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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFP # 202507105 Consulting Services – Central Maine Power Rate Case  |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Governor’s Energy Office |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | August 27, 2025 |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | September 4,2025 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | September 12, 2025, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time (**as amended**) |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | Proposals@maine.gov |
| **Unless specifically addressed below, all other provisions and clauses of the RFP remain unchanged.** |
| **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES IN RFP:**1. Proposal Due Date is amended.
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| **REVISED LANGUAGE IN RFP:**1. All references to the Proposals due date of September 09, 2025, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time is amended to **September 12, 2025, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time.**
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**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

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| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Appendix D, Cost Proposal Form | Can the GEO clarify whether vendors are expected to provide a fixed price? |
| **Answer** |
| As specified in Part IV of the RFP, the cost proposal must include the costs necessary for the Bidder to fully comply with the contract terms, conditions, and RFP requirements. This total cost becomes a not-to-exceed contract amount. The Bidder will invoice for hours worked and other expenses incurred on a time-and-materials basis, subject to the not-to-exceed total contract amount. |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Appendix D | Is there an anticipated annual budget for this project? |
| **Answer** |
| Please refer to the Answer for Question 1. The cost proposal must include the costs necessary for the Bidder to fully comply with the contract terms, conditions, and RFP requirements. |

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| **3** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Appendix D | Could you provide the total annual consultant fees for previous, similar rate case studies? |
| **Answer** |
| Please refer to [RFP Archives | Division of Procurement Services](https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bbm/procurementservices/vendors/rfps/rfp-archives) to review awarded RFPs award by the State of Maine in recent years. |

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| **4** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II. A & page 8 | Could you clarify what is entailed by the “preparation of briefs, reply briefs, oral arguments, and exceptions before the PUC and its Hearing Examiners”? Specifically, to what extent will the GEO, as opposed to the consultant, be responsible for identifying and defining the topics or issues the briefing materials should address? |
| **Answer** |
| The GEO expects to work collaboratively with the successful Bidder to review the record in the proceeding to identify priority topics or issues for briefing materials based on factors including but not limited to the Bidder’s expertise and the GEO’s priorities. |

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| **5** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II. A & page 8 | To what extent would the consultant be supporting the GEO in the submission of testimony, rebuttal, and surrebuttal, versus acting as the expert providing the testimony, rebuttal, and surrebuttal directly? |
| **Answer** |
| GEO anticipates the Bidder will prepare and submit testimony, data request responses, participate in technical conferences, and otherwise participate in the proceeding in their capacity as an expert witness sponsored by the GEO. GEO anticipates working collaboratively with the Bidder to identify priority topic areas and provide context and advice to the Bidder in the preparation of testimony and other participation. Depending on the topic and subject to agreement by both the GEO and the Bidder, the GEO is open to alternative approaches including but not limited to the preparation of testimony by a panel including the Bidder and GEO staff. |