



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PGE01-GID55-SH-001

Summit-Meadows Wildfire Mitigation UG Conversion Project in support of the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") Grant:

Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes

RFP Issue Date:	August 25, 2026
Due Date for Offeror Questions & Requests for Clarification	September 9, 2026
Proposals in response to RFP due by:	September 24, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. PDT Late proposals will not be accepted or considered
Interviews (if requested):	October 2026
Submit Proposals, Questions and Requests for Clarification to the Single Point of Contact ("SPOC"):	Email: Pgesolicitations@pgn.com Offeror shall not contact PGE personnel except as expressly permitted in this RFP.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. RFP Outline

This document establishes the terms and conditions applicable to this solicitation and is organized into four sections plus attachments, as described below:

- Section 1 **General Information:** Provides a general description of the solicitation requirements.
- Section 2 **Offeror Instructions:** Provides the instructions, clauses and conditions applicable to this solicitation. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to be bound by all clauses and conditions contained within this document.
- Section 3 **Proposal Preparation Instructions:** Provides Offerors with detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit their proposal.
- Section 4 **Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection:** Describes how the evaluation will be conducted, outlines the evaluation criteria that must be addressed in the proposal, and explains the basis upon which a selection will be made.

2. List of Annexes

The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this RFP:

1. Annex A - Statement of Work
2. Annex B - Basis of Payment
3. Annex C - Mandatory Evaluation Criteria
4. Annex D - Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria
5. Annex E - Contractor Representation and Certification
6. Annex F - Non-Collusion Certification
7. Annex G - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment Certification
8. Annex H - Master Purchase Agreement for Services Template

3. Company Background Information

Portland General Electric ("PGE") is a vertically integrated electric utility company engaged in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution, and retail sale of electricity in the State of Oregon. PGE's corporate headquarters is in Portland, Oregon, and its State-approved service area covers approximately 4,000 square miles, encompassing 51 incorporated cities.

Offerors are encouraged to visit the PGE company website at www.portlandgeneral.com for more detailed information. A service area map and other pertinent company information can be found on the company website under the "Our Company" tab.

4. General Description of Request for Proposal (RFP)

a. Project Purpose

The purpose of this Project is to complete the engineering, design, permitting support, easement coordination, and construction support necessary to reroute the existing Summit-Meadows feeder along Highway 35 through the removal of existing Overhead ("OH") distribution facilities and installation of new Underground ("UG") facilities.

The Project includes:

- Installation of approximately ten (10) miles of UG distribution facilities.
- Removal of approximately four (4) miles of existing OH facilities.
- Design and coordination associated with the White River crossing.
- Transfer of Timberline Lodge from the Summit-Meadows feeder to the Summit-Summit 13 feeder.
- Development of construction-ready design packages and associated permitting documentation.

b. Project Background

PGE is implementing its Wildfire Mitigation Plan ("WMP") in accordance with Oregon Public Utility Commission ("OPUC") requirements. As part of this effort, Wildfire Planning & Analytics ("WPA") identified the Summit-Meadows distribution line for conversion from OH to UG construction to support system hardening objectives and improve wildfire resiliency.

The Project includes approximately ten (10) miles of new UG distribution facilities and the removal of approximately four (4) miles of existing OH facilities. The section of the Summit-Meadows feeder identified in Figure 1 of Attachment I of the SOW represents the circuit mileage selected by WPA for wildfire mitigation improvement. To support design, construction, and protection requirements, PGE subject matter experts have segmented the circuit into constructible project areas.

To improve operational safety, maintenance accessibility, and system reliability, portions of the existing OH line will be rerouted from its current cross-country alignment to a corridor adjacent to Highway 35. The existing alignment presents significant access challenges due to steep terrain, limited accessibility, wildlife hazards, and difficult navigation. Relocating the facilities to the highway corridor will improve access for routine maintenance and emergency response activities.

Additional key Project elements include the White River crossing and the transfer of Timberline Lodge from the Summit-Meadows feeder to the Summit-Summit 13 feeder.

For planning, pricing, scheduling, invoicing, and potential federal grant funding allocation purposes, the Project has been divided into four (4) geographic Project Sections, as further described in the SOW, including the corresponding Project Section limits identified in Figure 2 of Attachment I.

c. Federal Funding Requirements

This Project is funded in whole or in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under the Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes Program.

Accordingly, this solicitation and any resulting contract are subject to applicable federal requirements, including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and all terms and conditions contained in the DOE award.

Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and grant requirements identified in this solicitation and any resulting contract.

d. Access to Project Documents and PGE Standards

Certain Project reference documents and PGE engineering, design, construction, operational, and technical standards are material to preparation of a complete and accurate Proposal. Offerors are expected to review all Project documents and PGE standards identified in this section when developing their technical approach, staffing plan, Project schedule, risk assessment, assumptions, and Financial Proposal.

Due to the confidential and proprietary nature of certain Project documents and PGE standards, access will only be provided to Offerors that have either:

- a. A current agreement with PGE containing confidentiality obligations applicable to the requested materials; or
- b. A fully executed Non-Disclosure Agreement ("NDA") acceptable to PGE.

Offerors that do not currently have an applicable confidentiality agreement in place should promptly contact the SPOC to initiate the required NDA process. PGE will utilize a generally applicable confidentiality process and will not provide one Offeror access to different information than that provided to other eligible Offerors.

Upon verification of an applicable confidentiality agreement, PGE will provide access to the Project reference documents and PGE standards identified below.

Offerors are solely responsible for:

- i. Reviewing all Project documents and PGE standards made available by PGE;
- ii. Identifying any questions, ambiguities, conflicts, omissions, or discrepancies through the inquiry process established in this Solicitation; and
- iii. Incorporating all applicable requirements, assumptions, constraints, standards, specifications, and technical information into their Proposal.

PGE is not responsible for delays resulting from an Offeror's failure to timely execute the required confidentiality agreement.

Mandatory Project Reference Documents and PGE Standards

The documents, standards, drawings, templates, reports, maps, and other materials identified below are incorporated into this Solicitation by reference and are considered material to preparation of a complete and accurate Proposal.

ALL DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED BELOW ARE MANDATORY FOR PROPOSAL PREPARATION.

Offerors are responsible for reviewing and incorporating the requirements, assumptions, constraints, standards, specifications, and technical information contained in these documents into their Technical Proposal, Project schedule, staffing plan, risk assessment, and Financial Proposal.

By submitting a Proposal, the Offeror represents that it has reviewed, or has had the opportunity to review, all mandatory Project reference documents and PGE standards made available through this Solicitation and has incorporated the applicable requirements into its Proposal.

