

RFP – Data & Systems Strategic Planning Services

Questions & Responses

#	Question	Response
1	Page 1 – Section 2 – Project Background Will the earlier vendor who made the Strategic Plan for Data and Systems also bid on this RFP? Often a company that has worked on the system earlier is precluded from bidding on the derivative or subsequent work.	CPA cannot forecast who will submit Proposals for this RFP.
2	Would CPA also be looking for Software Evaluation and Selection services for new Software Purchases?	RFP Attachment A (Scope of Services) sets forth the Services that are in scope for this RFP.
3	Does CPA have a proposed budget for the project? If so, can you share it with us?	CPA expects that Proposers will identify the approach necessary to complete the Services in their Proposals. The Proposal should inform the level of effort necessary to complete each Deliverable. CPA expects that the price to perform the work to be commensurate with the level of effort necessary to complete each Deliverable.
4	Section 5 – Pricing. Just to confirm, vendor can quote either hourly rates for its Personnel or Fixed cost Pricing.	RFP Section 5 (Pricing) indicates that the compensation structure can include (i) fixed price or (ii) hourly rates, in which case the Proposer(s) must specify the rate increments for each professional who will or is anticipated to perform services outlined herein, and a not-to-exceed amount.
5	Attachment A - Scope of Work – Is Clean Power Alliance open to hybrid work model (remote/ onsite), remote or is the vendor needed to be onsite for the project?	PA expects this body of work to be completed remotely.
6	Attachment A _ Scope of Work. The timelines proposed by CPA are quite aggressive. Could CPA share if these timelines are very firm?	RFP Attachment A (Scope of Services) sets forth the anticipated project timelines.
7	Also given the aggressive timelines, Can CPA commit to responding to Contractor queries within 48 hours?	CPA will provide a comprehensive brief containing specific details to the selected Proposer(s).



8	Is there any preference for small business, woman owned, minority owned business or DBE?	Pursuant to Proposition 209, Clean Power Alliance does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. However, Clean Power Alliance encourages minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and local businesses to respond to solicitations.
9	Appendix – Personnel, Will CPA also look for Recruitment efforts from qualified vendors?	Please review CPA’s response to Question 2.
10	We read the Report prepared by the earlier vendor. Are discussions/ visits with SCE and other utilities, expected as part of the project?	Please review CPA’s response to Question 2.
11	For Current State Assessment, will the contractor be given access to the systems with a read only view to determine the functionality implemented?	CPA will conduct a technical briefing with the selected Proposer(s).
12	How will CPA provide access to document repository to enable the contractor to fulfill its obligations?	Please review CPA’s response to Question 7.
13	What topics should be addressed in this deliverable? Task #3 Anticipated Deliverables: 1. Data & Systems Roadmap, including time for CPA review and approval of iterations if necessary.	CPA expects that Proposers will identify the approach necessary to complete the Services in their Proposals. The Proposal should inform the level of effort necessary to complete each Deliverable.
14	For Tasks 2 and 3, is the CPA open to a weekly progress review?	Please review CPA’s response to Question 5.
15	For Task 1 please specify the depth to which we should cover as your timeline is very aggressive.	CPA expects that Proposers will identify the approach necessary to complete the Services in their Proposals. The Proposal should inform the level of effort necessary to complete each Deliverable.
16	For Point 4 under Task 1 can CPA provide a comprehensive list of systems? 4. CPA licensed or developed software and systems, including but not limited to, Energy Trading and Risk Management platform custom built on AWS), Adapt2 Settlements software, Quickbooks, Bill.com invoice management and payment system, Plexos, Salesforce CRM, etc.	Please review CPA’s response to Question 7.
17	How many CPA staff will the contractor have to deal with?	CPA’s Data & Systems team will serve as the primary point of contact.

