

Large Renewable Procurement II (LRP) Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan

I. Introduction

The IESO invites feedback from all stakeholders, municipalities and Aboriginal communities to help prepare for the launch of the second Large Renewable Procurement (LRP II) process. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that any learnings and opportunities for improvement derived from the first LRP process (LRP I) are considered for the planned LRP II.

This Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan (the Engagement Plan) outlines the background, objectives and proposed timelines related to this initiative as well as the activities and methods to be used to engage all interested parties.

The Engagement Plan outlines the process in the following three phases:

- **Phase I: Review of the LRP I process**
The IESO will invite feedback on the LRP I process, including the components within the Request for Qualifications (LRP I RFQ) and Request for Proposals (LRP I RFP). This feedback will be considered to identify any potential improvements for the planned LRP II.
- **Phase II: Feedback on a draft LRP II Request for Qualifications (LRP II RFQ)**
The IESO will consider all feedback from Phase I of this engagement and post a draft LRP II RFQ for review and comment. All feedback on the draft RFQ will be considered by the IESO prior to releasing the final LRP II RFQ.
- **Phase III: Feedback on draft LRP II Request for Proposals (LRP II RFP)**
The IESO will consider all feedback from Phase I of this engagement and post a draft LRP II RFP for review and comment. All feedback on the draft RFP will be considered by the IESO prior to releasing the final LRP II RFP.

All interested parties are invited to participate in this engagement initiative. It is anticipated that each Phase may attract interest from a variety of individuals, organizations or their representatives.

This Engagement Plan may be subject to review and update as the process evolves and meaningful revisions are required to ensure that individuals have fair and open access to contribute their input on this initiative most efficiently.

Inquiries and/or comments throughout this engagement can be directed to engagement@ieso.ca.

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II. Background

The LRP is an important component of Ontario's ongoing commitment to building a cleaner and more sustainable energy system, and represents a key step in the province's 2025 target for renewable energy to comprise about half of Ontario's installed capacity.

The IESO (formerly the Ontario Power Authority) undertook extensive engagement throughout the development of the LRP program in 2013 and 2014 to seek input on the design of Ontario's first LRP program. Outreach efforts included multiple public webinars, in-person regional meetings including meetings with municipal officials, LDCs, and First Nation and Métis communities, as well as meetings with industry associations and other interested parties. Discussions were also held with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee whose members consist of individuals throughout various constituencies within Ontario's electricity sector including consumers, generators, distributors/transmitters, related businesses/services and Ontario communities.

Feedback received in these discussions was taken into consideration in providing interim and final program development recommendations to the Minister of Energy, for the development of guiding LRP I framework documents and for the development of the draft and final LRP I program materials (the RFQ and the RFP).

LRP I Request for Qualifications

Taking into consideration public comment on draft materials that were [posted](#) on April 8, 2014, the final RFP I RFQ was open for submissions from July 14, 2014 to September 4, 2014. Seventy qualification submissions were received by the deadline. After reviewing for completeness and eligibility, on November 4, 2014, 42 Qualified Applicants had met the RFQ requirements and were eligible to participate in the subsequent LRP I RFP.

LRP I Request for Proposal

The draft LRP I RFP materials were also [posted](#) for public comment shortly after the RFQ announcement on November 17, 2014. Following months of engagement on the draft RFP materials, the final LRP I RFP was posted on March 10, 2015. The IESO received 103 proposals by the September 1, 2015 submission deadline. The LRP I RFP was generally oversubscribed; receiving 3,613 MW of proposals in response to the 565 MW procurement target.

Evaluating LRP I

This Engagement Plan sets out the method to seek input and capture any learnings and opportunities for improvement derived from the LRP I process that could be taken into account for the planned LRP II.

III. Interested Parties

The IESO encourages all interested parties, or their representatives to participate in this engagement at all or any of the Phases outlined herein.

It is recommended that those who wish to be involved in this engagement initiative have an understanding of the LRP I process.

IV. Engagement Goal, Objectives and Scope

The goal of this engagement initiative is to ensure that any learnings and opportunities for improvement derived from the LRP I procurement process are taken into account for the planned LRP II procurement.

