- When will NCEMC make available the general terms and conditions for any contract that may result from this RFP process?

NCEMC anticipates negotiating terms and conditions for any contract that may result from this RFP with those proposals that make the short-list.

Renewable RFP 1010 Clarifications:

- Please confirm that the text description of Form III on pages 14-15 of the RFP match the forms. It appears that some of the discussion of Section E is really related to Section G and that there are two Section Gs. Please clarify which text instructions match the forms.

The references to Section E, should refer to “G. Level of Firmness”. The second section G should be “H. Scheduling / Dispatch Requirements.” The updated forms will be posted on-line.

- Please clarify the last sentence on page 15 of the RFP:

“The pricing proposal provided in this section must be for capacity, energy, and RECs. RECs should be specified as an “all-in” price in \$/MWh units.”

Pricing proposals must be for all commodities (capacity, energy, and RECs) that are included in the offer. If no capacity is included as part of the offer, then no capacity price needs to be included on this form.

- The section heading (Purchased Power Proposals) implies that NCEMC desires to purchase energy rather than the actual energy generation project. Will NCEMC consider and accept proposals that offer to sell bundled energy and RECs or RECs only (per Form IV – Pricing, section B1 and C)?

NCEMC is seeking Power Purchase Proposals for capacity, energy, and RECs in this RFP. NCEMC will review proposals for RECs and energy that meet the requirements of SB3. If you desire to bid only RECs, or only energy and RECs, please make this clear in your proposal and pricing.

- Page 6, Section 3.4 - It is our understanding that SB 3 actually may require solar energy resources to be available by 1/1/2010. Is this NCEMC’s understanding as well, thus the statement “Flexibility in start dates and/or term is encouraged” can be interpreted to mean NCEMC will accept proposals for and energy delivery by 1/1/2010?

NCEMC will review proposals for energy that meet the requirements of SB3. NCEMC has requested flexibility in start dates and terms to allow it to find the optimal mix of resources it needs to meet the requirements of the bill.

- As listed in section 3.4 of your RFP, you mention start date flexibility. Renewable generation benefits from certain government tax benefits which are mandated by legislation. Such legislation cannot be forecast to a 2012 start date. What is NCEMC to accept a proposal that begins in 2008 with production going into the desired contract term?

NCEMC will review proposals for energy that meet the requirements of SB3. NCEMC has requested flexibility in start dates and terms to allow it to find the optimal mix of resources it needs to meet the requirements of the bill.