

Proposal 1

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General Qualifications met (Yes/No)	
Y	Proof of site control
Y	Project has viable financial plan
Y	Developer meets credit requirements.
Y	For new generating resources, a major component procurement plan is in place
Y	Project meets transmission and interconnection requirements
Y	Proposal is well-formed, was submitted on time, and generally provides requested information

Note: A No response for any of these will result in dismissal from the evaluation.

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1. Risk Management (15%)

Score Comment

Credit Requirements

0		No Deduction	An investment grade credit rating of at least BBB- is required for the bidder
		-15	If the bidder is not rated by Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's, a guaranty from an investment grade parent company/credit support provider will be considered.
		-30	Absent an investment grade rating, the bidder or its parent company/credit support provider will be asked to provide collateral in the form of a letter of credit, a cash deposit, or another form of collateral acceptable to Avista .

Note: Credit rating utilized will be the lower of the long term, unsecured and unsubordinated debt ratings assigned by either Standard & Poor's or Moody's.

Financial Performance

0		No Deduction	Either the project is constructed; or will be balance sheet financed; or the project has secured a power purchase agreement (PPA) financing and Bidder can verify that such financing has been secured.
		-10	Project needs to secure PPA financing. The Bidder has experience obtaining financing for at least 1 project of similar technology and capacity.
		-25	Project needs to secure PPA financing. The Bidder has experience obtaining financing for at least 1 project of any technology and capacity.
		-50	None of the above.

Project Development Experience in the United States

0		No Deduction	The Bidder has completed 2 or more projects of similar technology and capacity.
		-10	The Bidder has completed 2 or more projects of any technology and capacity (wholesale generation).
		-25	The Bidder Team (not Bidder entity) has only one project of similar technology and capacity; or begun construction of at least one other similar project.
		-40	The Bidder Team (not Bidder entity) has completed at least one project of any technology and capacity (wholesale generation); or begun construction of at least one other similar project.
		-50	None of the above.

100 Total

3. Price Risk (5%)

Score Comment

Long-term Price Risk

0		No Deduction	Fixed price over contract term (fixed escalator is acceptable).
		Up to -50	Cost based pricing without price cap. Deduction based on assessment of potential price increase.
		-50 times % of price at index	PPA tied to an index or other inflationary scale.
		Up to -50	Pricing is subjected to the natural gas market.

Energy Variability Risk

0		Up to -10	Fixed price with variable energy risk is scored based on the proportion of the fixed cost as a percentage of the total project cost.
		Up to -10	Variable energy with a price per MWh is scored based upon the expected annual variation in generation.

Construction Risk

0		Up to -20	Construction Risk is scored based upon the percentage of estimated construction costs that are not known as a proportion of the total cost of the project.
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Fuel supply risk

0		No Deduction	Bidder demonstrates that the resource can support the production profile. For example:
			Geothermal: Based on results of test wells, verified third party resource assessment or comparable facilities in the region.
			Wind: Based on meteorological tower data, verified third party resource or in-house assessment or comparable facilities in the region.
			Biomass: Sufficient quantities of fuel stock under control or contract for a minimum of five years.
			Solar: Based on verified third party resource assessment.
			Hydro: Based on either BPA, Power Pool, or other long-term assessment
			Natural Gas: Need to show adequate fuel transportation supply
			Demand Response: Aggregated loads available to be curtailed
			Other: Demonstrate adequate source of supply.
		-40	None of the above. Minus 40 points.

100 Total

4. Electric Risk Factors (20%)**Score** **Comment****Interconnection Evaluation Criteria**

0		Up to -50	Interconnection Phase One or Feasibility Study not started.
		Up to -30	Interconnection Phase One or Feasibility Study completed, but Phase Two or System Impact Study not started.
		Up to -20	Interconnection Facilities Study not started.
		Up to -10	In LGIA negotiations or Facilities Study in progress.
		No Deduction	LGIA completed

Transmission Service Evaluation Criteria

0		Up to -50	Lack of firm transmission to Avista's system. Minus 50 points or less if it is reasonably likely that firm transmission can be secured without major cost implications.
		-50 to -100	Lack of non-firm transmission to Avista's system. Minus 100 points or less if it is reasonably likely that non-firm transmission can be secured without major cost implications. The deduction cannot be reduced below 50 points unless there is a likelihood that firm transmission can be secured.
		Up to -100	Project connects to Avista but is on constrained path (see "transmission table" in RFP). Minus up to 100 points depending on solutions to resolve path constraints.

Commercial Readiness of Technology

0		No Deduction	Proposal will use commercialized technology that is currently in use at a minimum of two utility scale operating facilities without significant operational issues or demand response programs. Minus 0 points.
		-10	The proposal will use key components of commercialized technology, but in an application that has not yet been commercially proven .
		-20	The proposal will not use commercialized technology, but the project feasibility is supported by a third-party independent engineer's report that verifies the cost and performance .
		-75	Technology might be commercially feasible and such feasibility has not been verified by a third-party independent engineer.
		Removal	Technology not commercially feasible. Potential for removal from evaluation.

Major Component Procurement Process

0		No Deduction	Major components have been procured.
		Up to -10	Bidder has provided financial assurance to or has a fully executed frame agreement with the major component suppliers.
		Up to -20	Bidder will be required to provide a letter of credit, other credit support, or a signed PPA in order to complete the major component supply agreements.
		Up to -75	The major components are subject to foreign adversary supply chain risk or at significant risk of increased US import tariffs.

100 Total

5. Environmental Factors (15%)**Score** **Comment****SEPA/CUP Permitting**

0		No Deduction	Bidder has a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and all other permits required to construct and/or operate the project.
		-10	SEPA/CUP filed and pending approval.
		Up to -50	Brownfield sites requiring additional permits. Deduction based on analysis of probability of completion.
		Up to -50	SEPA/CUP not yet filed. Projects may receive partial credit if similar projects have received permits in a timeline acceptable to meet the requirements of this RFP. This includes projects that have completed some of the applicable studies (Studies pertaining to the following categories: Avian, Bat, Wetlands, Habitat, Cultural, Visual, Microwave, FAA, Air emissions, or others).
		Up to -100	No permitting begun.

100 Total

6. Social and Community (5%)**Score** **Comment****Community Support and Engagement**

0			Demonstrate that engagement efforts for the project have gained local support (e.g. public meetings, letter(s) of support from local government or project neighbors) in an effort to avoid project delays and align with community interests.
		ADD up to 25	
		ADD up to 15	Partial demonstration of community support.

Economic, Social Benefits

0		ADD 10	Proposals that will deliver additional benefits (increased tax base, economic impact due to lodging, local suppliers, food service, etc.) and the developer has plans to ensure benefits associated with project during development and construction will be fairly distributed among community members.
0		ADD 10	Experience with contracting with local workforce and a commitment to hire and train local residents as part of the construction and operation of the project. This may include pay above prevailing wages, competitive benefits, and paid training/tuition reimbursement
0		ADD 5	Developer intends on seeking out and using diverse businesses for supplies or contracts including women-, minority-, disabled- and veteran-owned organizations and businesses.

Other Community and Regional Impacts

0		ADD 25	Energy resiliency and security – Projects within the service territory
		ADD 15	Energy resiliency and security – Project outside the service territory but in WA and ID
		ADD 5	Energy resiliency and security – Project not in service territory but directly connected

Environmental & Health Benefits

0		ADD up to 15	Project has a neutral or positive outdoor air quality impact in a named community.
0		ADD up to 10	Project does not pose a potential localized environmental risk to a named community.