PGE will not rely upon undisclosed standards, drawings, reports, specifications, requirements, assumptions, or Project documents in evaluating Proposals. All information required for Proposal preparation and evaluation is identified in this Solicitation or made available to Offerors through the document-access process described herein.

- **General**

- LD10500 Standards Terms and Definitions
- LD11000 15-kV Radial Feeder Design
- LD14000 Fire-Safe Design
- LD17022 Faulted Circuit Indicators Overhead and Underground Circuits

- **UG Design**

- LD31010 Conduit System Design
- LD31012 Road Crossings
- LD31015 Maximum Cable Tensions and Sidewall Pressure
- LD31020 Maximum Cable Tensions and Sidewall Pressure Calculations
- LD31030 Trenching
- LD31040 Horizontal Directional Drilling Design
- LD32010 Secondary Underground Cables Electrical and Mechanical Properties
- LD32011 Electrical Connections for Secondary Cables
- LD32015 Secondary Voltage Pedestals
- LD32017 Secondary Voltage Handholes
- LD32018 15-kV Richards Cold-Shrink Splices
- LD32020 15 kV Primary Underground Cables Electrical and Mechanical Properties
- LD32021 15-kV Live-Front Skirted and Skirtless Terminations
- LD32100 15-kV 200 A Loadbreak Elbow Terminations, Junctions (Laterals), and Accessories
- LD32110 15 kV, 600 A/900 A Deadbreak T-Body Elbow Terminations and Modular Splices
- LD32120 15-kV Straight Splices and H-Frame Disconnectable Joint Splices for Primary Cables
- LD32501 Transformer Vault Designs: Transformers and Equipment In or On Vaults

LD32502 Transformer Pad Designs: Transformers & Equipment on Pads
LD32505 Switch Vault Designs Switches and Sectionalizing Equipment in Vaults
LD32510 Vault Design and Location Requirements
LD32517 Underground Equipment Barriers
LD32519 Working Space Around Electrical Equipment, Fire Hydrants, and Gas Meters
LD32520 Separation of Electrical Equipment to Gas Containers and Flammable-Liquid Dispensing Equipment
LD32521 Separation of Oil/Fluid-filled Transformers from Structures and Other Oil/Fluid-Filled Equipment
LD32522 Fire Barrier
LD32524 Pad-Mounted Electrical Equipment Near Intersections
LD33010 15 kV Underground Switchgear
LD33020 15-kV Sectionalizing Cabinets
LD38020 Underground Primary Voltage Design

■ **UG Construction**

LC20010 Duct Riser Assembly
LC20012 Grounding a Metal Duct on a Pole
LC20014 Tapline Overhead-Underground (OH-UG) Risers
LC20020 Riser Location on the Pole
LC20090 Standoff Bracket Assembly
LC20091 Standoff Bracket
LC20092 Duct Straps
LC20095 Entrance Cap
LC20510 Duct Fittings
LC20515 Ducts
LC21001 Transformer Vault Designs Transformers and Equipment In or On Vaults
LC21002 Transformer Pad Designs, Transformers and Equipment on Pads
LC21005 Switch Vault Construction Switches and Sectionalizing Equipment in Vaults
LC21011 Heavy Duty Cable Rack & Hook Support (PGE 5106)
LC21040 Explosion Mitigation Manhole Cover System
LC21511 Underground Faulted Circuit Indicator Part Numbers and Accessories
LC21515 15-kV, Single-Phase Sectionalizing Cabinets
LC21516 15-kV, Three-Phase Sectionalizing Cabinets
LC22012 Cable Lubricants and Grease
LC29505 Labels, Tags, Markers, and Signs
LC29510 Labels Identifying Conduits Attached to Bridges
LC29515 Underground Primary Cable Tagging
LC29520 Pedestal, Vault, and Pad Tagging

■ **Engineering Work Practices**

WPE0015 Designing Around Old Vaults
WPE0026 15 kV Vista Switch Material Guideline

■ **Knowledge Now Articles**

KB0017247 T&D AutoCAD Standards

■ **Other**

Redbook - Design and Construction Guide
Primary Electric Line All (Summit-Meadows).kmz
Wildfire Mitigation Underground CABLE AND CONDUIT TABLE (MXXXXXXX) Template

5. Contract Duration

The period of the Contract is from the date of Contract award to December 31, 2030.

6. Estimated Number of Contracts to be Awarded

PGE anticipates awarding one (1) Contract as a result of this Solicitation. PGE may, however, elect not to make an award if PGE determines that no Proposal provides acceptable value, no Offeror is responsive

and responsible, available funding is insufficient, the procurement is canceled, or award would not be in PGE's or the Project's best interest.

Following issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award and expiration of the applicable protest period, PGE will address and resolve any timely submitted protest in accordance with Section 2.29. PGE will not execute the Contract until the applicable protest process has been completed, unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or Project requirements.

7. RFP Availability

This RFP is available electronically at: portlandgeneral.com/pgebuys.

Any future notices related to this solicitation, including amendments, will be posted on the PGE website.

8. RFP Definitions

Throughout this RFP, the following definitions apply:

- a. **"Clarification"** means a limited communication used to explain, verify, or resolve an ambiguity in information already contained in a Proposal. A Clarification may not be used to cure a material omission, satisfy a Mandatory Evaluation Criterion that was not satisfied as submitted, revise the proposed price, or materially revise a Proposal.
- b. **"Discussion"** means a communication conducted after Proposal submission that permits an Offeror to address identified Proposal weaknesses, deficiencies, or other matters and that may permit a Proposal revision.
- c. **"Interview"** means an evaluated oral or written presentation, demonstration, or question-and-answer process conducted using the factors and scoring methodology disclosed in this Solicitation.
- d. **"Negotiation"** means post-selection communication intended to finalize the Contract with the selected Offeror. Negotiation may not materially change the evaluation basis, provide the selected Offeror an unfair competitive advantage, or result in award on terms materially outside the scope of this Solicitation.
- e. **"Offeror"** refers to an individual, joint venture, or a company that submits, or intends to submit, a proposal in response to this RFP.
- f. **"PGE"** refers to Portland General Electric.
- g. **"Intent to Award"** is a written notice identifying the intended contract awardee. This notice will be published on the PGE website.
- h. **"Proposal"** means an Offeror's complete and binding response to this RFP, including its Technical Proposal, Financial Proposal, certifications, representations, and all required supporting documentation.
- i. **"Responsive Proposal"** means a Proposal that complies in all material respects with the requirements of this Solicitation and satisfies all Mandatory Evaluation Criteria.
- j. **"Responsible Offeror"** means an Offeror that PGE determines possesses the integrity, experience, technical capability, financial capacity, personnel, resources, and ability necessary to perform the Contract successfully.
- k. **"Statement of Work" or "SOW"** means Annex A, which identifies the Services, tasks, milestones, Deliverables, acceptance criteria, and other performance requirements applicable to the Contract.
- l. **"SPOC"** means the Single Point of Contact identified on the cover page and in Section 1.9. The SPOC will administer communications relating to this Solicitation on behalf of PGE.
- m. **"Technical Score," "Price Score," "Interview Score," "Pre-Interview Ranking," and "Final Combined Score"** have the meanings stated in Section 4.
- n. Proposals will be evaluated only in accordance with the Mandatory Evaluation Criteria, Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria, Price Score methodology, interview criteria, and relative weights disclosed in Section 4 and Annexes B, C, and D.

