



Year 10

Request for Proposals

for

Low and Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit Program

of

The Connecticut Light and Power Company

dba Eversource Energy (“Eversource”)

and

The United Illuminating Company (“UI”)

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THE COMPANIES ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO THIS RFP BASED ON PENDING REGULATORY DECISIONS. IN THE EVENT CHANGES ARE MADE, NOTICE OF SUCH CHANGES WILL BE POSTED AND HIGHLIGHTED ON THE COMPANIES’ RESPECTIVE WEBSITES.

1 GENERAL.

- 1.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE RFP.** The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), and The United Illuminating Company (“UI”) (each a “Company” and collectively the “Companies”), are hereby issuing this joint Request for Proposals (“RFP”) in furtherance of the “Low and Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit Program” (the “Program”) established pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244r and 16-244s. Please note that, unlike prior RFPs, LREC bids are now being solicited under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244r, and 16-244s, and not 16-244t.
- 1.2 PROGRAM SUMMARY.** In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244r and 16-244s, the Companies have developed a solicitation plan “for the purchase of renewable energy credits” produced by eligible Class I renewable energy generation projects that have zero emissions (“ZREC”), resulting in the issuance of this and subsequent RFPs. The Companies are also procuring renewable energy credits from Class I renewable energy generation projects that have low emissions (“LREC”) pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244r and 16-244s¹. Section 5 of this RFP provides a description of LRECs, ZRECs, and the Program.
- 1.3 CAPITALIZED TERMS; HEADINGS.** Capitalized terms used but not defined in the body of this RFP have the meanings given to such terms in the Standard Contract for the Purchase and Sale of Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Credits from Low and Zero Emission Projects (“Standard Contract”²), included as Attachment 2 to this RFP. The headings to articles and sections throughout this RFP are intended solely to facilitate reading and reference to all articles, sections and provisions of this RFP, and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this RFP or the Standard Contract.
- 1.4 INVITATION TO BID.** You are invited to submit a proposal (“Bid”) as a bidder (“Bidder”) to be considered for selection to be awarded a long-term agreement for the purchase of LRECs or ZRECs produced by your Facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of a fully executed Standard Contract. Pursuant to applicable law and regulation, the Companies will not accept Bids in excess of \$126 per REC for ZRECs, or \$126 per REC for LRECs.
- 1.5 QUALIFICATION.** To be considered for selection, a Bid must meet all of the requirements set forth in Section 4, (“Bidder Eligibility Requirements”), and adhere to the schedule and other requirements set forth in Section 2, RFP Process.
- 1.6 EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA.** Each Company will base its independent evaluation and award(s) on (i) qualified Bids, (ii) pricing, and (iii) compliance with the RFP Process.

¹ LREC bids were previously sought under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244t (which has expired) prior to the passage of Public Act 16-196

² The Form of Standard Contract may be updated between the issuance of this RFP and the Standard Contract execution.

- 1.7 **REGULATORY APPROVAL.** Any agreement entered into for the purchase of LRECs or ZRECs pursuant to this solicitation is contingent upon obtaining Regulatory Approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“PURA”) as set forth in the Standard Contract. Pursuant to applicable Connecticut General Statutes and PURA requirements, each Company will submit required information to PURA following each Bid award. If any of the Bids and/or Standard Contracts do not meet the objectives of PURA, PURA may reject the Bid(s) and Standard Contract(s). Article 12 of the Standard Contract addresses the possibility that PURA may not approve the Bid(s), and/or Standard Contract(s), and/or individual awards.
- 1.8 **NATURE OF SOLICITATION.** The Companies will evaluate all conforming Bids, however, the Companies make no commitment to any Bidder that it will accept any Bid(s). The Companies reserve the right to discontinue the RFP process at any time for any reason whatsoever. This is a Request for Proposals and not a binding offer to contract.
- 1.9 **SMALL ZREC PROJECTS.** Small ZREC projects less than or equal to 100 kW will be eligible to receive a 15-year service agreement via a tariff and are not included as part of this solicitation.
- 1.10 **STANDARD CONTRACT.** In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Standard Contract or any other part of this RFP or RFP Process, the provisions of the Standard Contract are controlling. Bidders should review the Standard Contract thoroughly and submit their Bids based upon the terms and conditions of the Standard Contract, which will solely govern the transactions between the winning Bidders and their counterparty Company through the term of the resulting contracts.
- 1.11 **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The receiving Company agrees to treat Bids in a confidential manner and will use reasonable efforts, except as required by law or regulatory authority, not to disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than in connection with its evaluation of Bidder’s participation in the solicitation process described herein. Bidders are hereby on notice that, subject to relevant PURA orders, all Bid submissions are subject to regulatory oversight and all Bids submitted by any Bidder may be publicly disclosed within the time periods set forth in such orders, as may any awarded contract in its entirety. The Companies suggest that Bidders familiarize themselves with the relevant orders, as these regulatory orders may change from time to time.

