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Following the April 24, 2024 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders on the items discussed during the webinar. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **May 10, 2024.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

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<p>During the session, the IESO shared a number of proposed guiding principles to help inform Indigenous participation design features under the TSF – Do you have any feedback on the proposed principles (slides 24-25), or responses to the discussion questions posed (slides 26-29)?</p>	<p>An important component of capacity building is understanding the cumulative impacts within a region. Providing support for Indigenous communities to gain a complete understanding of cumulative impacts can help drive confidence within a community when making decisions about new transmission projects.</p> <p>Transparency and predictability of future projects is an essential goal of the TSF, allowing Indigenous communities to plan for, develop capacity and better understand the electricity landscape in Ontario. Providing more clarity on or specific examples of how this goal will be actualized would be beneficial at this stage.</p> <p>Indigenous participation design features should take on a hybrid format with an overarching approach that is recommended up-front. Part of this overarching approach should leave room for procurement-specific components.</p>
<p>What is the preferred level of prescriptiveness of Indigenous participation design features under the TSF (eg. develop for each procurement under the TSF, or develop overarching policy for all procurements under the TSF)?</p>	<p>Development of overarching policy is preferred. A Balance Scorecard approach that includes finance/equity, procurement, employment, etc., with clearly measurable and auditable benchmarks.</p>
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<p>How should the IESO think about timing associated with Indigenous partnerships within a competitive transmission procurement (e.g. Partnerships formed before a bid is submitted, post-bid, or post-energization)?</p>	<p>Lessons learned from the ongoing Long Term Procurements suggest that pre-bid partnerships are best for ensuring efficient community engagement and investment interests.</p>

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<p>What are the barriers to Indigenous communities assessing and understanding participation options for future transmission projects (and how might the IESO help address those barriers)?</p> <p>Are there any other challenges communities have experienced with respect to participating in new electricity projects, or other infrastructure?</p>	<p>The market assumption that HONI will be the designated developers of all transmission lines is a barrier to understanding participation options for First Nations. It would be preferred if IESO can facilitate an event to invite prospective developers and First Nations for a meet-and-greet event. Other than the handful of licensed transmitters in Ontario, FN's lack the business development bandwidth to explore other partnership options.</p>

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<p>Are communities supportive of an Indigenous Advisory Committee?</p>	<p>Absolutely.</p>

General Comments/Feedback

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