

PURA RFP #2022-04 Clarifying Question Responses

1. Are Participants required to disclose only active engagements or are they required to disclose potential conflicts for historical work that is no longer active? If the latter, what is the time period required for disclosure?
 - a. **Disclosure of active engagements, assignments, relationships, or employment is sufficient. However, the Authority would appreciate disclosure of engagements that concluded within the past 24 months.**
2. Are Participants that work for other CT state agencies prohibited from bidding?
 - a. **Participants working for other CT State agencies are not prohibited from bidding, but any such contracts should be disclosed in accordance with the RFP and the answer to Question 1. The Authority will weigh such engagements in evaluating bids.**
3. If the Participant has done work for the CT Green Bank are they prohibited from participating in this Request for Proposal?
 - a. **Participants that have previously worked for the CT Green Bank are not prohibited from bidding, but any such contracts should be disclosed in accordance with Question 1. The Authority will weigh such engagements in evaluating bids.**
4. What period of time does the maximum statutory payment of \$200,000 per proceeding apply to? From the execution of the consultant retention agreement after the selection of the NWS Process Monitor Selection through the filing of the documents that will comprise the Process Manual (by June 1, 2024), or the NWS Process Cycle launch in Q1 2025, or some other date?
 - a. **The maximum statutory payment of \$200,000 applies to the scope of work included in the RFP. When finalizing the consultant retention agreement with the selected organization, the Authority may include a specific end date, which would, at a minimum, cover the following corrected schedule.**
 - i. Initiation Phase (Q1 2023-June 1, 2024)
 1. PURA to hire Process Monitor;
 2. Process Monitor to coordinate kick-off meeting to create a workplan for the remainder of the Initiation Phase; c. Process Monitor to establish monthly stakeholder meeting schedule.
 - ii. June 1, 2024
 1. All NWS Process final materials including all of the Process Initiation Phase documents and other required information enumerated in Section II.A.2 of the Process Design Document Appendix A), shall be submitted in Docket Nos. 17-12-03RE07 and 24-08-08.
 - iii. Q1 2025
 1. NWS Process Cycle 1 launch;
 2. EDCs Data Filing and Grid Needs Filing (February 8th).
 - iv. Q2 ~~2024-2025~~
 1. Process Monitor to provide comments on annual EDC filings (May 15th);
 2. Stakeholder comments on EDC filings and Process Monitor Comments (June 15th)

- v. Q3 ~~2024~~ 2025
 - 1. PURA issues Screening Decision identifying Grid Needs for which a NWS solicitation will be necessary (Tent. August 15th);
 - 2. EDCs issue RFP for Grid Need;
 - 3. EDCs and Process Monitor promote RFP;
- vi. Q4 ~~2024-2025~~
 - 1. EDCs to review RFP proposals with any necessary oversight from Process Monitor;
 - 2. EDCs to report results of evaluation to PURA;
 - 3. Process Monitor provides comments on RFP process and evaluation of EDC's recommendation;
 - 4. PURA to review EDC and Process Monitor recommendations and allow for any public processes including at least one Technical Meeting and one opportunity for comment; PURA issues Selection Decision;
 - 5. Potential NWS Process improvements.

The RFP has also been amended to reflect the above schedule and will be available on PURA's RFP page <https://portal.ct.gov/pura/docket/request-for-proposals-to-retain-a-process-monitor>.

- 5. What's the term of the proceeding(s) and project? There appears to be an error with the dates in the schedule of the RFP (section III.F, pages 12-13)
 - a. **See response to Question 4 above.**
- 6. Are there two proceedings per utility (one for each docket 24-08-08 and 25-08-08), for a total of four proceedings? This would result in a total budget of \$400k per utility (\$200k per docket proceeding per utility).
 - a. **No, both electric distribution companies participate in the same docket and share a proportionate share of the administrative costs (typically 80/20 for Eversource and UI, respectively). The statutory maximum payments of \$200,000 per proceeding can be, in rare instances, exceeded for just cause.**
- 7. To what extent does the PURA anticipate this work being presented in person versus virtually?
 - a. **PURA anticipates that the majority of the work in this docket will be conducted virtually.**
- 8. Technology Fee: Where do we provide this in the budget format provided? Or does the PURA prefer that it be included in staff hourly rates (fully loaded rate)?
 - a. **Technology costs can be included as an additional line item category in the Cost Estimate Breakdown template provided on pages 11-12 of the RFP.**
- 9. Does the PURA anticipate hiring one process monitor per utility or one process monitor to cover both utilities?
 - a. **PURA intends to select one Process Monitor for both utilities.**