

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

RFP – Power System Modeling and Long-term Planning – National Electricity Transmission Company (Uzbekistan)

QUESTION: Has USEA established a budget ceiling for this project?

ANSWER: No, no award ceiling has been established for this project. Bidders should submit their best financial offers.

QUESTION: Is this RFP open to all or only to US consultants?

ANSWER: This competition is open to U.S. **and** international consultants with the exception of those who are subject to OFAC regulations (<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>) and those who are barred from working with the U.S. Government (a full list can be found on the System for Award Management, <https://sam.gov/SAM/>).

QUESTION: We are considering submitting a proposal with another company as our subcontractor. We have a DUNS number and active SAM registration. Will that arrangement be acceptable?

ANSWER: Yes. Only the signatory to the subcontract agreement with USEA must have current SAM registration.

QUESTION: Can the consulting team include full-time staff from the regional Coordinating Dispatch Center (CDC) Energia? In our opinion, there is no conflict of interest between CDC Energia and NETC.

ANSWER: We strongly discourage such teaming arrangement. While CDC Energia is an international, non-state organization operating separately from Uzbekistan's NETC, we are aware that CDC and NETC staff cooperate closely on a regular basis. In our opinion, due to that close relationship teaming up with CDC staff might constitute an unfair advantage and will create an impression of impropriety.

QUESTION: Will screen shots of our DUNS and SAM accounts be considered sufficient proof?

ANSWER: Please ensure that your DUNS number is included in the cover letter, no other proof is necessary. A screen shot of your SAM registration will be sufficient.

QUESTION: The RFP states that "Training sessions and webinars shall be delivered in the Russian language." Is simultaneous translation an option or will Russian-speaking trainers be required?

ANSWER: Simultaneous translation is an acceptable option. Please ensure that simultaneous translation costs are included in your financial offer.

QUESTION: Will the base case static model of the transmission grid of the National Electricity Transmission Company in PowerFactory be provided for the winning bidder? If this is the case, should this model be updated by any actual/additional/collected data or should the base case model be considered complete and any model refining work considered out of the scope of this project?

ANSWER: We will make every effort to provide the base case static model of the NETC network, but we cannot guarantee it. If the model becomes available, the consultant will be expected to update it with relevant collected data.

QUESTION: What voltage levels of networks should be considered in the target dynamic and prospective models? Should we only consider 220-500kV networks or should 110kV network also be included?

ANSWER: The models will need to include 220-500kV networks and backbone 110kV network.

QUESTION: Will the PowerFactory CAPS model (or dynamic equivalents of the neighboring countries' systems) be provided or will they need to be developed? Or will the model of Uzbekistan be developed for island operation (without taking into account connections to the neighboring countries' systems)?

ANSWER: The models will be developed in an integrated mode. A limited CAPS model will be provided.