2 RFP PROCESS.

- 2.1 **SCHEDULE.** Attachment 1 hereto provides the schedule for this RFP (“Table 1”). The Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.
- 2.2 **BIDDER’S CONFERENCE.**³ The Companies will hold a Bidders Conference to answer questions about the RFP in accordance with the RFP Schedule. The purpose of the Bidders Conference is to provide the opportunity to clarify any aspects of the RFP. Prospective bidders may submit questions about the RFP prior to the Bidders Conference.

³ The Bidder’s Conference will be held as a Webinar only.

The Companies will attempt to answer questions submitted prior to and during the Bidders Conference. While the Companies may respond orally to questions posed at the Bidders Conference, only written answers that are provided in response to written questions will be considered official responses. The Companies will post responses to Bidders' questions on their web sites following the Bidders Conference. Please see Section 6 of this RFP for contact information, including Company web sites.

2.3 **BID SUBMISSION.**

2.3.1 **Bid Forms.** Each Company will develop and maintain its own form to be used for Bid submission ("Bid Form"). Each Company's website will contain a link to such Company's Bid Form and Company-specific instructions for Bid submission. Each Company's website contains additional forms that Bidders may be required to complete. Bids are discussed in Sections 2.3.2 and 2.4 below.

2.3.2 **Submission of Bids.** Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Company-specific instructions provided on each Company's website. Bidders must comply with the instructions to ensure that their Bids are complete. In addition to completion of the Bid Form, Bidders must provide a Bid Certification Form, and may be required to provide a Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification Form, Pending Connecticut Green Bank Grant and/or Rebate Disclosure Statement, and/or an Incentive Application Denied letter from the Connecticut Green Bank certifying that they do not meet the Connecticut Green Bank's criteria as a residential dwelling for the Residential Solar Investment Program, based on the specifics of the Bid. Bidders who claim the use of technologies that are manufactured, researched or developed in Connecticut will also be required to submit affidavits, as set forth in Section 2.4.4 below. These documents are defined and explained in Section 2.4, below. Specific instructions for how to provide these additional documents may vary by Company and are set forth in the Company-specific instructions.

To EVERSOURCE: Bids must be submitted via the Eversource website. This website can be accessed by visiting www.eversource.com → Save Money & Energy → Residential → Renewable Energy Credits

To UI: Bids must be submitted to UI in accordance with instructions to be provided on the UI website at www.uinet.com → Suppliers and Partners → Power Procurement; clicking on the link to the Year 10 RFP for LRECs and ZRECs.

2.4 **BID DETAILS.** Bidders must submit their Bids by using the Bid Form, which contains the majority of the information necessary for the Companies to evaluate Bids. However, additional/supplemental information is or may be required as set forth below.

2.4.1 **"Bid Certification Form".** This four (4) page form is mandatory. Every Bid must be accompanied by an executed Bid Certification Form, which must contain

three signatures, one by the Bidder, one by the Contract Counterparty, and one by the owner of the project site. The Bid Certification Form is an integral part of the Bid, and Bids that do not include a complete and executed Bid Certification Form, including all three (3) signatures, will not be considered. Each Company's website contains a Bid Certification Form with the Company-specific instructions as to how such form is to be submitted.