9. SPOC

All correspondence related to this RFP must be directed to the SPOC listed below:

Email: pgesolicitations@pgn.com

Offerors must submit their proposal and all RFP-related correspondence to the SPOC identified above. To ensure proper and timely consideration of proposals, all contact regarding this RFP – whether by phone or email – must be directed exclusively to the SPOC for the duration of the RFP process.

Offerors who contact PGE personnel other than the SPOC regarding this RFP, without prior SPOC approval, risk having their proposal disqualified.

SECTION 2: OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of this solicitation and accepts the terms and conditions of the resulting contract.

2. Questions During the Solicitation Period

All inquiries must be submitted in writing to the SPOC no later than September 9, 2026. Inquiries received after this deadline may not be answered.

Offerors should reference the relevant section title and page number when submitting inquiries and provide sufficient detail to allow PGE to provide an accurate response. Inquiries of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "Proprietary" at each relevant item and will be treated as such, unless PGE determines otherwise. PGE may edit questions, or request that the Offeror do so, to remove proprietary content so that responses can be shared with all Offerors. Inquiries that cannot be distributed to all Offerors may not be answered.

3. Suggested Improvements to the Requirements During the Solicitation Period

If an Offeror believes that the SOW or another requirement of this Solicitation could be improved technically, operationally, or economically, the Offeror may submit a written suggestion to the SPOC. The suggestion must identify the applicable RFP or SOW section, describe the proposed improvement, and explain its anticipated benefit.

Suggestions must be submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the process established in Section 2.2. PGE may accept, reject, or modify a suggestion at its discretion. A suggestion will not modify this Solicitation unless PGE adopts it through a written addendum made available to all Offerors.

PGE will not adopt a suggestion that would improperly restrict competition or provide an unfair competitive advantage.

4. Existing NDAs

For purposes of this solicitation, an Offeror will not be considered in violation of any confidentiality provision in an existing nondisclosure agreement with PGE if the Offeror reports fraud, waste, or abuse to an authorized representative of a federal department or agency.

5. Validity of Proposals

Proposals must remain valid for a minimum of one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days following the proposal submission due date. Proposals may not be modified after submission.

6. Disclaimer

This RFP does not obligate PGE to enter into any contract and does not serve as a basis for any claim for reimbursement of costs incurred by the Offeror. PGE reserves the right to revise, withdraw, or cancel this RFP at any time. PGE also reserves the right to waive formalities and to add, modify, or delete items, requirements, schedule, or terms and conditions prior to the solicitation closing date.

7. Reservation of Rights

Subject to applicable federal requirements and the procedures stated in this Solicitation, PGE reserves the right to:

- a. Reject any or all Proposals;
- b. Reject a Proposal as non-responsive;
- c. Determine that an Offeror is not responsible;
- d. Waive a minor informality or immaterial irregularity that does not affect price, quantity, quality, delivery, the evaluation outcome, or the relative standing of Offerors;
- e. Request clarifications in accordance with this Solicitation;
- f. Conduct interviews or decline to conduct interviews;
- g. Cancel this Solicitation before Contract award;
- h. Award the Contract to an Offeror other than the lowest-priced Offeror when the award is made in

accordance with the evaluation criteria, scoring methodology, and relative weights stated in this Solicitation;
or
i. Make no award.

PGE anticipates making no more than one (1) Contract award under this Solicitation. Nothing in this section authorizes PGE to change the evaluation criteria, scoring methodology, relative weights, or material requirements after the Proposal due date.

8. Return of Materials

PGE may, at its discretion, require the Offeror to return or destroy any PGE documentation or materials related to this RFP at any time.

9. Errors and Omissions

If an Offeror identifies a material ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or error in this RFP, they must

1. Notify the SPOC in writing; and
2. Request a modification or clarification

PGE reserves the right to determine the materiality of any such discovery. PGE may take one or more of the following actions:

- Issue an addendum to amend the RFP;
- Extend the RFP due date, if necessary; or
- Provide written responses to questions

PGE also reserves the right to negotiate minor exceptions, irregularities, or errors in either the RFP or submitted responses.

10. Confidentiality of Response

Unless a nondisclosure agreement has been executed between PGE and the Offeror, all information submitted in the Offeror's response – regardless of any confidentiality labeling – may be disclosed or used by PGE or its affiliates for any purpose without compensation or liability to the Offeror.

Offeror should only submit information necessary to understand and evaluate their proposal. Where a nondisclosure agreement exists, it will govern the confidentiality of covered information; however, all information submitted under this RFP is subject to inspection by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Offeror agrees that PGE will not be in violation of any confidentiality agreement if such information is disclosed to the U.S. Department of Energy.

11. Offeror Financial Capability

The SPOC will obtain the financial and other information necessary to assess a contractor's financial capability and condition. Offerors are expected to provide all reasonably requested financial information in a timely manner. Failure or unwillingness to do so may be considered a material factor in determining the contractor's responsibility and ability to complete the contract.

12. Competitive Procurement

PGE encourages free and open competition among Offerors. PGE is under no obligation to purchase any services from any Offeror until a contract has been signed by both parties.

13. Code of Ethics

From the receipt of this solicitation through final selection, Offerors must not engage in any conduct that could be perceived as improperly influencing PGE's decision-making process. The exchange or offering of money, gifts, personal services, or unusual hospitality between Offerors and PGE is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification from this RFP.

Offerors shall not seek or obtain non-public information regarding the procurement process, competing proposals, evaluation team members, evaluation results, or source selection activities. Any attempt to improperly influence the procurement process may result in disqualification.

14. Non-Discrimination

Neither PGE nor the Offeror shall discriminate in the provision of the services under this RFP on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, veteran status, qualified veteran, or any other category protected by applicable law.

15. Conflict of Interest

The Offeror shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest that may impact its ability to perform the Services in an objective and impartial manner.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- a. Financial interests that may benefit from the award;
- b. Participation in the development of Project requirements, specifications, or evaluation criteria;
- c. Business or contractual relationships that may impair independent judgment; and
- d. Relationships with PGE, DOE, CTWS, or project stakeholders that could create an unfair competitive advantage.

