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- 1) Can SCPPA provide the names of the interested utilities, preliminary MW target range, and start/finish dates for their respective study. **Anaheim is currently interested in pursuing this analysis and possibly another, smaller Member could choose to participate. There is no preset MW target range or start/finish date.**
- 2) Is there an overall SCPPA start/finish date for the program? **No preset overall start/finish date.**
- 3) It appears that the Consultant will work directly with each member utility using the contractual arrangement through SCPPA. Accordingly there would be an approved scope, schedule, and budget for the individual work for each utility. Please confirm. **Yes, on all points.**
- 4) Is there any scope of work directly with SCPPA that isn't included in a member's scope of work? **No.**
- 5) Is the intention of this RFP to comply with the AB327? **No.**
- 6) It is assumed that no "electric rate making or structuring" will be involved for any member agency under this RFP. **There will be no rate design, rate structure or rate re-structure work required or requested as part of this analysis.**
- 7) Reference Paragraph III.1 –the word "planner" means City's Planning Department? **No, "planner" refers to the Utility's Integrated Resource Planners.**
- 8) Reference paragraph IV.1.d – words "land use requirements and sound mitigation requirement" are not limited to engineering solutions or will involve or require discussion on Zoning or Conditional Use Permit or other permits? Please confirm that. **Yes, not limited to engineering solutions.**
- 9) Reference paragraph V.5c – can you elaborate on the "provide a commitment statement for the retention"? Do you mean keeping assignment to the project if they are still employed with the company or something else? **No, the retention statement is a request for a demonstration of Respondent's commitment to retain the key employees who are referenced in a proposal as being responsible for the work that the Respondent is selected for.**
- 10) Reference Paragraph V.1.a.i) Statement of work specifications. Is this the Consultant's proposed scope of work? **Yes.**
- 11) Reference Paragraph V.4. – We believe a fee schedule that outlines labor category and respective rate plus expense policy would be the most appropriate approach to invoicing. Is this approach satisfactory, and if not, what is the requested invoicing structure? **Yes. This is appropriate.**

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- 12) Reference VII.3. What is the SCPPA approach to combining proposals? Is this an approach to award two or more consultant contracts to cover the interests of the members? We assume one Consultant's activities would not be comingled with another or be dependent on another Consultant's activity. **Yes, it would be possible to hire more than 1 firm or individual to perform various tasks or "pieces" of the work. It is also possible in such a scenario that one contractor could be reliant on the work of another – but SCPPA and the Participating Member(s) would be responsible to coordinate such dependent work efforts.**
- 13) Reference VII.12. Please explain SCPPA's how a performance security requirement would be applied by SCPPA? **An example could be a bonding requirement that provides surety to Member(s) of work completion, if not by the contracted Respondent then by someone else –should the contracted Respondent fail to perform tasks/responsibilities.**
- 14) For resources estimate purpose – what is the maximum number of SCPPA member agencies consulting firm will work concurrently under this RFP? **There is no maximum number of possible participating Members.**
- 15) What is the probability of working concurrently for 4 or more member agencies or LADWP and IID during the same time frame? **There is limited probability of 4 or more Members participating at any one time. LADWP and IID would determine their own need for similar own analyses that would be separate and distinct – but it is unanticipated at this time. There is a potential for another Member, smaller than Anaheim, to consider developing a similar study for their municipality in the future.**
- 16) Section III. Areas of Interest: Is there an estimate of the number of SCPPA Member Cities that are expecting to participate in this analysis? **No. (see above)**
- 17) Which SCPPA Members are expected to participate? **Anaheim and possibly another, smaller Member.**
- 18) Section III. 1. Comprehensive Analysis: Do the SCPPA Member Cities that will be participating in this analysis have any preferences or restrictions on the type of modeling software that the consultant will use to conduct the DG analysis? **There are no preferences or restrictions.**
- 19) Section III. 2. Analysis Criteria: Will these DG projects be third party owned or city owned? **DG Projects could be owned by a third party, but most likely city-owned.**
- 20) Will SCPPA consider IPP projects that will sell electricity to SCPPA member city as well as wholesale market? **No, we not considering IPP projects at this time.**
- 21) Section IV. 1.a. Possible Sites: 1.a. states "Sites within the Member City's distribution system that will support various DG technologies." If a member owns and operates transmission and/or sub-transmission systems, will these facilities be included in the site comparison analysis? **Only distribution level systems will be included.**
- 22) What system voltages will be included in this analysis? **Specific voltage levels have not been determined.**

