

RFP Submission User's Guide

Welcome to Puget Sound Energy's online 2024 Voluntary All-Source RFP submission portal. The following instructions will guide you through the proposal submission process.

Step 1: Create an Account

Proposal submissions will only be accepted through the RFP submission portal. Bidders **must** register and create an account in order to submit a proposal.

To create an account, visit PSE's RFP web site: <u>http://pse.com/rfp</u>.



• Select "2024 Voluntary All-Source RFP".



• Select "RFP submission portal".

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• Select "Create Account" on page <u>https://rfp.pse.com</u>

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 When your account has been created, you will receive an email response with an account verification code. Account registration will be complete after the confirmation code is entered.



 Once registered, you will be prompted to log into the portal for the first time at <u>https://rfp.pse.com</u>.

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- Registered bidders may access the RFP submission portal to create, manage and submit proposals until the close of the bidding period.
- A registered bidder may also reset a password, if forgotten or as desired. To change your password, click "**Reset Password**" on the login page. You will receive an email response with an account verification code to set a new password.



Step 2: Complete and Upload RFP Exhibits and Supplemental Documents

Only registered bidders may access the RFP submission portal to create, manage, and submit proposals.

Download and Complete Required RFP Documents

To submit a proposal, first download and complete the required documents from the RFP web site: <u>http://pse.com/rfp.</u>

• Select "2024 Voluntary All-Source RFP".





• Then select "2024 Voluntary All-Source RFP Documents and Submission".

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• Once you have completed the required documents, you are ready to upload your proposal to the RFP submission portal.



Upload Proposal to RFP Submission Portal

• Login to RFP web portal <u>https://rfp.pse.com.</u>

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- 1. Proposal Name
 - Create a name for your proposal.
 - Bidders can create multiple proposals, if desired.
 - As you begin typing in the Proposal Name field, a blue highlighted box will appear below. Click within the blue box to create the proposal name.

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- 2. Document Type¹
 - "Select document type" from dropdown list:
 - a. Exhibit A-1 (required) Qualitative Rubric
 - b. Exhibit A-2 (required) Equity Rubric
 - c. Exhibit B-1 (required) Proposal Form must be submitted in Excel format and cannot be modified. If Exhibit B-1 is modified or converted to an alternate file

¹ See instructions on page 6 to locate and download a copy of Exhibit B-1 and all other required documents.



type, the proposal will not pass the validation stage of proposal submission.

- d. Exhibit B-2 (required) Equity Form
- e. Additional required documents include, as applicable:
 - i. Exhibit D Mutual Confidentiality Agreement
 - ii. Exhibit I PSE Customer Consent Letter
 - iii. Exhibit J Prototype Term Sheet
- f. Other documents Supplemental documents to support proposal

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*Only one Exhibit B-1 file will be allowed per proposal. *Uploaded documents will be validated in the background.



- 3. File | Browse to Upload
 - Browse for RFP files on local machine. Only files with allowed formats (such as xlsx .xls .pdf .doc .docx .jpg, .jpeg .png) can be uploaded.
 - Drag files into File field or "Click to browse" to attach file(s).

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• Press "**Upload**" to begin the upload process.

- Scroll down and wait for the Upload Status to say "Complete". If you logout before the status is complete, the documents will not be saved.
- Once all attachments are uploaded and complete, see Step 4 to Submit an RFP Proposal.*

* Proposal files are not automatically submitted when uploaded. You must click"**Submit Proposal**" to submit a proposal.



Step 3: Manage Uploaded Documents

Registered bidders can upload, manage, replace, or delete uploaded RFP documents before submitting their proposal(s), or withdraw, edit and resubmit RFP documents after submitting their proposal(s).

Managing Uploaded Documents <u>before</u> Proposal Submission

1. Actions | Download

Used to download an uploaded file from the proposal

2. Actions | Delete

Used to delete/remove an uploaded file from the proposal

3. Upload Status

All uploaded documents will be scanned for security and malware. Bidders are permitted unlimited opportunities to reload a file before submitting the proposal.