PGE may determine that a conflict of interest exists and may require mitigation measures, disqualify an Offeror, or take any other action deemed appropriate.

Failure to disclose a known conflict of interest may result in disqualification from this solicitation or termination of any resulting contract.

16. Proposal Preparation Costs

The Offeror is solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in preparing and presenting its response to this RFP, including costs associated with market research and attendance at meetings.

17. Qualification of Offeror's Resources

Prior to assigning any individual as a resource, and at the Offeror's sole expense, the Offeror must verify and warrant to PGE that all proposed personnel possess the requisite qualifications, education, and technical certifications to perform the services competently and in accordance with the SOW.

PGE reserves the right to accept or reject any resources identified in the Offeror's proposal. All proposed personnel and their associated roles must be clearly identified at the task level in the proposal. PGE reserves the right to request alternate resources.

18. Publicity

The Offeror may not make any announcement, disclosure, or use PGE's name or logo in connection with this RFP without prior written consent from PGE. PGE may withhold such consent at its sole discretion.

19. Compliance with Applicable Laws

All proposals must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, including any judgments, orders, decrees, or consent agreements with any governmental agency or court, relating to the design, promotion, marketing, sale, or pricing of any services identified in the proposal.

20. Contract Negotiation

PGE will initiate contract negotiations with the highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror. PGE may negotiate general contract terms and conditions, services, pricing, implementation schedules, and other terms it deems appropriate. If negotiations do not result in an executed contract, PGE reserves the right to terminate negotiations and proceed with the next highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror. This process may continue until a contract is successfully executed.

21. Disputes

PGE shall review and resolve procurement-related disputes in accordance with the procedures described in this solicitation and applicable project requirements. Nothing in this section shall limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under applicable law.

22. Proposal Withdrawal

An Offeror may withdraw its proposal at any time prior to the proposal closing date and time shown on the cover page of this solicitation. Withdrawals must be submitted in writing on company letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, and sent electronically to the SPOC before the proposal closing date and time.

23. Authority

Proposals must conform to the requirements of this solicitation and be signed by an individual authorized to make commitments on behalf of the Offeror. The Offeror's signature on any submission or attestation form certifies that the Offeror has read and fully understands all terms and conditions. No consideration will be given to any claim resulting from a failure to comprehend all solicitation requirements.

24. Responsiveness

Proposals lacking required signatures will be deemed non-responsive. PGE may disqualify non-responsive Offerors from further evaluation.

25. RFP Amendments

PGE reserves the right to amend this RFP. All changes will be made by written addendum only. Verbal statements made by the SPOC are not binding unless issued as a written addendum. PGE will issue addendums within a reasonable timeframe to allow Offerors adequate time to incorporate changes into their proposals. PGE may extend the RFP closing date if additional time is needed to review and respond to addenda. It is the Offeror's sole responsibility to regularly check the PGE website for any posted addenda and to incorporate them into their proposals.

26. Debarment and Suspension

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror warrants that it is not listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with OMB guidelines at [2 CFR 180](#), implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 regarding Debarment and Suspension.

27. Unpaid Tax Liabilities Prohibited

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror represents and warrants that: (a) it has no unpaid Federal tax liabilities for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or lapsed; or (b) if unpaid tax liabilities exist, they are being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the relevant tax authority.

28. Felony Criminal Convictions Prohibited

By submitting a proposal, the Offeror represents and warrants that it has not been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding twenty-four (24) months.

29. Protest of Intent to Award

PGE will notify all Offerors when a selection has been made. The following procedure applies when an Offeror wishes to protest a disqualification or contract award decision.

Offerors may only protest deviations from applicable laws, rules, regulations, or procedures. All protests must cite the specific law, rule, regulation, or procedure upon which the protest is based. Disagreement with the judgment of individual evaluators is not grounds for protest.

All protests must be in writing and must include the following:

1. A statement that the Offeror is adversely affected and would be eligible for contract award if the protest were upheld; and
2. The specific basis for the protest, which must be one or more of the following:
 - a) All lower or higher ranked proposals are non-responsive; or
 - b) PGE failed to evaluate proposals in accordance with the criteria or processes described in the solicitation; or
 - c) PGE abused its discretion in rejecting the Offeror's proposal as non-responsive.

All protests must be submitted electronically to the SPOC identified on the cover page of this solicitation and must be received no later than **4:00 P.M. Pacific Time on the seventh (7th) business day** following the issuance of the notice of intent to award or disqualification.

Protests filed after this deadline, or that fail to cite the specific law, rule, regulation, or procedure upon which the protest is based, will be dismissed without further consideration. Issues that could have been raised during the solicitation period are not grounds for protest.

PGE will resolve all timely submitted protests within a reasonable timeframe and will issue a written decision to the protesting Offeror.

SECTION 3: PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Proposal Preparation Instructions

This section outlines the required format for proposals in response to this RFP. The purpose of this format is to ensure consistency across all submissions and to facilitate clear understanding and evaluation. Failure to comply with the requirements of this section may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

Offerors must follow the format instructions below when preparing their proposal:

- i. Use a numbering system that corresponds to the RFP; and
- ii. Include a title page at the front of each separate PDF document that includes the title, date, RFP solicitation number, Offeror's legal name and address, and contact information for the Offeror's authorized representative.

2. Submission of Proposals

Proposals must be submitted to the designated SPOC by the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation. Offerors must email all required documents and any relevant supplementary materials to the SPOC using the following subject line:

"RFP # PGE01-GID55-SH-001 - Summit-Meadows Wildfire Mitigation UG Conversion Project

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 PM, Pacific Time on September 24, 2026.

Please limit the size of each email to 10MB. Multiple emails may be used, if necessary. PGE will confirm receipt of all submissions via email.

Any proposal received after 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on the proposal due date, or submitted in a manner not specified in this RFP, will be considered non-responsive and may be excluded from award consideration. It is the Offeror's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is submitted before the specified due date and time and in the manner specified in this RFP.

IMPORTANT: IF AN OFFEROR DOES NOT RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE SPOC ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE PROPOSAL, THE OFFEROR MUST ASSUME THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT RECEIVED AND MUST CONTACT THE SPOC TO CONFIRM RECEIPT PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME.

Proposals submitted by facsimile or mail will not be accepted.

