



Independent Monitoring

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Roles of the Independent Monitor (IM)

- The independent monitoring role in ESI's 2011 Western RFP is to provide objective, third-party perspective in two broad, but overlapping, areas:
 1. RFP Evaluation
 - This includes the design, implementation and regulatory review of the 2011 Western RFP solicitation, evaluation, selection, and contract negotiation process to ensure that it is impartial and objective.
 2. RFP Process Monitoring
 - This includes ensuring that all proposals are treated in a consistent fashion, and that no undue preference is given to proposals from any potential bidder, including Entergy Competitive Affiliates.



IM Involvement in RFP Phases

- The IM function requires active participation in all six of the RFP phases:
 1. RFP Design
 - Review and comment on ESI's draft RFP documents;
 - Participate in all technical and bidders' conferences;
 2. Proposal Solicitation Process
 - Monitor the implementation of the RFP issuance, bidder registration, and proposal submission;
 - Monitor questions by prospective bidders;
 3. Proposal Receipt
 - Review all proposals and determine if they meet submission requirements;
 - After redacting identifying information forward selected data to different evaluation teams;
 - Determine if non-conforming proposals should be rejected or allowed to be modified to make conforming;



IM Involvement in RFP Phases (cont'd)

4. Proposal Evaluation and Selection
 - Oversee proposal evaluation and selection to ensure the process is objective and impartial to all bidders;
 - Review qualitative and quantitative analyses including studies by the various area experts;
5. Due Diligence and Negotiations
 - Review documentation, processes, and other information necessary to ensure that the due diligence and negotiations process is conducted in a fair and impartial manner.
6. Regulatory Review
 - As needed, provide reports and/or testimony in the regulatory process to help inform parties and decision makers with respect to issues relevant to our monitoring.



Process Monitoring

- Throughout all RFP phases the IM will be ensuring that:
 - The RFP process is conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and no undue preference is given to any bidder;
 - Appropriate confidentiality is maintained; and
 - Records and information are properly managed and stored
- To fulfill the above goals the IM will be granted access to any ESI employee (or employees of any of the Entergy Operating Companies), data, processes, analytic tools, and any other information regarding the Entergy System or the 2011 Western RFP.



Contact Information

- ✓ RFP questions/issues should be directed to the RFP administrator at esirfp@entergy.com
 - The IM will receive a copy of all emails.
 - Questions will be redacted and forwarded to Entergy staff.

- ✓ To directly contact the IM, please call Michael Chiasson at (317) 249 - 5721 or email him at mchiasson@potomaceconomics.com