If an error(s) is detected, the system will notify the bidder of the error(s) in the display.

4. Submit Proposal (See also Step 4)

Once all documents have been uploaded and successfully validated, click "Submit Proposal".



Example of an Exhibit B-1 proposal file with errors:

Manage Test Proposal1 Proposal

Use the table below to review all the files included in the currently selected RFP proposal.

In order to submit, be sure all requirements are met ensure your proposal is complete and successful.



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Example of a proposal with no errors:

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Bidders may upload, manage, replace, or delete uploaded RFP documents before submitting proposal(s) prior to the submission deadline, 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals.

Managing Uploaded Documents after Proposal Submission

See Step 5 to Withdraw and Resubmit a Proposal.



Step 4: Submit an RFP Proposal

To submit your proposal, select the proposal name from the dropdown menu. The proposal must include all required RFP documents to pass validation. The **"Submit Proposal"** button will be enabled upon validation.

Once a proposal is submitted, you will no longer be able to modify the proposal. However, you may withdraw, edit and resubmit the proposal until the bidding period closes at 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals.

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Click **"Submit Proposal"**. Documents are not automatically submitted when uploaded. Users must click **"Submit Proposal"** to officially submit uploaded documents.

After selecting the "**Submit Proposal**" button, the submitted files will be scanned for malware and the Exhibit B-1 file will be validated for required content.

A successfully submitted proposal will result in a green band at the top of the screen displaying a confirmation message and Proposal ID. When processing is complete, the bidder will receive an email with the Proposal ID, at the registered email account on file.



Note: Uploading files does not constitute submission and no partial submissions will be considered. A proposal is not submitted unless the bidder selects the "Submit Proposal" button, when permitted. Once your proposal is submitted, a bidder must select the "Withdraw Proposal" button before any submitted files can be deleted or replaced. Bidders are reminded that for a proposal to be considered complete and eligible for consideration in PSE's 2024 voluntary all-source RFP both a confirmed proposal submission and receipt of your bid fee are required. Bid fees are assessed only on the installed nameplate capacity of the proposal(s) submitted by the bidder. Please refer to Section 6 in the RFP document for more details. For other questions or additional support, please contact us using the link in the footer.



Bidders may submit additional proposals, as desired. All proposals must be successfully submitted prior to the close of the bidding period.



Step 5: Withdraw and Resubmit a Proposal

A bidder may withdraw and resubmit a proposal from the portal as often as needed until the proposal submission deadline at 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals.

Withdrawn proposal(s) that are not resubmitted prior to the submission deadline **will not** be considered for further RFP evaluation.

Withdraw a Proposal

The "Withdraw Proposal" button (shown on next page) allows bidders to withdraw a proposal after it has been submitted. The button will only appear in the display after a proposal has been submitted.



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Resubmit a Revised Proposal

Withdrawn proposals may be modified and resubmitted through the portal until the proposal submission deadline.

1. Upload new or modified files

Once a proposal has been withdrawn, follow the instructions in Step 2 to upload new or modified files from the proposal assembly page. Choose the existing Proposal Name from the dropdown list to modify an existing proposal.

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2. Download or delete proposal files

Bidders may use the action buttons in the display to download and edit, or delete files.



