

SDG&E 2017 RA RFP

Questions & Answers

1. Question: Would XX MW of Local RA in YYY service territory be of interest in SDG&E's RA solicitation?

Answer: Yes, if your resource meets the conformance requirements listed in the RFP Protocols your proposal will be evaluated vs. the other proposals based on the evaluation criteria and depending on the outcome of the evaluation, it may be selected to optimally fulfill SDG&E's RA needs. SDG&E's service territory is located within the San Diego-IV local area. Resources located in other areas will be considered as System RA.

2. Question: The initial email looked like it contained a typo stating the bids and pre-bid conference were in 2015. Did you mean 2016?

Answer: Correct

3. Question: Are respondents offering Import RA required to propose any edits to the Import RA Confirmation Template as part of their Proposals? Last year SDG&E did not require this.

Answer: All redlines are due with their proposals. Per Section 6.0 Evaluation Criteria, markups to the confirm may be taken into consideration when evaluating bids from a qualitative standpoint and SDG&E discourages significant markups.

For SDG&E's 2016 RA RFO, the import confirm was published later in the RFP cycle. However, there is sufficient time in the 2017 RA RFP for respondents to review and propose redlines.

4. Question: I was unable to make the bidder's conference, is there a recoding available?

Answer: Yes, both the presentation and recording are posted on the RFP website under the pre-bid conference section.

5. Question: Is the DBE status of a respondent a consideration in the evaluation?

Answer: SDG&E strongly encourages Women, Minority, and Disabled Veteran Business Entities (WMDVBEs) to bid in this RFO but WMDVBE status does not create a preference in the evaluation process.

6. Question: Is SDG&E going to post the exact quantities of each product needed?

Answer: No.

7. Question: Has SDG&E taken into consideration all Advice Letters, resolutions, and decisions into your RA portfolio and need?

Answer: Yes, SDG&E is taking into consideration all approved and pending advice letters, resolutions and decisions into its RA portfolio and need.

8. Question: Is SDG&E willing to purchase RA from a solar or wind plant?

Answer: Yes, SDG&E is purchasing the NQC and EFC of the facility regardless of the facility type.

9. Question: I haven't used PowerAdvocate before, how do I register?

Answer: Please see section 9.0 for details on how to register and follow up by email if there are any issues.

10. Question: Is it possible to get a list of the entities that were on the conference call?

Answer: SDG&E cannot post or distribute the attendee list for pre-bidders conferences

11. Question: Please provide further clarification regarding the requirement that the Respondent have a contractual right to the capacity product. Does this mean that aggregators should have already signed up customers for this program or another program prior to submitting their bid? Please provide further clarification regarding the requirement that the resource have obtained a valid CAISO Resource ID number at the time of bidding. Are aggregators who intend to enroll customers and then register them as an aggregated resource with the CAISO in the future disqualified from bidding?

Answer: At this time there is no requirement for respondents who wish to sell RA to SDG&E from a PDR/RDRR to have customers signed up prior to submitting an offer. However, the resource **must** be able to be included in SDG&E's year-ahead showing, and therefore must have a resource ID by the time you submit your offer.

- 12. Question:** Are mutually inclusive offers to sell across multiple units allowed? Example: Calendar Year offer for Unit 1 and Calendar Year offer for Unit 2 cannot be accepted unless they are both taken. If this scenarios is allowed, would the bidder need to have two “Unit Description” tabs and two “Product” tabs in the offer form, and then specify in the comment section for each bid that the offers are mutually inclusive?

Answer: Yes, mutually inclusive offers are allowed. Please fill out two “Unit Description” tabs and two “Product” tabs and note that they are mutually inclusive. If this is the case, it is important to also note the minimum capacity SDG&E is required to select from each unit for the mutual inclusivity.

- 13. Question:** For resources that are not in the San Diego-IV local area, could you clarify if SDGE will consider system pricing only and not pricing for the local area the resource is located in?

Answer: SDG&E will select bids based on least-cost-best-fit to optimize SDG&E’s Resource Adequacy Requirement (“RAR”). The RAR is optimized on a per product basis. For a resource to satisfy SDG&E’s RAR for local product it must be in the “San Diego-IV” sub area as listed on the CAISO’s NQC list:

<http://www.caiso.com/Documents/NetQualifyingCapacityList-2017.xlsx>

In short, if your resource is not in the San Diego-IV sub area, SDG&E will evaluate this resource as a system resource.

- 14. Question:** Would SDG&E be willing to accept a resource that doesn’t have a resource ID by September 1 but will have one when the final NQC list comes out October 1?

Answer: No, please see the conformance requirements on page 7 of the RFP protocols.

- 15. Question:** For a resource to be evaluated as local, must it bid all 12 months? What about for System RA?

Answer: SDG&E prefers resources that will bid in as local to offer all 12 months, but the resource doesn’t need to bid the same capacity every month. SDG&E did not make bidding all 12 month an eligibility requirement in the RFP protocols. SDG&E notes that the local RA capacity for the year-ahead showing for a resource will be capped at its August NQC value.

This is not a requirement for System resources.

- 16. Question:** Are residential aggregators eligible for this RFO? Would you be willing to accept weather sensitive loads as DR resources?

Answer: Yes, residential aggregators are eligible and SDG&E is willing to accept DR offers associated with weather sensitive loads.

17. Question: Does SDG&E have dispatch rights?

Answer: No. Please see the RA confirm templates to ascertain what rights SDG&E requires.

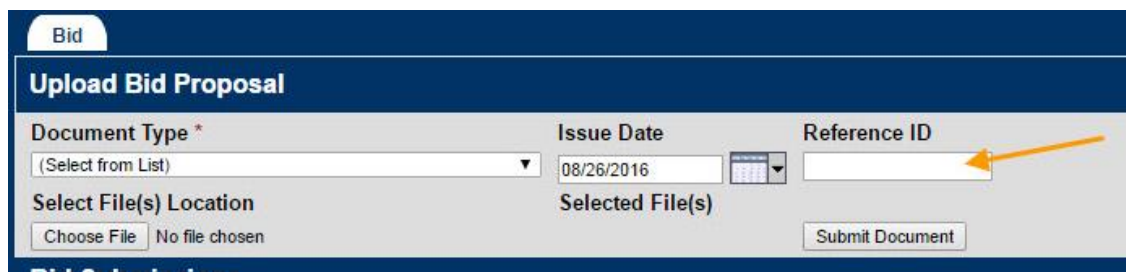
18. Question: Is this RFO subject to Rule 32 and the e-signature process for data authorization?

Answer: Yes. PDR/RDRRs are subject to Rule 32 in SDG&E's territory or Rule 24 in PG&E or SCE's service territories.

19. Question: Does the bidder have to hire an SC?

Answer: Yes, all resources that bid into the CAISO need an SC. At this time, SDG&E is not interested in providing SC services for third party resources for this RA RFP. Also, SDG&E will not reimburse for SC costs, respondents should bid their all in price.

20. Question: Do I need to enter a Reference ID in PowerAdvocate?

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Upload Bid Proposal" within a "Bid" tab. The form has several input fields: "Document Type" with a dropdown menu showing "(Select from List)", "Issue Date" with a date field containing "08/26/2016" and a calendar icon, and "Reference ID" with an empty text box. Below these are "Select File(s) Location" with a "Choose File" button and "No file chosen" text, and "Selected File(s)" with a "Submit Document" button. An orange arrow points to the "Reference ID" field.

Answer: No, this is an optional field in PowerAdvocate that is not being used in this RFP.