Offeror must submit the following documents as separate PDF files. Upon award, these documents may be incorporated into the final contract:

1. Annex B - Basis of Payment
 - **Note:** Pricing information must appear only in the financial portion of the proposal and must not appear in any other submitted document.
2. Annex C - Mandatory Evaluation Criteria
3. Annex D - Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria
4. Annex E - Contractor Representation and Certification
5. Annex F - Non-Collusion Certification
6. Annex G - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment Certification

3. Technical Proposal

The technical portion of this solicitation consists of the following:

- **Mandatory Technical Criteria** - Refer to Annex C of this solicitation; and
- **Point-Rated Technical Criteria** - Refer to Annex D of this solicitation.

Substantiation of Technical Compliance: Offeror must substantiate technical compliance in accordance with the Proposal Preparation Instructions in Annex C and D. Substantiation must go beyond simply repeating the requirement – it must explain and demonstrate how the Offeror will meet each requirement and carry out the required work. A statement that the Offeror or its proposed solution “complies” is not sufficient. Where PGE determines that substantiation is incomplete, PGE may deem the Proposal non-responsive.

Cross-References: Offerors may reference supporting documentation submitted with their proposal. References must be noted in the “Cross Reference” column of Annexes C and D, and must include the document title and the relevant page and paragraph numbers. Where a reference is not sufficiently precise, the SPOC may request that the Offeror identify the specific location in the referenced document.

Disclosure of Active PGE Contracts

The Offeror must provide a complete list of all contracts, purchase orders, master service agreements, task orders, and other engagements between the Offeror (including any proposed subcontractors) and PGE that were active at any time up to and including the solicitation closing date.

For each contract or engagement, the Offeror must provide:

- a. PGE contract number (if available);
- b. Project or contract title;
- c. Brief description of services performed;
- d. Contract start date;
- e. Contract completion date (or indicate "active");
- f. PGE business unit or department served; and
- g. Name of the PGE contract manager or project manager, if known.

The Offeror certifies that the disclosure is complete and accurate as of the solicitation closing date. Failure to disclose material active contracts may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive or may be considered during PGE's responsibility determination.

Joint Venture: Unless otherwise specified, at least one member of a joint venture must independently satisfy each mandatory requirement. Joint venture members may not pool their individual capabilities to collectively satisfy a single mandatory requirement. Where substantiation of a mandatory requirement is required, the Offeror must identify which joint venture member satisfies that requirement. Offeror with questions about how joint venture proposals will be evaluated should raise them through the inquiry process as early as possible during the solicitation period.

Example: A joint venture consisting of members X, Y, and Z may satisfy two separate requirements – such as: (a) three years of experience providing maintenance services, and (b) two years of experience integrating hardware with complex networks – by having different members satisfy each respective requirement. However, if a single requirement calls for three years of maintenance experience, the joint venture cannot combine one year of experience from each of members X, Y, and Z to meet that requirement. Such a response would be declared non-responsive.

4. Financial Proposal

Pricing: Offerors must submit their financial proposal in accordance with the table provided in Annex B. All applicable taxes must be itemized separately. Offeror must enter a single firm rate in US dollars in each cell requiring an entry.

All Costs to be Included: The financial proposal must include all costs associated with the requirements described in this solicitation for the entire contract period. It is the Offeror's sole responsibility to identify all necessary equipment, software, peripherals, cabling and components required to meet the solicitation requirements, along with their associated costs.

Blank Prices: Offerors must enter \$0.00 for any item they do not intend to charge for, or for items already included in another line item price. If a price is left blank, PGE will treat it as \$0.00 for evaluation purposes and may request written confirmation from the Offeror. Offerors will not be permitted to add or revise a price during the confirmation process. Any Offeror who fails to confirm that a blank price is \$0.00 may be declared non-responsive.

5. RFP and Contract Award Timeline

PGE's estimated schedule for this solicitation is provided in the table below. This timeline is subject to change and will be updated as needed.

Date	Activity
August 25, 2026	RFP published on the PGE public facing website
September 9, 2026	Deadline for Offeror Questions & Requests for Clarification
September 15, 2026	PGE Responses to Offeror's Questions & Clarification Requests
September 24, 2026	Proposals due by 5:00 P.M. PDT
October 15, 2026	Proposals evaluated; highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror(s) selected for interviews
November 5, 2026	Presentations, demonstrations, or interviews completed; winning Offeror selected in accordance with the evaluation methodology specified in the RFP
November 6, 2026	Notice of Intent to Award Issued
December 11, 2026	Contract Negotiations Completed
December 18, 2026	Contract Awarded

The following factors may impact the timeline above:

- (i) **Requests for clarifications:** PGE may request a Clarification to explain, verify, or resolve an ambiguity in information already contained in a Proposal. Unless PGE specifies a longer period in writing, the Offeror must respond within two (2) Business Days after receipt of the request.

A Clarification response:

- a. Must be limited to explaining or verifying information already contained in the Proposal;
- b. May not introduce a new project example, new key person, new subcontractor, new technical approach, or other material information;
- c. May not change the proposed price;
- d. May not cure a failure to satisfy a Mandatory Evaluation Criterion as of the Proposal closing date; and
- e. Will become part of the Offeror's Proposal and procurement record.

PGE will provide similarly situated Offerors a fair and consistent opportunity to respond to materially similar clarification issues.

Failure to respond within the specified period may result in evaluation of the Proposal without the requested clarification or a determination that the Proposal is non-responsive when the missing information is material.

- (ii) **Extension of Time:** If additional time is required, the SPOC may grant an extension at their sole discretion.
- (iii) **Funder Approval Requirements:** The grant funder (U.S. Department of Energy) may have additional approval requirements that could affect the timeline. PGE will notify the successful Offeror of any such impacts as soon as practicable.

SECTION 4: EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

1. Evaluation Procedures

Proposals will be evaluated against the full requirements of this solicitation, including both technical and financial criteria. The evaluation process consists of several steps, as described below. PGE's progression to a later step does not indicate that an Offeror has conclusively passed all previous steps. PGE may conduct evaluation steps concurrently.

An evaluation team composed of representatives from PGE and CTWS will evaluate all proposals. PGE may engage independent consultants or utilize internal PGE resources to assist in the evaluation.

In addition to any other deadlines established in this solicitation, the following time periods apply:

(i) **Requests for clarifications:** If PGE seeks clarification or verification from an Offeror regarding its proposal, the Offeror will have two (2) business days – or a longer period if specified in writing by the SPOC – to provide the requested information. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the proposal being declared non-responsive.

(ii) **Extension of Time:** If additional time is required, the SPOC may grant an extension at their sole discretion.

2. Technical Evaluation

Mandatory Technical Criteria: Each proposal will be reviewed to determine whether it meets all mandatory requirements of this solicitation. Mandatory requirements are identified by the words "must" or "mandatory". Proposals that do not comply with every mandatory requirement may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified. The mandatory evaluation criteria are described in Annex C of this solicitation.