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| 3 | test proposal1 | Exhibit A-2: Equity Rubric | Ex[A]_Appx[2]_Equity Rubric_Test Proposal.xlsx | 6/17/2024 11:38:22 AM | Complete ● | ₩ |
| 4 | test proposal1 | Exhibit B-2: Equity Form | Ex[B]_Appx[2]_Equity Form_Test Proposal.xlsx | 6/17/2024 11:40:55 AM | Complete 🌒 | ± 🛞 |
| 5 | test proposal1 | Exhibit D: Mutual Confidentiality Agreement | Ex[D]_Test Proposal.docx | 6/17/2024 11:41:12 AM | Complete ● | 1 |
| 6 | test proposal1 | Exhibit I: PSE Customer Consent Letter | Ex[I]_PSE Customer Consent Letter_Test Proposal.docx | 6/17/2024 11:41:25 AM | Complete 🌒 | 1 |
| 7 | test proposal1 | Exhibit J | Ex[J] Appx [1]_Test Proposal.doc | 6/17/2024 1:56:29 PM | Complete 🔵 | |
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🖾 Submit Proposal

Note: Uploading files does not constitute submission and no partial submissions will be considered. A proposal is not submitted unless the bidder selects the "Submit Proposal" button, when permitted. Once your proposal is submitted, a bidder must select the "Withdraw Proposal" button before any submitted files can be deleted or replaced. Bidders are reminded that for a proposal to be considered complete and eligible for consideration in PSE's 2024 voluntary all-source RFP, both a confirmed proposal submission and receipt of your bid fee are required. Bid fees are assessed only on the installed nameplate capacity of the proposal(s) submitted by the bidder. Please refer to Section 6 in the RFP document for more details. For other questions or additional support, please contact us using the link in the footer.

Confirm Submission

Before the proposal due date on 11:59 pm PT on Friday, Aug 16th 2024, you may withdraw or resubmit the proposal if needed.

Submit Proposal

Cancel

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3. Submit modified proposal

Once the proposal has been modified and successfully validated, resubmit the proposal through the portal by clicking the "**Submit Proposal**" button on the display.

Note: The Proposal ID number will be the same number as issued on the initial proposal submission.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This section is designed to answer common questions about the 2024 Voluntary All-Source RFP submission portal. If your question is not addressed in this section, please direct your question to AllSourceRFPmailbox@pse.com.

Is my proposal safe?

All RFP proposal documents will be scanned for malware and then securely saved in an encrypted database.

Can I submit an RFP bid early?

Yes. Bidders may submit a proposal before the submission deadline of 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals.

How many times can I submit a bid before the deadline?

Bidders can submit and withdraw a bid as many times as necessary before the deadline of 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals.

How will I know if my bid was successfully submitted?

Once the bidder clicks the "**Submit Proposal**" button, the bidder will receive an email at the registered account on file that includes the Proposal ID. The Proposal ID can also be found in the users RFP portal account. All submitted files will be scanned for malware and PSE will notify the bidder if any issues are detected.

What is a Proposal ID, Why do I need it?



A Proposal ID is a unique identifier that will be assigned when a bid is successfully submitted.

- Proposal IDs are used by bidders to:
 - Withdraw and resubmit proposals before the submission deadline (will not delete/change the proposal ID)
 - Upload responses to PSE data requests through the portal during the evaluation process
- PSE uses proposal IDs to:
 - Associate a proposal with its corresponding bid fee
 - Track proposals during the evaluation, and to internally communicate findings and results
 - Anonymize proposals for the purposes of regulatory filings or proceedings, and required public disclosures to protect the confidentiality of bidders and projects

Can I withdraw a submitted proposal?

Yes. Bidders can withdraw submitted proposals by selecting the "Withdraw Proposal" button after successful bid submission.

What to do if I have issues with the Web portal?

If the web page is unresponsive, please refresh the page and return to the prior step.

What is the last date* for RFP bid submission?

Voluntary All-Source RFP bids must be submitted before the submission deadline of 11:59 PM PPT on August 30, 2024 for PSE self-build proposals or September 16, 2024 for all other proposals. *All times and dates are Pacific Prevailing Time.

Where can I find this user guide?



This RFP Submission User's Guide is available for download at the top of the RFP submission portal and under the help section of the RFP web portal at <u>https://rfp.pse.com</u>.

Need additional help?

For Additional assistance, please contact <u>AllSourceRFPmailbox@pse.com.</u>

Let us know what you think

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