

Provincial Energy Manager Program

Sector-Based Energy Managers

Meeting Notes

Webinar: Friday, July 24, 2015 – 10:00 am

On July 24, the IESO held a webinar for interested stakeholders on the Sector-Based Energy Managers Program within the proposed Provincial Energy Manager Program.

One of the main objectives of this webinar was to invite input on the proposed design of the Provincial Energy Managers Program through the launch of a stakeholder engagement initiative managed by the IESO.

The presentation material, as well as other relevant information, can be found on the Provincial Energy Manager Program webpage at <http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Stakeholder-Engagement/Provincial-Energy-Manager-Program-Development.aspx>.

The following represents a summary of the questions and answers during the webinar:

- Q: How will the energy savings plan for the Energy Managers / companies be co-ordinated with the LDC CDM plan? How will the co-ordination occur?
- A: Savings that occur from the sector based model will be attributed to the LDCs, and the IESO will facilitate and require close coordination with LDCs. Clients of the sector based energy managers will be able to apply for incentives from LDC saveONenergy programs and those savings will be tracked directly by the LDCs.
- Q: The target is 3,000MWh target – is that verified? Sometimes it can be difficult between the timing of the application, completion, and verification.
- A: Yes, It will be gross, verified savings.
- Q: Is the program funded by the IESO or through the LDC budget?
- A: The administration of the program will be funded through the IESO. The incentives will be paid through the saveONenergy program incentives.
- Q: CFF outlines a threshold of cost-effectiveness for low-income resources. How does IESO ensure fairness for this class of customers?
- A: Submissions will be reviewed on their merit. The IESO understands that cost-effectiveness varies, and this would be taken into account.

- Q: Will applications be tracked on the iCon system – so LDCs can see and track the applications?
- A: If the sector based energy managers are applying through a saveONenergy program, available through iCon, then the LDC would have visibility.
- Q: Criteria to participate – the minimum requirements should be lowered from 15MW to 10MW with a corresponding load factor.
- A: Thank you for the feedback.
- Q: To LDCs that have not subscribed to a program for low-income, would Energy Managers help with low-income targets?
- A: Savings that are delivered in the sector based model go towards LDC targets.
- Q: Is there a behaviour-based component through these targets?
- A: A behaviour-based component is not proposed to be mandated, but targets could be achieved by behaviour changes.
- Q: Expand program to include industrial and commercial? What if a customer is both embedded and transmission connected? Two customers working together?
- A: The RFP will not limit the sectors available. Any group / sector could be interested in applying. The initiative is not designed for customer co-operation, rather it is meant for a sector based approach.
- Q: Will the IESO consider new programs in the procurement or proposing a pilot in the RFP response?
- A: Potentially – yes. The IESO is expecting well developed plans to be put forward through the RFP.
- Q: Please confirm that it is sector or regions adding up to a 15MW threshold?
- A: Yes – that is the aggregate minimum demand for the sector.
- Q: Will metering be required?
- A: The Technical Reviewer reviews the reports and will recommend if something is needed.
- Q: Please re-state the role of LDC relating to the program.
- A: Sector based resources will be required to work closely with LDCs by sharing information, reporting on activities, and providing updates on performance.

Q: Can one proponent ask for multiple FTEs in the proposal? Is the 3000MWh for one FTE?

A: The target is not for FTEs – it is a target for the proponent responding through the competitive process. How they meet the target is up to them to specify in the proposal.

Q: Can sectors/consumers apply for their own facility?

A: The RFP will not be prescriptive. It could include Energy Service Providers, or Associations responding with proposals.

Q: Does the IESO desire feedback just on the presentation? Or other things as well?

A: If there are questions / comments on Key Performance Indicators or other items outside of the presentation, please send them in. The IESO will continue working with the stakeholder community and the working groups.

Q: Small urban areas – northern or SW – won't hit the 15MW target, but could hit the 3000MWh.

A: Thanks for that feedback.

Q: Please identify the timing for the release of the RFP? Are you going to inform when the RFP is issued?

A: We expect the RFP to be released in the fall. The IESO can notify the group when it has been issued.

Q: Is the reference to LDC Energy Managers the same as the Roving Energy Managers?

A: In the new framework, the design of the LDC Energy Managers initiative is determined and delivered by the LDCs.

Q: Can feedback from LAS/AMO for EM be used by Municipalities?

A: The IESO cannot comment on a specific participant.

Q: Is there a schedule for training?

A: Yes, it is anticipated that training will be available for Energy Managers in the province. The schedule for which will be released with the programs.

Q: Is there a process underway to retain a technical reviewer?

A: The IESO is currently engaged in a competitive procurement process.

Q: Will there be coordination with Natural Gas side?

A: The IESO recognizes the benefit of coordination wherever possible. We will continue discussing this collaboration with the Working Groups, and we will work with the Natural Gas utilities to coordinate.

Q: Will the RFP be shared for feedback with LDCs?

A: The working groups will be engaged with some of the aspects of the RFPs.

Q: Who is RFP published or released to?

A: The RFP will be posted to MERX and sent to a distribution list. We will include a note to those who have participated in this engagement.

Q: Please clarify - 300 or 3000MWh

A: For clarity, the target is 3000 MWh.

For more information on this stakeholder engagement initiative, please visit the Provincial Energy Manager Program webpage at <http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Stakeholder-Engagement/Provincial-Energy-Manager-Program-Development.aspx>