In order to achieve this goal, the objective and scope of each phase is outlined as follows:

- **Phase I: Review of LRP I process**
 - Objective: To consider any lessons learned from the LRP I process (including the RFQ and RFP) for the design of the planned LRP II process.
 - The IESO will seek input on:
 - Effectiveness of the engagement process used to develop LRP I to inform any insights or improvements in this Engagement Plan; and
 - The details of the final LRP I RFQ and LRP I RFP documents, including components such as the mandatory community engagement requirements, and rated criteria activities related to community support and Aboriginal participation.
 - For clarity, feedback that is out of scope of this engagement includes:
 - Comments on the need or amount of renewable generation to be procured;
 - Potential environmental impacts of proposed renewable energy projects;
 - Changes to laws and regulations related to renewable energy generation; and
 - Challenges on the outcome of the LRP I RFP process (e.g. contract awards).
- **Phase II: Feedback on the draft LRP II RFQ**
 - Objective: To inform and seek feedback for consideration on the draft LRP II RFQ in advance of launching the final version.
 - Feedback will be invited on the draft LRP II RFQ.

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- **Phase III: Feedback on the draft LRP II RFP**
 - Objective: To inform and seek feedback for consideration on the draft LRP II RFP in advance of launching the final version.
 - Feedback will be invited on the draft LRP II RFP.

V. Approach and Methods

The implementation of this Engagement Plan will be in accordance with the IESO's approved [engagement principles](#).

This is a public engagement process. All materials will be posted on the IESO website at <http://www.ieso.ca/Pages/Participate/Stakeholder-Engagement/Large-Renewable-Procurement-LRP-Engagement.aspx>. In addition, any information supplied by interested parties will be posted (with consent) to the designated engagement webpage.

The approach for this engagement initiative includes opportunities to provide input through various channels such as face-to-face meetings, webinars, information sessions, conference calls and/or written feedback. The IESO will consider all relevant input and illustrate how feedback was considered to shape the stated objectives.

The method to be used in Phase I (as outlined in section IV above) consists of:

- A public webinar to provide an overview of the LRP I process, including the IESO's engagement efforts throughout 2013 to 2015 which informed the program design
- An on-line survey to invite feedback to be considered for improvements to the LRP II process
- Targeted outreach with First Nation & Metis communities
- Posting of the responses from the on-line survey
- Posting of a summary of the feedback heard and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered for the planned LRP II process

The method for Phase II of this Engagement Plan will consist of:

- A webinar and other outreach efforts to provide an overview of the draft LRP II RFQ
- A comment period to provide written feedback on the proposed draft LRP II RFQ
- Industry association meetings and other possible one-on-one meetings
- First Nation and Métis outreach
- Posting of all written comments received (with consent)
- Posting of a summary of the feedback received and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered to finalize the LRP II RFQ

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The method for Phase III of this Engagement Plan will consist of:

- A webinar and other outreach efforts to provide an overview of the draft LRP II RFP
- A comment period to provide written feedback on the proposed draft LRP II RFP
- Industry association meetings and other possible one-on-one meetings
- First Nation and Métis outreach
- Meetings with Qualified Applicants from the LRP II RFQ
- Posting of all written comments received (with consent)
- Posting of a summary of the feedback received and the IESO's response on how that feedback was considered to finalize the LRP II RFP

VI. Engagement Schedule

Engagement Schedule	
Activity	Expected Date
Post and communicate draft Engagement Plan	February 26, 2016
Commence Phase I: Review of LRP I process	
Webinar to provide overview of LRP I and the draft Engagement Plan	March 2016
Launch on-line survey to seek input on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What worked well and what were some of the challenges in the LRP I process, and • Draft Engagement Plan for LRP II RFQ and RFP development 	March/April 2016
Targeted outreach with First Nation & Metis communities	March/April 2016
Survey to submit input on LRP I process and draft Engagement Plan closes	April 2016
IESO to summarize and respond to survey results related to the draft Engagement Plan – including how input was considered in final Engagement Plan	May 2016
Post final Engagement Plan	May 2016
Commence Phase II: Feedback on draft LRP II RFQ	
IESO post draft LRP II RFQ for review and comment, as well as a summary of survey results related to the LRP I RFQ and how that input was considered in the draft LRP II RFQ	June 2016
Webinar(s) to provide overview of draft LRP II RFQ	June 2016
Other outreach efforts as required	June/July 2016
Comments due on draft LRP II RFQ	June/July 2016
IESO to post and respond to feedback received – including how feedback was considered for final LRP II RFQ	Q3 2016

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Commence Phase III: Feedback on draft LRP II RFP	Following Completion of RFQ Process
IESO to post draft LRP II RFP for review and comment	Q1 2017
Webinar(s) to provide overview of draft LRP II RFP	Q1 2017
Other outreach efforts as required	Q1 2017
Comments due on draft LRP II RFP	Q2 2017
IESO to post and respond to feedback received – including how feedback was considered for final LRP II RFP	Q2 2017

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