The four (4) page Bid Certification Form consists of the following:

- Page 1 – Instructions for completion of Pages 2 through 4
- Page 2 – Bidder's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Bidder or a duly authorized representative of the Bidder is making a number of certifications, including that the information provided in the Bid is complete and accurate, and that the Bidder and the project meet the eligibility requirements set forth in this RFP as discussed in Section 4 below.
- Page 3 - Contract Counterparty's Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: By signing this page of the Certification form, the Contract Counterparty ("Seller") or a duly authorized representative of the Contract Counterparty is making a number of certifications, including that the Seller has reviewed the statements and certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the project Bid are true and accurate to the best of the Seller's knowledge.
- Page 4 – Affidavit of Owner of the Project Site's Notarized Signature, Commitment and Acceptance: In accordance with the March 11, 2014 letter ruling of PURA, the owner of the project site must sign this affidavit, which is required to be witnessed by a Notary Public. By signing the affidavit, the owner of the project site or a duly authorized representative of the owner of the project site is making a number of affirmations and certifications, including that the owner of the project site has reviewed the statements and certifications of the Bidder, and that such statements and certifications as applicable to the project site are true and accurate to the best of the knowledge of the owner of the project site.
- Eversource requires that the four (4) page Bid Certification Form must be attached to the Bid as one single PDF (.pdf) file prior to submission as part of the completed Bid. Both the Bid and Bid Certification Form are submitted at the same time.
- UI requires that the four (4) page Year 10 Bid Certification Form and all other required documents be uploaded on the last page of the online Bid in accordance with UI's bid form instructions, as posted on UI's LREC/ZREC RFP web page. The most current Year 10 UI Bid Certification form on UI's

LREC ZREC web page must be used. Other previous versions of the UI Bid Certification Form are not acceptable.

2.4.2 **“Connecticut Licensed Professional Engineer Certification”**. The Bid requires the input of information necessary to calculate a Maximum Annual Quantity of RECs for projects that utilize Solar PV, wind, fuel cells and small hydro as technology choices. The Maximum Annual Quantity will be calculated by the Companies by multiplying the installed capacity of Bidder’s project with the Connecticut specific capacity factor provided in the most recent Connecticut Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) for the applicable project technology and including an adder of five percent (5%) to account for potential annual variations in the output of the facility. For example, a 5% adder to a 20% capacity factor results in a capacity factor of 21%, not 25%, for the purpose of calculating the Maximum Annual Quantity. If (i) a Bid is for a project that does not utilize one of the technologies listed above for which the IRP provides a capacity factor, such as Anaerobic Digestion, or (ii) if the Bidder seeks to qualify a different capacity factor for the project as discussed in Section 2.4.2.1 below, then a calculation by a Connecticut licensed Professional Engineer “certifying” the average annual production for its project, based on the typical facility conditions for an average year, as defined below (“PE Certification”) is required. The Companies will not provide a form of PE Certification, but guidelines are provided in Section 2.4.2.2. For purposes of Section 2.4.2 of this RFP, “certifying”, “certify” and/or “certification” means an expression of professional opinion by a Connecticut licensed Professional Engineer regarding facts or findings that are the subject of the certification and does not constitute an express or implied warranty or guarantee. For all other provisions of this RFP, the terms “certifying”, “certify” and/or “certification” have their typical and customary meanings. The Companies reserve the right to seek additional information related to a PE Certification, and to reject alternate capacity factors that are not reasonable in the Companies’ sole judgment and discretion.

2.4.2.1 The Connecticut specific capacity factors from the 2014 IRP are:

- Solar PV (AC) – Fixed Tilt 16.9%
- Solar PV (AC) – Single Axis 20.8%
- Solar PV (AC) – Dual Axis 22.1%
- Wind 20.0%
- Hydro 48.4%
- Fuel Cell 90.0%

2.4.2.2 If a Bidder seeks to qualify a different capacity factor for the calculation of the Maximum Annual Quantity for its project, or seeks to qualify a technology other than those listed above such as Anaerobic Digestion, then such Bidder must submit a PE Certification that includes the average

annual production for its project, based on the typical facility conditions for an average year. The Companies will include the 5% adder, as described in Section 2.4.2 above, in determining the final Maximum Annual Quantity to be included in the project's Standard Contract.

