

# Independent Monitoring of Entergy Summer 2008 RFP

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### **Roles of the Independent Monitor (IM)**

- The independent monitoring role is intended to provide objective, thirdparty perspective in two broad areas:
  - 1. Monitoring the evaluation of proposals, including:
    - Review of the design of the evaluation process and criteria in the Summer 2008 RFP solicitation; and
    - Monitoring of the evaluation, selection, and contract negotiation processes to ensure that it is impartial, objective, and consistent with the documented evaluation framework.
  - 2. Monitoring the RFP processes to ensure that:
    - All proposals are treated in a consistent manner;
    - No undue preference is given to proposals from any potential bidder, including Entergy Competitive Affiliates.
    - The documented procedures regarding access to information and other aspects of the RFP are followed.



# **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 Entergy Transmission Analysis Group and the Independent Coordinator of Transmission;
- 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, or analytic tools; and
  - Any other information regarding the Entergy System or the Summer 2008 RFP.



#### **Contact Information**

- RFP questions/issues should be directed to the RFP administrator at <u>esirfp@entergy.com</u>.
  - 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 Steve Surina at (703) 383-0146 or email him at <u>stevesurina@potomaceconomics.com</u>
- Answers to questions will be posted to the RFP website. Check for updates at: <u>https://emo-web.no.entergy.com/ENTRFP/20083index.htm</u>

