

Feedback Form

LT2 RFP: Joint Session IESO, MECP and MNR

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Following the February 9, 2024, engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the items discussed. The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [LT RFP engagement web page](#).

Please submit feedback to engagement@ieso.ca by February 23, 2024.

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Please provide any general feedback to the IESO on what considerations need to be reflected in the LT2 Report Back on the procurement timelines and design to ensure efficient alignment with the proposed MNRF and MECP processes.

1. The IESO's procurements include specific provisions to enable and encourage the participation of Indigenous communities at a project level. Projects on Indigenous traditional territories are provided with a competitive advantage through the allocation of "points" through the evaluation of project proposals for those that have an Indigenous equity partner.

MNRF Renewable Energy Policy on Crown land encourages Indigenous economic benefit at the project level and stipulates that "Where the Ministry deems that the decision-making criteria in a provincial energy procurement process meets the Aboriginal community economic development objectives of this policy, the Ministry may utilize that provincial energy procurement process to implement this policy objective."

Can MNRF confirm that projects that are successful in competing in LT2 which have Indigenous equity partners will satisfy MNRF's Crown land policy objective with respect to Aboriginal community economic development?

2. A number of waterpower projects brought forward through previous procurements obtained "Applicant of Record" per MNRF's policy and many commenced or completed EA. As AoR was not revoked by MNRF, what is the status of these projects under MNRF's newly proposed predevelopment process?

3. Can you explain how "non-exclusive" access for predevelopment will become "exclusive" access through the IESO LT2 procurement process? What happens in the case that two proponents for the same project are successful in LT2's bifurcated procurement for long lead time assets? How will access become exclusive if the proponent isn't bidding into LT2 (e.g. OPG)?

4. Further to the above, the slide entitled "Renewable Energy on Crown Land Process" indicates that through the following steps in the "IESO/Public Lands Process", site access will become exclusive:

- Proponent submission of a Crown Land Site Report;
- MNRF Reviews CLSR and provides to IESO; and
- IESO reviews proposal and decides on contract offer.

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	<p>Much more information is required on the harmonization of this process with MNRF's posted Waterpower Site Release Crown Land Procedure (Procedure: PL 4.10.05). Will there be differences in IESO/MNRF processes between Direct Site Release, Non-Competitive Site Release and Competitive Site Release? Is MNRF intending to apply the same process steps and timelines within the procedure prior to or following IESO's contract offer and the resultant provision of exclusive access? Is MNRF currently structured/have the capacity to implement the existing Procedure? (e.g. Business Process Officer, Regional Renewable Energy Coordinator, District preparation of a "Site Information Package"), or is MNRF proposing to develop a new process as presumed in the procedure's introduction "For contracts secured after 2014 proponents should refer to the applicable procedural guidance specific to each IESO procurement initiative for any waterpower project proposal for Crown land under the PLA." If it is the latter, please provide details of the "applicable procedural specific guidance", including timelines and roles and responsibilities.</p>
<p>Please provide what additional details are needed to inform project siting, development, and timelines to ensure projects are in-service by 2030.</p>	<p>The OWA appreciates the IESO's work with line Ministries and has requested an opportunity for a more detailed briefing with the IESO and MNRF to ensure the alignment of the procurement and Crown land policies and processes for waterpower.</p>