

APPENDIX B. Independent Evaluator Questionnaire

*Independent Evaluator Questionnaire*

1. Please provide your assessment of the work to be performed, your ability and approach, and the resources necessary to fulfill the requirements of this RFP. This should demonstrate the bidder's understanding of the IE's performance expectations. Clearly indicate any options or alternatives proposed.
2. Please briefly describe your experience assessing qualitative (non-price) factors in resource selection, in particular projects in development stage.
3. Please briefly describe your qualifications and experience related to ensuring clarity of definition for price and non-price factors and resources sought, and ensuring that all bidders effectively respond to a resource solicitation. Provide your views on what should be considered for a scoring rubric.
4. Please briefly describe your experience and proposed approach to the evaluation of equity considerations. Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act requires that utilities "ensure that all customers are benefiting from the transition to clean energy, through the equitable distribution of energy and non-energy benefits and reduction of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities; long-term and short-term public health and environmental benefits and reduction of costs and risks; and energy security and resiliency" (RCW 19.405.040(8)).
5. Please briefly describe your professional experience in interacting with Washington State Transportation and Utilities Commission (WUTC), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the context of your interactions. Include a description of your experience testifying in the capacity of an expert witness before state and federal regulatory agencies. Please cite document references to applicable proceedings.
6. Please briefly describe your experience with utility applications of electric production cost modeling and familiarity with forecasting, analysis and market simulation software tools.
7. Please briefly describe how you would determine whether or not an RFP process is transparent and fair, in particular with respect to evaluating utility ownership options vs power purchase agreements.