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Long-Term RFP Community Engagement Indigenous Discussion Session- April 12 & 19, 2022

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Following the Long-Term RFP Community Engagement Indigenous Breakout Discussion webinars held on April 12 and 19, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback as outlined during the presentation. A copy of the presentation as well as a recording of the session that includes an overview of the feedback request, can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by **May 10, 2022.**

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What questions do you have related to Ontario's emerging electricity needs? What more do you need to know about the procurement process?	There is poor or unsuitable electrical infrastructure within many First Nation communities. How will the procurement process ensure that all First Nation communities will have access to stable power supplies in their communities? Will each community have to lobby for themselves to have upgraded electrical infrastructure?

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<p>What additional Indigenous project participation opportunities should be considered in the procurement design?</p>	<p>Battery technology should be included. At present, globally, the focus is on lithium-ion batteries. Resources should include further research and development on battery types and resources. For example, sodium ion batteries appear to be the next stage of battery growth. Geothermal heating and cooling systems can be included to remove stress off the system, especially during summer where peak usage typically is due to air conditioning units for cooling.</p>
<p>What information will communities need to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • external inquiries (e.g. from potential proponents) • internal decision making processes (e.g. permitting) <p>What is the best way to deliver this information?</p>	<p>Funding resources that can help First Nation communities to build this infrastructure. Potential partners in developing this infrastructure. The best way to deliver this information is through our local Gimaa (Chief) to ensure that the specific individuals receive the information.</p>
<p>What constitutes Indigenous community support for a project? Are there additional considerations for the IESO?</p>	<p>With increased need for power resources and transmission, and the need is nearing a critical stage, there will be a need to have more training to have skilled workers to work in the industry safely. Increased training resources to promote green energy generation and transmission will need to be done to have qualified workers to work safely.</p>
<p>What information do communities need to effectively participate in this engagement?</p>	<p>One of the most important things that would help First Nation Communities participate is the time frame. We understand that Ontario's energy generation is nearing a critical point. First Nation infrastructure projects typically have a longer processing that could inevitably prevent First Nation participation.</p>
<p>What are the barriers to Indigenous engagement and participation in energy infrastructure procurements?</p>	<p>Funding resources are always an issue. First Nations are generally underfunded to take on such projects.</p>

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