Point-Rated Criteria: Each proposal will be scored in accordance with the criteria described in Annex D of this solicitation.

3. Financial Evaluation

The financial evaluation will be conducted in accordance with Annex B – Basis of Payment.

If PGE determines that a pricing entry is incomplete, contains an apparent error, or is otherwise inconsistent with the pricing instructions in Annex B, PGE may request clarification in accordance with this solicitation. PGE reserves the right to evaluate pricing based on the information submitted and the pricing rules specified in Annex B.

4. Method of Scoring: Technical Score, Price Score, and Interview Score

I. Responsiveness Requirements:

To be deemed responsive, a proposal must:

- i. Comply with all requirements of the solicitation; and
- ii. Meet all mandatory criteria.

Proposals that do not satisfy both conditions above may be declared non-responsive and will not be evaluated further.

II. Pre-Interview Selection:

The initial selection will be based on the highest combined technical score and price score, weighted as follows:

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- **Technical (Point-Rated Criteria):** 60 points
 - **Price:** 30 points
 - **Total Pre-Interview Points:** 90 points

III. Technical Score:

The Technical Score for each responsive Proposal will be calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Average evaluator score} \div \text{Maximum available technical points}) \times 60$$

IV. Pricing Score Calculation:

The price score for each responsive proposal will be calculated using the Offeror's total evaluated price as follows:

$$(\text{Lowest total price among all responsive proposals} \div \text{Offeror's total price}) \times 30$$

V. Pre-Interview Ranking:

The Technical Score and Price Score will be combined to establish a Pre-Interview Ranking.

The Pre-Interview Ranking will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Pre-Interview Ranking} = \text{Technical Score} + \text{Price Score}$$

Selection for an interview, if conducted, does not guarantee contract award.

VI. Interview Evaluation:

PGE may invite up to the three highest-ranked Offerors based on the Pre-Interview Ranking to participate in interviews. PGE reserves the right to invite additional Offerors in the event of a tie or when evaluation results indicate that other Offerors are competitively ranked within a reasonable scoring range of the highest-ranked Offerors.

Interviews may include evaluation of the following factors:

- Understanding of the project requirements;
- Proposed approach and methodology;
- Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel;
- Ability to respond to project-specific scenarios and questions;
- Project execution capabilities; and
- Overall capability to successfully perform the work.

PGE may develop interview questions, scenarios, demonstrations, presentations, and evaluation materials that further assess these factors. All interviewed Offerors will be evaluated using a consistent interview process and scoring methodology.

Interviews may be conducted in person, virtually, or through a combination of both methods.

The maximum available Interview Score is 10 points.

The Interview Score for each interviewed Offeror will be calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Average evaluator interview score} \div \text{Maximum available interview points}) \times 10$$

VII. Final Combined Score:

If interviews are conducted, each interviewed Offeror's Final Combined Score will be calculated as follows:

- **Technical Score:** 60

- **Price Score:** 30
- **Interview Score:** 10
- **Total Available Points:** 100

VIII. Final Combined Score = Technical Score + Price Score + Interview Score

The Contract may be awarded to the responsive and responsible Offeror whose proposal is determined to provide the best value to PGE based on the evaluation criteria and scoring methodology set forth in this Solicitation. If interviews are conducted, the responsive and responsible Offeror achieving the highest Final Combined Score will be considered to represent the best value.

Illustrative Example Only. The table below illustrates a scoring example in which all three proposals are responsive, the lowest evaluated price is \$45,000. This example does not represent anticipated Proposal prices or evaluation results.

Method of Award - Highest Combined Technical Score (60), Price Score (30), Interview Score (10)			
	Bidder A	Bidder B	Bidder C
Mandatory Criteria [Pass/Fail]	PASS	PASS	PASS
Technical Score (Point-Rated Criteria) [(Average Technical Score ÷ 500) × 60]	$(400 \div 500) \times 60 = 48.00$	$(300 \div 500) \times 60 = 36.00$	$(200 \div 500) \times 60 = 24.00$
Total Price	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$80,000
Price Score [(Lowest Price ÷ Offeror's Price) × 30]	$(\$45,000 \div \$90,000) \times 30 = 15.00$	$(\$45,000 \div \$45,000) \times 30 = 30.00$	$(\$45,000 \div \$80,000) \times 30 = 16.875$
Combined Technical Score and Price Score	$48.00 + 15.00 = 63.00$	$36.00 + 30.00 = 66.00$	$24.00 + 16.875 = 40.875$
Selected for Interview	Yes	Yes	No
Interview Score [(Average Interview Score ÷ 25) × 10]	$(25 \div 25) \times 10 = 10.00$	$(14 \div 25) \times 10 = 5.60$	N/A
Final Combined Score (Technical Score + Price Score + Interview Score)	73.00	71.60	N/A
Ranking	1st Place	2nd Place	Not Selected for Final Evaluation

Note 1: Maximum available points: 100 (Technical 60, Price 30, Interview 10).

Note 2: Up to the three highest-ranked Offerors based on the Pre-Interview Ranking may be invited to participate in interviews. Final award will be based on the evaluation methodology set forth in the Solicitation.

Note 3: In this example, Bidder B achieved the highest Pre-Interview Ranking (66.00). Following interviews, Bidder A achieved the highest Final Combined Score (73.00) and was therefore ranked first and selected for award.

5. PGE Rights; Clarifications, Interviews, Discussions, and Negotiations

PGE reserves the right to:

- Award the Contract without conducting interviews;
- Conduct interviews with selected Offerors in accordance with the process disclosed in this Solicitation;
- Request Clarifications;
- Establish a competitive range and conduct Discussions if PGE determines that Discussions are necessary;
- Request final Proposal revisions following Discussions;
- Negotiate with the highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror;
- Reject any or all Proposals; or
- Cancel the Solicitation before Contract award.

Clarifications. Clarifications will be conducted in accordance with this Solicitation.

Interviews. If PGE conducts interviews, PGE will use the interview factors, scoring methodology, and relative weight disclosed in this Solicitation. All interviewed Offerors will be provided materially equivalent instructions, preparation time, interview duration, and opportunities to respond to the evaluated questions or scenarios. Interview questions may be tailored to an Offeror's Proposal, but all Offerors will be evaluated against the same disclosed factors.

Discussions. If PGE conducts Discussions that permit material Proposal revisions, PGE will:

1. Establish a competitive range using the evaluation criteria and scoring methodology disclosed in this Solicitation;

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2. Conduct Discussions on a fair and consistent basis with all Offerors remaining in the competitive range;
 3. Identify material deficiencies, significant weaknesses, or other matters requiring resolution, without disclosing another Offeror's confidential information or proposed solution;
 4. Establish a common deadline for final Proposal revisions; and
 5. Evaluate final Proposal revisions using the same evaluation criteria, scoring methodology, and relative weights disclosed in this Solicitation.