2.4.3 **“Pending Connecticut Green Bank Grant and/or Rebate Disclosure Statement”**. If a Bidder has applied for any type of grant, rebate or other incentive from the Connecticut Green Bank (“CT Green Bank”), or its predecessors the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (“CEFIA”) or the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (“CCEF”, and collectively “CT Green Bank”) for the project for which the Bid is applicable (excluding CT Green Bank or CEFIA financing), a summary of all pending grants and rebates must be included on the Pending CT Green Bank Grant and/or Rebate Disclosure Statement. In addition, in order to expedite the Bid review process, please disclose if there are other renewable energy projects at the project location that may have received CT Green Bank, CEFIA or CCEF funding. The Companies’ websites include the form of “Pending Connecticut Green Bank Grant and/or Rebate Disclosure Statement.” Please note that if a Bid is selected for execution of a Standard Contract with one of the Companies, and the applicable project has also been selected for grants or rebates from the CT Green Bank, and such funding has not yet been disbursed by the CT Green Bank, the Bidder must choose to either execute the Standard Contract or accept the CT Green Bank funding, but not both. A project may not receive both a CT Green Bank grant or rebate, and a contract for the purchase and sale of LRECs or ZRECs. To expedite the Bid review process, please disclose if there are other renewable energy projects at this site that may have received CT Green Bank funding.

2.4.4 **Affidavits that Project Uses Connecticut Manufactured, Researched or Developed Technologies**. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-244(r)(a) states that the Authority “may give a preference to contracts for technologies manufactured, researched or developed in the state.” To the extent that Bidder’s project satisfies one or more such criteria and Bidder elects to claim such preference, Bidder is required to include two affidavits with supporting description in this Form.

2.4.4.1 Bidder’s Affidavit that Project Uses Connecticut Manufactured, Researched or Developed Generation Technologies. This first affidavit must be from Bidder identifying the technology to be used and the name and address of the Connecticut company (or companies) where the Manufacturing, Research or Development was conducted. This affidavit must confirm that no less than 50% of the total value of the generation technology to be installed was or will be Manufactured, Researched or Developed in Connecticut, as such terms are defined below

2.4.4.2 Technology Supplier’s Affidavit that it Supplies Connecticut Manufactured, Researched or Developed Generation Technologies. The second affidavit must be from an officer of the Connecticut company, indicating the company’s name and address and certifying that the

generation technology that the Bidder proposes to install was or will be Manufactured, Researched or Developed at its facilities in Connecticut. This affidavit must also identify the technology and confirm that no less than 50% of the value of the technology to be installed was or will be Manufactured, Researched or Developed in Connecticut, as such terms are defined below.

2.4.4.3 The Decision in PURA Docket No. 11-12-06 (“Decision”) at page 28 defines “Manufactured” as “[T]he activity of converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing the form, composition, quality or character of the property for ultimate sale at retail or use in the manufacturing of a product to be ultimately sold at retail. Changing the quality of property includes any substantial overhaul of the property that results in a significantly greater service life than such property would have had in the absence of such overhaul or with significantly greater functionality within the original service life of the property, beyond merely restoring the original functionality for the balance of the original service life.” The definition of “Researched or Developed” is set forth in the Decision at Page 29 and has been modified based on PURA’s April 4, 2013 letter to the Companies in Docket No. 11-12-06. As revised, the definition of “Researched or Developed” is: “(T)he activity of applying technical expertise, knowledge or understanding to investigate, discover and produce new, more beneficial or useful materials, devices, systems, methods, processes or designs, or to improve benefits of the existing materials, devices, systems, methods, processes or designs, provided however that such activity was performed on behalf of manufacturers of renewable energy technology, and where such research or development led to the manufacture of the specific component(s) for which the claim for preferential treatment is made.”

2.4.4.4 The submission of both such affidavits will result in the bid for that project being discounted by ten percent (10%) for evaluation purposes. For example, a \$100 bid for a project that meets the in-state criteria would be evaluated using a bid price of \$90; Bidder would still receive \$100 under the contract if selected as a winning Bidder.