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- 23) Section IV. 1.d. Considerations: Will this study require load analysis for each distribution node on 24/7 x 365 days for intermittent generation alternatives? **Yes. Distribution node load analysis is required for intermittent generation.**
- 24) Does SCPPA have access to natural gas supply line data in their territory for gas fired plant to do gas capacity and pressure analysis or will this be the responsibility of the consultant to research this? **No, SCPPA does not have natural gas line data and if needed would be the responsibility of consultant.**
- 25) Section IV. 1.e. Validation of Recommendations: Over what time period will the DG vs. central generation alternatives be validated? **The proposed DG projects could be incremental and may come on-line over a period spread across 2-4 years. However, the time period has not yet been specified or finalized, and SCPPA is willing to consider reasonable suggestions for inclusion to the study.**
- 26) Section IV. 1.f. Cost Analysis: Will the Member Cities that are participating in this study provide the necessary historical data and the criteria or guidelines for calculating their forecasted transmission service charges? **Participants may not be able to provide historical data, but can supply guidelines for calculating.**
- 27) Section V. 4. Fees: Since the scope is still to be determined, can you please clarify the pricing approach that is to be used by bidders? Is this a fixed price bid proposal or do we provide hourly rates only? **Both ... Pricing should include a total fixed cost, but should be justified as described in Section V.4.**
- 28) Which utilities will be involved? **At this time Anaheim and possibly one other, smaller utility.**
- 29) Will SCCPA provide information on potential sites for each municipality? **No**
- 30) Will SCCPA provide detailed distribution system data – current state and planned expansion? **As is available**
- 31) Will SCCPA provide detailed information on the existing fuel supply infrastructure? **No**
- 32) What time period are we looking at? 5-10-15 years out? **Most likely 2-4 year spread**
- 33) Is SCCPA seeking detailed modeling of options for each utility and potential site or is a higher level assessment envisioned? **Modeling is expected, as is deemed necessary by Respondent**
- 34) Will the study include a detailed assessment of how reliability metrics are expected to change as a result of alternative resource additions, e.g. CPS1 and CPS2 metrics and/or probability of outages on distribution circuits? **Most likely, yes**
- 35) For cases with potential synergies in the use of steam or hot water, will SCCPA provide information on existing industrial/commercial users of steam and hot water within the respective municipalities? **No**
- 36) Is there a budget for this work? **Undefined** As written, the scope could entail substantial costs. **Agreed**

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- 37) Is this an SCPPA study? Or a template for working with each member who chooses to participate? **A template for working with each member who chooses to participate**
- 38) Will one supplier be chosen for all members? **Possibly, but not required**
- 39) Is there a timeline for the entire scope? **There is no set start or stop date** Or will member cities have specific timelines they are targeting? **Yes, this would be expected to eventually be determined**
- 40) Are there specific suppliers and/or service organizations with which respondents will need to coordinate...e.g. pre-existing relationships that will need to be incorporated in the project plan(s)? **None at this time**
- 41) Are specific distribution analysis tools and databases expected to be used for distribution system feasibility assessments? **No preferences or restrictions**
- 42) Would performing the study preclude other related businesses from offering products & services for the solutions? **Expecting that any related procurement would be through a competitive process, this is not seen to be a conflict. But, Respondents should not be reliant solely on proprietary or related products/services to meet the DG resource needs of Participating Member(s)**
- 43) Would the prospect of fully integrated solutions be a positive factor? **Integrated solutions can be valuable but will be assessed on a case by case basis.**
- 44) Are there Minority Business requirements? **No requirements, but minority businesses will receive proper consideration.**
- 45) Will there be a cutoff date for questions? **Yes, February 16, 2015 - 1 week prior to the Response due date of February 23, 2015.**
- 46) Would winners of the current RFP be precluded from bidding on projects (or offering proposals) that would result from the consultation? **No, as stated above, Expecting that any related procurement would be through a competitive process, this is not seen to be a conflict.**
- 47) Will there be a DBE requirement within a prime proposal if you are not a DBE? **As stated in in Section VIII.5, "Respondents shall take reasonable steps (emphasis added) to ensure that all available business enterprises," ... including DBEs ... "have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in the work being requested by this RFP." There is no requirement for the primary Respondent to be a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise**
- 48) On the top of page 2 of the RFP, demand-side resources are mentioned. With respect to the services requested in this RFP, does SCPPA make a distinction between distributed generation and demand-side resources? **Yes, distributed generation is distinct and different than demand-side resources, including load shifting technologies referenced above.**

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- 49) How much capacity does each utility want? **Undefined** And are capacity and distribution level reliability the only considerations? **No** How about load shifting? **Possibly, yes**
- 50) What's the objective function (priorities) for the recommendations? Are you interested in the cheapest solutions, the best carbon mitigation solutions, the solutions that can be sited in urban areas the easiest, the solutions that insulate you best from fuel price volatility, the technologies that can best integrate with the rest of your portfolio, and/or the ability to leverage private capital? **A balance of all of the above**
- 51) How much do you want to investigate demand side resources, as it's mentioned early on but not so much in the detailed tasks? **Possibly** For instance, are you interested in exploring load shifting using irrigation or other loads? **Possibly** And how would you want to compare that to new generation? **Typically compared against alternative resources with "least cost-best fit" protocol.** How do you want to compare storage with new generation, as storage does not supply you with new capacity? **Storage may provide a capacity offset, and would typically be compared to generation as referenced immediately above**
- 52) How the projects will enhance reliability - what level of detailed analysis do you want? It doesn't sound like you want the distribution system modeled - maybe just a high-level overview of how various technologies impact distribution system reliability? **Modeling is expected, as deemed appropriate by Respondent.**
- 53) What's the timeframe for procuring these technologies? **Most likely 2-4 year spread** This impacts cost projections and potential changes to interconnection standards.
- 54) Only Imperial Irrigation District and LA are Balancing Authorities. How important is integration of variable energy resources to those utilities that are not Balancing Authorities? **Very important**