

RFP FAQs

Will the slides from the webinar be posted?

Yes, they will be posted to the RFP website alongside a copy of the RFP.

At the conclusion of the term of resource delivery, will there be an opportunity for renewal?

Yes, as noted in the RFP, we are affording an option to the winning proposer for extension of that gas delivery and system maintenance contract. An extension of service will be subject to negotiations depending on the business model of the winning proposers (e.g. rental of assets) See Section I.D

Is the five-year term of gas delivery services firm?

The gas delivery term is negotiable. In your proposal please be sure to explain the rationale and tradeoffs of a longer contract.

How is cost-share determined? Can you describe forms of cost share?

There are sample cost-share calculations found in Appendix E. In principle, a minimum cost share of \$750,000 is required if an entity is requesting the full \$3,000,000 in IL DCEO funds.

Cost share can be in two forms: cash and in-kind. Cash cost share can labor, supplies, equipment, or other in-scope work where money is still trading hands or a tangible asset is being provided to the project. In-kind cost share can be thought of as pro-bono or donated time where an individual contributes time to the project but does not receive payment for this.

2 CFR 200.306 details cost share and includes several examples of allowable and unallowable cost share.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.306>

Will there be an opportunity to refine the natural gas demand as part of the project?

Yes. Refinement of the peak demand and base demand is specifically requested at the outset of the project (in Phase 1). As stated in Section II.A.1, JCDLRA is requesting “Planning support to properly plan, perform Resource demand forecasting, and size the local gas distribution system appropriate for the envisioned tenants” as part of Phase 1 of the project.