2.4.5 **Documentation proving that the project has been denied from the Connecticut Green Bank Residential Solar Investment Program for failure to meet their residential dwelling criteria:** Pursuant to Section 6(f) of Public Act No. 16-212, Any solar project located on a property that contains or will contain any residence of a customer of an electric distribution company that is determined to meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria as a residential dwelling for the residential solar investment program shall not be eligible for small zero-emission renewable energy credits pursuant to sections 16-244r and 16-244s or for low-emission renewable energy credits pursuant to section 16-244t. If a project is or will be located at a residential site, a copy of any and all documentation proving that the project has been denied from the Connecticut

Green Bank's Residential Solar Investment Program for failing to meet the residential dwelling criteria must be included. For Eversource, this requirement applies to any bid where the customer account has or will have a rate code of 01, 05, or 07. For UI, this requirement applies to any bid where the customer account has or will have a rate code R or RT.

- 2.4.6 **Customer Bill:** For any projects proposed at a site with existing customer electric service, a copy of the most recent customer bill must be included.
- 2.4.7 **Interconnection Application Receipt:** For projects where there is currently no customer revenue meter at the site, but where there will be electric service in the future (i.e., will be located behind a revenue meter), otherwise known as a "New Construction" project, counterparties must apply for interconnection with their respective Company and pay the interconnection application fee prior to submitting a bid/application for that project in the LREC/ZREC program. A copy of the confirmation receipt issued by the Distributed Resources group at the respective Company stating that an interconnection application and payment for such interconnection application have been received by the Company for that specific project will be required to be submitted during the online bid/application process for all LREC, Large ZREC, and Medium ZREC Bids. For purposes of clarification, if multiple "New Construction" bids are submitted at the same site address, each individual bid must include a unique confirmation receipt from the Company's Distributed Resources group. All "New Construction" bids shall be subject to Section 5.3.7 below.
- 2.4.8 **Participation in Forward Capacity Market:** For purely informational purposes, Bidders must indicate whether they intend for the submitted projects to participate in ISO New England, Inc.'s Forward Capacity Market (FCM). Accepted bids shall be required to inform the Companies if the approved project becomes a participant in the FCM and the MWs accepted into the FCM.

3 BID EVALUATION.

- 3.1 The Companies will base their evaluations on pricing, with any ties to be settled through a random selection process.
 - 3.1.1 For winning Bids, upon notification by telephone and/or electronic mail of its selection as a winning Bidder, Bidder agrees that the Pricing component(s) and Maximum Annual Quantity of its Bid(s) shall remain binding until a Standard Contract is fully executed.
 - 3.1.2 Bids that are not selected as winning Bids may remain active on "standby". If one or more Bidders who were awarded a contract within a category do not execute the contract or provide performance assurance as required, the next lowest cost Bid on standby may be offered a contract.

3.1.3 As provided in Section 9.1 of the Standard Contract, winning Bidder(s) must provide Performance Assurance equal to the amount indicated in the Cover Sheet by the Effective Date. The amount shall be based upon the following formulas:

- LREC projects - Twenty percent (20%) of the Maximum Annual Quantity multiplied by the Purchase Price.
- ZREC projects (large) – Same as LREC projects above.
- ZREC projects (medium) – Ten percent (10%) of the Maximum Annual Quantity multiplied by the Purchase Price.

4 BIDDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. All Bids must meet the following eligibility requirements set forth below. Specifically, Bids will be considered from a Qualified Bidder with respect to LRECs or ZRECs created or to be created from an Eligible Facility. Failure to meet any of these requirements could lead to disqualification of the Bid from further review and evaluation.

4.1 **RFP RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS.** To be eligible for evaluation, Bidder’s Bid must be:

4.1.1 Received by a Company prior to RFP deadline; and

4.1.2 Complete, in that all sections of the Bid Form noted as required must be filled in properly.

4.2 **SITE CONTROL.** Submission of the completed four (4) page Bid Certification Form, including the affidavit from the owner of the project site, represents site control.

4.3 **ELIGIBLE FACILITY.**

4.3.1 Bidder’s Facility must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5.3 of this RFP.

5 LREC/ZREC PROGRAM INFORMATION.

5.1 **LREC DESCRIPTION.**

5.1.1 LREC qualified projects are Connecticut generation projects, located behind Company customer revenue meters, that achieve commercial operation on or after July 1, 2011, that have emissions of no more than 0.07 pounds per MWh of nitrogen oxides, 0.10 pounds per MWh of carbon monoxide, 0.02 pounds per MWh of volatile organic compounds, and one grain per 100 standard cubic feet. LREC projects may not be larger than 2,000 kW.

