

# **FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities**

## **RFP for 2020 Ohio Compliant Renewable Energy Credits**

### **Attachment 1: Communication Protocols**

#### **Communications Protocols between Proposers and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities / RFP Manager Guidehouse Inc. (“Guidehouse”)**

This RFP includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities or Guidehouse, and Proposers. A Proposer is restricted from making contacts (e.g., oral, written or electronic communication) which a reasonable person would infer as an attempt to unduly influence the award, denial, or amendment of a contract from issuance of the RFP through final award and approval of the resulting PSA(s) to any FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities staff or the RFP Manager, other than as designated herein.

FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities reserves the right to modify any dates stated below at its sole discretion and accepts no liability to the extent the actual schedule is different from the anticipated schedule. In the event a change is made to the RFP Schedule, a revised schedule will be posted on the RFP website.

#### **The following communications channels are available for all Proposers:**

- **RFP Website:** The RFP Manager has established a website located at <http://www.FEOhioRECRFP.com> that will be the primary source of information for the RFP. Prospective Proposers are encouraged to use this website for current information of this RFP and to access all RFP documents. The Contact Us section of the website provides a means for all stakeholders, including prospective Proposers, to either ask a question or register to receive announcements directly from the RFP Manager via email.
- **RFP Email Address:** Questions about the RFP should be submitted via email to [manager@FEOhioRECRFP.com](mailto:manager@FEOhioRECRFP.com) on or before the FAQ Deadline of October 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM EPT. Responses to questions will be posted anonymously on the FAQs section of the RFP Web site, located at: <http://www.FEOhioRECRFP.com>, on October 30, 2020. FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities will not post the identity of the party who submitted the question. While the RFP Manager and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities will review and attempt to answer all questions in good faith, the RFP Manager and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities reserve the right not to answer any question.
- **RFP Overview Webinar:** On October 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM ET, Guidehouse, with FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities, will conduct a Webinar to describe the RFP process and key terms of the PSA. Guidehouse and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities will answer questions

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raised at this Webinar to the extent possible. Presentation materials and Q&A from the Webinar will be posted to the RFP Web site on or prior to October 30, 2020. Instructions for joining the RFP Overview Webinar will be posted on the “Documents” section of the RFP Web site, located at: <http://www.FEOhioRECRFP.com>.

- **Confidentiality**: The RFP Manager and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities will take reasonable precautions and efforts to maintain the confidentiality of Proposer’s Proposal. Proposers should clearly identify each page of information that the RFP Manager and FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities should consider to be confidential or proprietary. Regardless of such markings, confidential information may be subject to review by the PUCO, or other governmental authority or judicial body relating to these matters and may be subject to legal discovery. Under such circumstances, FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities will make all reasonable efforts to protect Proposer’s confidential information.
  
- **Additional Information**: The RFP Manager may, but is not obligated to, request additional information and materials from any Proposer for evaluation of its Proposal. Information submitted by a Proposer absent a request by the RFP Manager which is not in the nature of a correction or clarification to the Proposal will not be considered. If any information in a Proposal is no longer valid or true, prior to selection, Proposer shall immediately notify the RFP Manager of changed information. Failure to provide such notification or respond to a request for additional information and materials by the RFP Manager, may result in disqualification of Proposer’s Proposal. The RFP Manager shall have no obligation to inform any Proposer of any deficiency in its Proposal.