

Vermont Public Service Department

Renewable Energy Standard Technical Analysis RFP – Responses to Questions

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The Department of Public Service provides in this document responses to questions it received related to its [Request for Proposals](#) for “Technical Analysis of a 100% Renewable or Clean Energy Standard Requirement for Vermont Distribution Utilities..

1. On page 2, Section 1.6, the Department lists a not to exceed contract value of \$200,000. Understanding that some optional tasks are not included in this contract value, does the Department have flexibility to award a contract above \$200,000; or is it a hard cap for the required tasks?

There is flexibility to award a contract above \$200,000 for the optional task described in Section 2.3.5, to conduct an analysis of the econometric impacts to the economy. Total cost for all other tasks must fall below the \$200,000 maximum.

2. On page 16, Section 4.5.2, the Department lists evaluation criteria. Are these listed in order of importance? Additionally, if available, can the Department share the weighting of each evaluation criterion?

The evaluation criteria are not necessarily listed in order of importance. Proposals will be reviewed in their totality, and tradeoffs between different criteria will be made based on the specifics of the proposal.

3. Regarding the registration requirements referenced on page 16, Section 4.8.1, if a bidder is registered for payroll and has a withholding tax number in Vermont – is that sufficient to meet the tax registration requirements?

Below is the relevant section of the RFP with links for how to register:

4.8. CONTRACT TERMS: The selected bidder(s) will be expected to sign a contract with the State, including the Standard Contract Form and Attachment C as attached to this RFP for reference.

4.8.1. Business Registration. To be awarded a contract by the State of Vermont a bidder (except an individual doing business in his/her own name) must be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State’s office <https://sos.vermont.gov/corporations/registration/> and must obtain a Contractor’s Business Account Number issued by the Vermont Department of Taxes <http://tax.vermont.gov/>.

Following the links, registration with the Secretary of State and then registration for a business tax account allows Employer Withholding Tax as one of the options, (plus many other miscellaneous taxes), so a business tax withholding number means the business is registered with the state.