5.1.2 Low emission projects must qualify as Connecticut Class I renewable energy sources under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-1(a)(26).

5.1.3 The Companies will procure LREC contracts for qualifying projects up to 2,000 kW in size.

5.2 ZREC DESCRIPTION.

5.2.1 ZREC qualified projects are Connecticut generation projects, located behind Company customer revenue meters, which achieve commercial operation on or after July 1, 2011 that emit no pollutants.

5.2.2 Zero emission projects must qualify as Connecticut Class I renewable energy sources under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-1(a)(26).

5.2.3 The Companies will procure ZREC contracts for qualifying projects pursuant to this RFP sized as follows:

5.2.3.1 Medium: >100 kW and <250 kW

5.2.3.2 Large: ≥ 250 kW and $\leq 1,000$ kW

5.3 PROJECT ELIGIBILITY.

5.3.1 Eligible projects must be located behind the Companies' customer revenue meter.

5.3.2 Projects proposed must seek and gain approval to interconnect to the contracting Company's distribution system through the standard Company interconnection process. Projects must meet Company Guidelines for Interconnection ("Guidelines") that have been approved by PURA. The interconnection process is separate and distinct from the Program.

5.3.3 Each project must have a separate meter dedicated to the measurement of the project's energy output for the purpose of determining the quantity of Connecticut Class I RECs (the "REC Meter"), and such meter must meet the metering requirements established by NEPOOL GIS and the Company whose service territory the project is located. Bidders should note that the Companies have different metering requirements available on the respective Company's website, and Bidders should familiarize themselves with those requirements. Projects may have additional metering requirements separate and distinct from the REC Meter requirement. These additional metering requirements are not a part of the Program, and Bidders must meet all such requirements.

5.3.4 A bid for a single project or the aggregation of multiple projects (from multiple solicitations) behind one customer revenue meter cannot exceed 1,000 kW nameplate capacity for ZRECs or 2,000 kW nameplate capacity for LRECs. For the purpose of this Program, nameplate capacity is defined as the aggregate nameplate rating (converted, if necessary, to kW AC).

5.3.5 During any single solicitation, the Companies will evaluate only one proposal for any type or combination of types of qualifying LREC or ZREC technology behind

any one Revenue Meter. Only one bid per revenue meter, regardless of the category for which the bid is submitted, may be submitted in a given funding period. For purposes of clarification, although projects that qualify as zero emission projects will, by default, also qualify as low emission projects, a Bidder may not submit Bids for more than one Facility behind any one revenue meter, or more than one Bid for the same Facility behind any one revenue meter, for both LREC and ZREC consideration at the same time.⁴ The technology *or combination of technologies* at each Facility may only be submitted for one option, LREC *or* ZREC.

- 5.3.6 Projects may not be “split” into smaller bids, to qualify at a smaller size tier, or to allow zero emission projects over 1,000 kW, or low emission projects over 2,000 kW, to qualify. For example, the bidder for a 400 kW zero emission project may not split that project into two 200 kW projects.
- 5.3.7 Notwithstanding Section 5.3.6 for “New Construction” projects, as defined in Section 5.3.13 below, up to two Bids/Applications may be submitted per single parcel of land, or contiguous parcels under common ownership or with a common Bidder/Applicant, in a single solicitation, provided the aggregate bid capacity is in excess of 2,000 kW. For purposes of clarification, up to two Bids/Applications that, in total, exceed 2,000 kW may be submitted. One bid must be submitted as an LREC project of 2,000 kW and the remaining capacity bid into the largest applicable LREC/ZREC category, subject to Section 5.3.5 (i.e., separate metering) and 5.3.6 (i.e., the prohibition on splitting projects under 2,000 kW) above. This limitation shall not apply to project bids proposing to interconnect behind a revenue meter with load existing at the time of bid submission that would reasonably be expected to exist should the relevant Bid/Application be unsuccessful.⁵
 - 5.3.7.1 Any subdivision of parcels must be recorded on the land records of the municipality in which such parcel is located prior to January 1 of the year of the solicitation. If multiple Bids are received for a parcel of land that was not subdivided before January 1 of the year of the solicitation to which the Bidder is responding, or for which a subdivision was not recorded with the municipality in which such parcel is located prior to January 1 of the year of the solicitation, only the lowest priced Bids, meeting the above requirements, will be eligible and all other Bids will be disqualified.