Negotiations. After completion of the evaluation process, PGE may negotiate with the highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror. Negotiations may address Contract terms, implementation details, pricing, risk allocation, scheduling, and other matters consistent with the Solicitation. Negotiations may not change the disclosed evaluation criteria or result in a material expansion of the Services. If PGE and the highest-ranked Offeror do not execute a Contract, PGE may terminate negotiations and commence negotiations with the next highest-ranked responsive and responsible Offeror.

ANNEX A - STATEMENT OF WORK

The Statement of Work (Annex A) will be provided to prospective Offerors as a separate attachment.

ANNEX B - BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Basis of Payment (Annex B) will be provided to prospective Offerors as a separate attachment.

ANNEX C - MANDATORY EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposal must meet all Mandatory Criteria specified below. The Offeror must provide the documentation identified in the "Proposal Preparation Instructions" column to demonstrate compliance with each requirement. Proposals that fail to meet any mandatory criterion may be declared non-responsive. Each mandatory criterion must be addressed separately.

Mandatory Criteria				
A	B	C	D	E
NO.	MANDATORY CRITERIA	PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS	CROSS-REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC PAGE IN PROPOSAL [Offeror to Complete]	PASS / FAIL [PGE Evaluators to Complete]
M1	The Offeror must be legally authorized to conduct business in the State of Oregon as of the RFP closing date.	Provide evidence of registration and good standing with the Oregon Secretary of State.		
M2	The Offeror must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and possess an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as of the RFP closing date.	Provide the Offeror's UEI number and evidence of active SAM registration.		
M3	The Offeror must have at least one (1) Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Oregon who will be responsible for engineering oversight of the Project.	Provide the name, license number, and role of the proposed Oregon Professional Engineer.		
M4	The Offeror must have completed at least three (3) electric utility distribution engineering projects of similar size and complexity within the last five (5) years.	Provide project descriptions including client name, project location, scope, completion date, and contact information for a client reference.		
M5	The Offeror must have completed at least two (2) overhead-to-underground electric utility conversion projects within the last five (5) years.	Provide project descriptions including project mileage, voltage class, major deliverables, completion date, and client reference information.		
M6	The Offeror must demonstrate experience supporting permitting and property-rights activities for electric utility infrastructure projects within the last five (5) years.	Provide at least two (2) representative projects demonstrating permitting support, easement support, agency coordination, or right-of-way coordination services.		
M7	The Offeror must demonstrate experience providing construction support services for utility infrastructure projects through construction completion and preparation of as-built documentation.	Provide descriptions of at least two (2) projects where the Offeror provided construction support and as-built documentation services.		

M8	The Offeror must provide disclosures regarding qualifications, financial capacity, conflicts of interest, contract defaults, and litigation history.	Provide a summary of no more than two (2) pages addressing: a. Qualifications, certifications, awards, and relevant experience. b. Any contract defaults within the last five (5) years. c. Any material litigation within the last five (5) years. d. Any actual or potential conflicts of interest. e. Any known financial conditions that may materially impair the Offeror's ability to perform the Services.		
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ANNEX D - POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each proposal must address all Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria completely and in the order listed below.

PGE may request clarification from Offerors to assist the Evaluation Committee in better understanding a proposal. Responses to clarification requests must be limited to clarifying or explaining content already included in the original proposal and may not introduce new information. Proposals that do not address all required content will not receive full points.

Standardized Scoring Method

The Evaluation Committee will use the following standardized scoring method to assess each evaluation criterion:

Score	Definition of Score	Score
Exceptional	The demonstrated approach significantly exceeds the stated criteria in a manner that is beneficial to PGE. Indicates a consistently outstanding level of quality with very little or no risk of failure to meet RFP requirements. The Offeror exhibits multiple strengths that provide additional benefit to PGE, with essentially no weaknesses. The firm demonstrates extensive experience and expertise across all SOW requirements.	5
Good / Above Average	The demonstrated approach exceeds the stated criteria. Indicates generally high quality with little risk of failure to meet RFP requirements. The Offeror exhibits many strengths that provide additional benefit to PGE. Any weaknesses are minor and correctable.	4
Acceptable	The demonstrated approach meets or slightly exceeds the stated criteria. Indicates a reasonable probability of success with low risk of failure to meet solicitation requirements. The proposal provides some additional benefit to PGE. Any weaknesses are minor.	3
Adequate with Deficiencies	The demonstrated approach marginally meets the stated criteria. Indicates a barely acceptable level of quality with a reasonable probability of success. Weaknesses and/or deficiencies are minor and may be correctable, but modification would be required for the proposal to be fully acceptable.	2
Poor / Deficient	The demonstrated approach fails to meet the stated criteria, with significant weaknesses and deficiencies. The response is considered marginal in terms of content and information provided. Significant modification would be required for the proposal to be acceptable.	1
Unacceptable, Missing, or Incomplete	The demonstrated approach indicates significant weaknesses/deficiencies. The proposal fails to meet the stated criteria and/or lacks essential information, is conflicting, or is unproductive. There is little reasonable likelihood of success, and a major revision to the proposal would be necessary.	0

Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria

Project Example Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, all project examples submitted in response to PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4, and PR7 shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth below.

Each project example submitted must include the following information:

- i. Project name, description, location, and an explanation of its relevance to the Project outlined in the SOW;
- ii. The purpose of the project;
- iii. Project start and end dates;
- iv. The Offeror's specific role in the project;
- v. The specific tasks performed;
- vi. The specific deliverables submitted;
- vii. A description of the project challenges and successes;
- viii. A list of key personnel and their roles and responsibilities;
- ix. Original and final contract amounts;
- x. An indication of whether the project had a compressed delivery schedule, and a description of how the team adapted to deliver on time; and
- xi. Client name, type of organization, reference email address, and telephone number.

