

## **PURA RFP #2023-08**

### **Request For Proposals to Retain a Clean Energy Ombudsperson**

#### **Responses to Clarifying Questions:**

1. Can we assume that the guidelines and process for directing questions and disputes to the ombudsperson will be determined via future discussions among the Staff, utilities and selected firm, and as such we do not need to define them in the proposal?
  - a. **Correct, this coordination will be discussed with the selected and contracted firm.**
2. Please describe the criteria that will be used to evaluate and rank proposals, and clarify whether any preference will be given to candidates who are now or have recently worked on renewable energy issues for the PURA.
  - a. **The proposals submitted will be scored based on the information provided in response to the template prompts from Section III of this RFP. Specifically, the proposals will be scored on the following criteria: (1) grasp of scope; (2) credentials for this type of engagement; (3) experience for this type of engagement; (4) bidder's approach to meeting the objectives of the RFP; and (5) cost effectiveness. Recent work for PURA will be considered as it relates to the criteria listed above.**
  - b. **Additionally, as noted during the [12/20/23 Pre-proposal Bidders' Conference](#), PURA seeks bidders with the following preferred qualifications:**
    - i. **Experience with dispute mediation**
    - ii. **Familiarity with CT clean energy programs and policies**
    - iii. **Experience with other New England state programs and policies**
    - iv. **Experience documenting interactions and collaborations with utilities**
    - v. **Expertise in preparing compliance documents in an organized manner**
    - vi. **Familiarity with regulatory proceedings**