⁴ If multiple bids are received behind any one revenue meter, the lowest priced bid will be considered regardless of category (i.e. LREC or ZREC), and all others will be disqualified.

⁵ For clarity, the limitation of two 2,000 kW “New Construction” projects on a single parcel of land or contiguous parcels under common ownership or with a common Bidder/Applicant in a single solicitation shall not inhibit a developer from bidding new projects interconnected behind a different and unique revenue meter with existing load on the same parcel or contiguous parcels of land in that same solicitation, so long as the projects satisfy Section 5.3.12 of the RFP. In other words, notwithstanding Section 5.3.12 of the RFP, a developer can propose in the same solicitation up to 2,000 kW of projects per unique revenue meter with existing load, as well as up to two 2,000 kW “New Construction” projects on the same parcel or contiguous parcels of land.

- 5.3.7.2 For the Small ZREC program, if multiple Applications are received for a parcel of land that was not subdivided before January 1 of the year of the solicitation to which the Applicant is responding, or for which a subdivision was not recorded on the land records of the municipality in which such parcel is located prior to January 1 of the year of the solicitation, only the first Application submitted will be eligible, and all other Applications will be disqualified. At the time of bidding/application, the Bidder/Applicant offering multiple Bids/Applications at a parcel must demonstrate such recording with the municipality to the appropriate EDC.
- 5.3.8 Bidders will be limited to one LREC or one ZREC Bid per revenue meter per solicitation.
- 5.3.9 Projects must be in service on or after July 1, 2011 to be eligible. For facilities built prior to July 1, 2011, which have been uprated with new production equipment (i.e., new solar panels, or turbines, etc.) installed on or after July 1, 2011, the new incremental production equipment may be eligible to the extent that it has its own REC meter that meets the requirements of Section 4.3.3 above, and so long as the incremental installation meets all of the eligibility criteria.
- 5.3.10 Bidders will each be allowed to select one of four allowed Delivery Term Start Dates specified in the form of Standard Contract for this RFP. The Delivery Term Start Date must be selected at the time of execution of the Standard Contract and cannot be modified after being selected. The Delivery Term Start Date does not need to be selected at the time of Bid submission but will be required at the time of contract execution.
- 5.3.11 Projects that are or will be located at residential sites must not meet the Connecticut Green Bank criteria as a residential dwelling for the Residential Solar Investment Program pursuant to Section 6(f) of Public Act 16-212.
- 5.3.12 If there is an existing LREC/ZREC Agreement that was in effect within twelve months prior to the submission of an additional Bid/Application, the additional Bid/Application for a project of the same class of technology by the same project developer at the same project site/billing account/revenue meter will not be allowed under that particular procurement year unless the existing LREC/ZREC project is in-service. Any new LREC/ZREC Agreement executed for a project of the same class of technology at the same project site/billing account/revenue meter where an existing LREC/ZREC project did not ever go in-service must receive a contract price using the lower of the two bid prices for the additional Bid/Application or the project that did not ever go in-service.
- 5.3.12.1 For purposes of clarification, if an existing LREC/ZREC Agreement does not ever go in-service (i.e. the Agreement terminates), a new Bid/Application may be submitted for a new project of the same class of technology, by the same project developer, at that same project

site/billing account/revenue meter only after a twelve-month period from the date of termination has expired. Any new LREC/ZREC Agreement executed for a new Bid/Application under this condition will receive a contract price using the lower of the bid prices from the new Bid/Application or the terminated LREC/ZREC Agreement.

5.3.12.2 If an existing LREC/ZREC Agreement does not ever go in-service (i.e. the Agreement terminates), a new Bid/Application may be submitted for a new project of the same class of technology, by a new project developer, at that same project site/billing account/revenue meter without waiting a twelve-month period from the date of termination. Any new LREC/ZREC Agreement executed for a new Bid/Application with a new project developer will receive a contract price using the lower of the bid prices from the new Bid/Application or the terminated LREC/ZREC Agreement.

