

# Long-Term Request for Proposals

## Roadmap for Indigenous Communities

### Overview

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), as the planner and operator of Ontario's electricity system, has identified emerging needs for additional electricity resources in the coming years to help maintain reliability of the electricity system and support Ontario's economic growth and decarbonization efforts. The IESO will be launching a procurement process, the Long-Term Request for Proposals (LT RFP), for at least 1,000 MW of capacity. The procurement process is expected to conclude by winter 2023 so that these resources can begin delivering electricity between 2026 and 2028. This procurement process is taking a technology agnostic approach to addressing system needs, rather than acquiring specific fuel types. At its core, the LT RFP is acquiring the products and services that we need to meet Ontario's reliability obligations.

### Procurement

This procurement process will feature two main stages:

- Long-Term Request for Qualifications (LT1 RFQ): to ensure that the interested parties have the capability to undertake project development for the procurement. The LT1 RFQ will seek to evaluate applicants both on corporate experience and employee experience – Q2 2022
- Long-Term Request for Proposals (LT1 RFP): to evaluate and select the most competitive project proposals from pre-qualified proponents – Q1 2023

### Why IESO Engagement with Indigenous Communities is Important

Indigenous communities will be critical to the success of the procurement as they may be directly involved in the process, develop their own projects, and could be the host of a new facility.

Indigenous communities can expect to:

- Potentially receive correspondence from government ministries/agencies regarding the duty to consult for projects
- Potentially receive inquiries from developers about consultation and business participation and be asked to meet

- Be asked to host community meetings with project developers
- Receive inquiries from community members
- Receive information from the IESO to understand the process, their role, timelines, and opportunities for input in procurement design

## Engaging with Indigenous Communities

In addition to engaging regularly with energy sector participants, the success of the LT RFP will depend on outreach, engagement, and information sharing by the IESO to groups and communities outside the energy sector. Indigenous communities can expect to be engaged throughout this initiative in the following three phases:

- Phase 1 – Informing (awareness building) – April 2022
- Phase 2 – Engage (engagement/feedback) – April to Aug 2022
- Phase 3 – Support (in RFP process/developer inquiries) – August 2022 to January 2023

### Phase 1 – Inform (April 2022)

During the inform stage, the IESO will provide Indigenous communities with information about:

- emerging local and provincial electricity needs
- the LT-RFP process and the potential for projects involving Indigenous communities

Indigenous communities will also be asked to provide their initial perspectives to inform the RFP engagement.

### Phase 2: Engage (April to August 2022)

During the engage stage, the IESO will ensure that Indigenous communities are aware of how and when to participate in the procurement process. The IESO will seek input on:

- The design of the procurement process
- Information or support Indigenous communities may need through different stages of the RFP process
- Ways to streamline requests/enquiries for Indigenous communities with multiple projects/developers

### Phase 3: Support (September to December 2022)

During the support phase the IESO will provide information to Indigenous communities regarding the status of the LT RFP process, as well as:

- The list of qualified proponents identified via the LT1 RFQ
- Ensure clarity on requirements in the LT1 RFP associated with Indigenous communities (as informed by Phase 2)
- Provide information to Indigenous communities in support of inquiries from developers or community members (i.e. FAQs, etc.)