

# Oregon Independent Evaluator (IE) for PacifiCorp's 2022 All-Source RFP (2022AS RFP)

## PacifiCorp's Oregon IE Bid Evaluation and Selection Recommendation

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Workshop Purpose: Review PacifiCorp's evaluation, scoring and selection recommendation for an Oregon independent evaluator the for the 2022 all-source RFP (2022AS RFP).

# Agenda

## Background

- Purpose of the Oregon IE RFP
- Timeline of the Oregon IE RFP and Selection Approval

## Scoring of Oregon IE RFP Bidders

## Evaluation and Approval of Oregon IE Selection

## Scoring Results and Recommendation

## Questions and Comments

# Background and Purpose of IE Selection

- The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) issued competitive bidding rules (Rules) for RFPs for major resource acquisitions, where major resources are defined as those of duration greater than five years and quantities greater than 80 MW (*Rulemaking Regarding Allowances for Diverse Ownership of Renewable Energy Resources*, AR 600 Order 18-324 (August 30, 2018)).
- PacifiCorp's proposed 2022AS RFP meets the Rules threshold to require an IE in Oregon.
- The purpose of PacifiCorp's Oregon IE RFP is to assist Commission staff in recommending an Oregon IE for PacifiCorp's 2022AS RFP for the Commission's consideration. PacifiCorp will contract directly with the Oregon IE.
- The Oregon IE must be independent of the utility and potential bidders, and also be experienced and competent to perform all IE functions identified in Oregon's Rules.

# Background – Oregon IE RFP Timeline

PacifiCorp's Timeline for the Oregon IE RFP:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issue Oregon IE RFP to Market	09/03/2021
Oregon IE Bids Due	09/17/2021
Oregon Commission Public Meeting Approving IE	10/21/2021

# Scoring of Oregon IE RFP Bidders (1 of 3)

From the information submitted by each bidder, PacifiCorp's evaluation team scored proposals based upon the following four criteria:

## A. Ability of Bidder to Perform Proposed Work (300 Points)

Maximum of three hundred (300) points. Demonstrated training, experience and ability of the bidder and its individual staff member(s) that will be assigned to the project to perform the proposed work, including, but without limitation:

1. Understanding of the scope of work and deliverables, as shown by IE's description of the tasks in its deliverables, understanding of the functions to be performed, and experience evaluating another type of renewable resource RFP or other related experience outside the WECC. (50 points)
2. Specific experience reviewing a RFP for renewable and non-renewable resources, including experience with evaluating benchmark and market bids. (100 points)
3. Experience evaluating storage options including batteries or other types. (100 points)
4. Experience evaluating another type of renewable resource RFP or other related experience in the WECC. (50 points)

# Scoring of Oregon IE RFP Bidders (2 of 3)

## B. Bidder's Evaluation Methodology (350 Points)

Maximum of three hundred and fifty (350) points. Demonstrated training, experience and ability of the bidder and its individual staff member(s) that will be assigned to the project to perform the proposed work, including, but without limitation:

1. Bidder's experience with utility applications of production cost modeling specific to renewable generating resources bid as part of an RFP (100 points).
2. Bidder's experience with PacifiCorp's Transmission's current OATT that covers its "first-ready first-served" interconnection cluster study process. (100 points).
3. Initial assessment and critique of the scoring methods and computer models as described in the Oregon IE RFP Attachment C – PacifiCorp's Proposed 2022AS RFP Bid Evaluation and Selection Process (150 points).

# Scoring of Oregon IE RFP Bidders (3 of 3)

## C. Price Proposal (300 POINTS)

Maximum of three hundred (300) points. The Oregon IE RFP Attachment D – Bidder Pricing Proposal will be the basis for evaluation of Bidder’s proposal on the cost of the project, the overall elements of that cost and the overall appropriateness of the cost in relation to the project as proposed.

1. The cost of the project, the overall elements of that cost. (150 points)
2. The overall appropriateness of the cost in relation to the project as proposed. (150 points)

## D. Conformity to Proposed Professional Services Contract (50 Points)

Maximum of fifty (50 points). IE bidder to provide redline and comments to Attachment E – Professional Services Contract.



# Oregon IE Bid Evaluation Process

- A. Initial Review: PacifiCorp reviewed all proposals to help ensure that all prescribed provisions and procedures were met.
- B. Evaluation Process: PacifiCorp team, comprised of three people, independently reviewed and scored each proposal. After each member of the evaluation committee reviewed and scored each proposal, PacifiCorp reviewed their findings and developed average scores for each proposal based on criteria listed above.
- C. Scoring and Recommendation: PacifiCorp team evaluates the scores and recommends an Oregon IE for consideration by the Commission. For the 2022AS RFP Oregon IE, the recommended entity scored the highest on the first and second scoring criteria, ability to perform work and evaluation methodology.
- D. Oregon IE Selection Workshop. PacifiCorp, Commission staff and stakeholders hold a workshop to discuss the individual Oregon IE bidder's proposals and PacifiCorp's recommendation to arrive at a consensus selection.

Staff will issue a report for the Commission's consideration five (5) days before the public meeting.

The Commission will consider staff's recommendation and comments from PacifiCorp and non-bidding parties in selecting the Oregon IE.

The Commission will direct PacifiCorp to enter into a contract with the selected Oregon IE.

# Oregon IE Scoring Results and Recommendation

- PacifiCorp solicited bids from 34 potential bidders on September 3, 2021
- 3 bids were received from the IE market for consideration on September 17, 2021
- All Oregon IE RFP bids were accepted as having met the minimum qualifications
- The Oregon IE RFP bids were reviewed and scored according to the four criteria in the Scoring section by PacifiCorp evaluation team
- The recommended Oregon IE RFP bidder is PA Consulting Group, Inc. with the highest score for ability to perform work and the highest score for evaluation methodology.
- A detailed summary of the PacifiCorp Oregon IE RFP scores for each of the three bidders by each of the four scoring criteria can be provided upon request to those who have signed a protective order in this docket.
- A breakdown of the Oregon IE RFP bid price proposals can be provided upon request to those who have signed a protective order in this docket.

# Oregon IE Scoring Results and Recommendation

PacifiCorp recommends securing the professional consulting services of PA Consulting Group, Inc. as the Oregon IE for PacifiCorp's 2022AS RFP for the following reasons:

- Direct experience as an independent evaluator for utility solicitation and procurement processes in Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)
- Knowledgeable staff with long background of technical modeling and evaluation expertise as it pertains to renewable and non-renewable resources
- Battery storage evaluation experience
- PA's understanding of PacifiCorp's most recent RFP process, a familiarity with the Plexos IRP modeling tool and PacifiCorp's most recent evaluation and scoring methodology
- Previous experience with PacifiCorp as an IE
- Knowledge and understanding of PacifiCorp's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), interconnection study process and unique transmission system characteristics and constraints