5.3.12.3 If there is an existing non-terminated LREC/ZREC Agreement for a project of the same class of technology, at the same project site/billing account/revenue meter, the project under that LREC/ZREC Agreement must be in-service before any additional Bids/Applications may be submitted at that same project site/billing account/revenue meter.

5.3.12.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 5.3.12, 5.3.12.1, 5.3.12.2, and 5.3.12.3 above and for purposes of clarification, a Bid/Application for a project of the same class of technology, by the same project developer on the same parcel or contiguous parcel(s) of land may be submitted in the same solicitation or future solicitations, regardless of an existing LREC/ZREC Agreement, so long as the Bid/Application is for a project proposing to interconnect behind a revenue meter 1) with load existing at the time of bid submission that would reasonably be expected to exist should the relevant Bid/Application be unsuccessful and 2) that is different from the meter associated with the current LREC/ZREC Agreement(s).

5.3.13 For projects where there is currently no customer revenue meter at the site, but where there will be electric service in the future (i.e., will be located behind a revenue meter), otherwise known as a “New Construction” project, counterparties must apply for interconnection with their respective Company and pay the interconnection application fee prior to submitting a bid/application for that project in the LREC/ZREC program. A copy of the confirmation receipt issued by the Distributed Resources group at the respective Company stating that an interconnection application and payment for such interconnection application have been received by the Company for that specific project will be required to be submitted during the online bid/application process for all LREC, Large ZREC, and Medium ZREC. For purposes of clarification, if multiple “New Construction” bids are submitted at the same site address, each individual bid must include a unique confirmation receipt from the Company’s Distributed

Resources group. All “New Construction” bids shall be subject to Section 5.3.7 above.

5.3.14 Bidders may not submit Bids for the same project, or for multiple projects on the same parcel(s) of land, for consideration in both this RFP and the annual SCEF RFP. If Bids are received for the same project or multiple projects on the same parcel(s) of land for consideration in both this RFP and the annual SCEF RFP, the Companies will allow the first Bid submitted, regardless of the program it was submitted to, to remain active, and all other Bids will be disqualified.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT/COMMUNICATIONS.

6.1 The evaluation of this RFP will be conducted in a manner to assure all Bidders are treated in a fair and consistent manner. The evaluation criteria and timing of the bidding process will be the same for all Bidders.

6.2 Bidder Questions:

6.2.1 The Companies will be available throughout this RFP process to receive questions. Such questions should be submitted directly to the program administrators at the following addresses and in accordance with the RFP Schedule (see Attachment 1, Table 1):

Eversource: lrec.zrec@eversource.com

UI: lrec.zrec@uinet.com

6.2.2 Responses to written questions from Bidders may be posted in a blind Question and Response format on:

Eversource: www.eversource.com → Save Money & Energy → Residential → Renewable Energy Credits

UI: www.uinet.com → Suppliers and Partners → Power Procurement; clicking on the link to the LREC/ZREC RFP

6.3 Each of the Companies adheres strictly to a Code of Conduct for affiliate transactions promulgated by the PURA.

Attachment 1

TABLE 1 – RFP Schedule*

ACTION ITEM	DATE
Release of RFP	April 30, 2021
Bidders Conference – Webinar Only	May 10, 2021
Deadline for Submission of Questions	May 14, 2021
Bid Forms Due	June 14, 2021 by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time “EPT”), at which time the Pricing shall become firm, irrevocable and binding.
Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders	On or about July 14, 2021
Standard Contracts Execution	After Selection and Notification of Winning Bidders. Bidders will have to return partially executed contracts by the date established by the Companies which is expected to be approximately 10 business days.
Standard Contract(s) Filed with PURA	Following selection of winning Bidder(s) and execution of Standard Contracts during each Round.
Commencement of Service	In accordance with Standard Contracts

* Pursuant to Section 2.1 of the RFP, Schedule, the Companies, at their sole discretion, may modify the schedule at any time.

Attachment 2

STANDARD CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CONNECTICUT CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM LOW AND ZERO EMISSION PROJECTS (“STANDARD CONTRACT”)