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
PR1	Relevant Underground Distribution Design Experience: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate at least five (5) years of experience, within the ten (10) years prior to the proposal closing date, performing engineering and design services for overhead-to-underground electric distribution conversion projects. The Offeror's Key Personnel experience should include: a) Design of underground distribution systems; b) Conversion of existing overhead distribution facilities to underground facilities; c) Development of IFC constructible design packages; d) Preparation of plan-and-profile drawings, duct bank layouts, and staking information; and e) Design of vaults, padmount transformers, switches, and underground cable systems. Proposal Preparation Instructions: The Offeror should provide between three (3) and five (5) project examples demonstrating experience in items (a) through (e) collectively. All project examples shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth above. Each project example will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5. The Evaluation Committee will calculate the average score across all submitted project examples to determine the final score for PR1.		20	

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
PR2	Wildfire Mitigation and System Hardening Experience: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate experience supporting utility wildfire mitigation, system hardening, resiliency, or risk-reduction programs. The Offeror's Key Personnel experience should include: a) Undergrounding of electric distribution facilities for wildfire mitigation purposes; b) Design solutions intended to reduce wildfire ignition risk; c) Coordination of wildfire mitigation program requirements; d) Design within environmentally sensitive, mountainous, forested, or high-fire-risk areas; and e) Development of designs that improve operational access, maintainability, or emergency response capability. Proposal Preparation Instructions: The Offeror should provide two (2) to four (4) project examples demonstrating experience with wildfire mitigation, resiliency, or system-hardening initiatives. All project examples shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth above. Each project example will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5. The Evaluation Committee will calculate the average score across all submitted project examples to determine the final score for PR2.		10	
PR3	Permitting, Property Rights, and Agency Coordination Experience: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate experience supporting permitting and property-rights activities associated with utility infrastructure projects. The Offeror's Key Personnel experience should include: a) Development of permit exhibits and permit drawing packages; b) Coordination with federal, state, county, and local agencies; c) Easement support activities and preparation of easement exhibits; d) Property-owner coordination related to utility infrastructure projects; e) Support of U.S. Forest Service, transportation agency, or public-right-of-way permitting processes; and f) Responses to agency technical comments and permit review requirements. Proposal Preparation Instructions:		15	

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
	The Offeror should provide between two (2) and four (4) project examples demonstrating experience in items (a) through (f) collectively. All project examples shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth above. Each project example will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5. The Evaluation Committee will calculate the average score across all submitted project examples to determine the final score for PR3.			
PR4	Technical Design Capability: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate experience performing the engineering studies, analyses, and design activities required under this SOW. The Offeror's Key Personnel experience should include: a) Cable pulling calculations; b) CYMCAP thermal loading studies; c) Voltage drop and flicker analyses; d) Utility crossing design and clearance evaluations; e) Long-lead material identification and BOM development; f) Design exception preparation and documentation; and g) Underground cable routing and constructability assessments; h) Bridge crossings and/or attachments; and i) Overhead to underground conversions with steep terrain and difficult access. Proposal Preparation Instructions: The Offeror should provide between three (3) and five (5) project examples demonstrating technical experience in items (a) through (i) collectively. All project examples shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth above. Each project example will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5. The Evaluation Committee will calculate the average score across all submitted project examples to determine the final score for PR4.		25	
PR5	Project Execution Plan, Schedule, and Design Methodology: The Offeror's proposal should outline a comprehensive execution plan and schedule for all phases of the Project. The plan should address: a) Unique solutions, insights, opportunities, challenges, and key milestones associated with the Summit-Meadows Wildfire Mitigation UG Conversion Project;		15	

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
	b) A project schedule identifying key milestones, monthly design progression, permitting activities, property-rights support activities, long-lead material identification, and IFC package issuance; c) Opportunities to improve upon PGE's anticipated project schedule while maintaining quality, constructability, and permit compliance; d) Coordination of design activities with anticipated construction sequencing, outage planning, utility coordination, and permitting requirements, including recognition that certain permits may require up to one (1) year for approval; e) Major project risks, including permitting, property rights, environmental constraints, utility conflicts, access limitations, material procurement, and proposed mitigation measures; f) A description of how the Project will be executed and who will have primary responsibility for timely and professional completion of the Services; g) The Offeror's approach to incorporating design review comments, resolving RFIs, maintaining schedule performance, and providing construction support; and h) A detailed potholing strategy, including: • Assumptions regarding pothole quantities; • Proposed methodology for determining pothole locations; • Utility conflict investigation approach; • Assumptions regarding vault locations; • Integration of potholing results into design development; and • Measures to minimize design uncertainty and construction risk. Proposal Preparation Instructions The Offeror shall provide: 1. A detailed project schedule identifying the section(s) of work anticipated to achieve milestone status each month. The submitted schedule will form the basis of the Project schedule agreed upon between PGE and the successful Offeror. 2. A narrative describing the Offeror's proposed execution approach and opportunities to improve schedule performance. 3. A detailed potholing strategy consistent with the requirements of this SOW. 4. The Evaluation Committee will score the submission based on the completeness,			

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
	feasibility, risk mitigation, constructability, and demonstrated understanding of Project requirements.			
PR6	Personnel and Resource Availability: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate the availability of qualified personnel to successfully execute the Project. The Offeror should: 1. Provide an organizational chart identifying project resources and subcontractors; and 2. Submit resumes for proposed key personnel. Resumes should demonstrate experience with: a) Underground distribution design; b) Utility permitting support; c) Property-rights coordination; d) Construction support services; and e) Similar utility infrastructure projects. Proposal Preparation Instructions The Evaluation Committee will score the proposed team structure, resource availability, experience, and qualifications on a scale of 0 to 5.		10	
PR7	PGE, Pacific Northwest, and Utility-Specific Experience: The Offeror's proposal should demonstrate experience performing electric utility engineering and design services for utilities operating in the Pacific Northwest. Relevant experience may include work performed for electric utilities, cooperatives, municipal utilities, public utility districts, or other entities operating in the Pacific Northwest, such as: • PGE • BPA • PacifiCorp • Puget Sound Energy • Seattle City Light • Snohomish PUD • Eugene Water & Electric Board • Other Pacific Northwest electric utilities The Offeror's Key Personnel experience should demonstrate familiarity with: a) Pacific Northwest utility design practices; b) Mountainous and heavily forested terrain; c) State and federal permitting requirements; d) Utility work within highway corridors and public rights-of-way; and e) Utility standards and construction practices applicable to the region.		5	

POINT-RATED EVALUATION CRITERIA				
		[PGE EVALUATORS TO COMPLETE]		
		Score [0-5]	Weight	Assigned Score [Score x Weight]
#	Point-Rated Evaluation Criteria & Proposal Preparation Instructions			
	Proposal Preparation Instructions The Offeror should provide between two (2) and four (4) project examples demonstrating relevant Pacific Northwest utility experience. All project examples shall comply with the Project Example Requirements set forth above. The Offeror shall also provide resumes for key personnel. The Evaluation Committee will score the submission on a scale of 0 to 5.			
TOTAL			100	500

ANNEX E – CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATION

The Offeror must complete, sign and return this form with their proposal.

Offeror Name: _____

RFP Title: _____

RFP Number: _____

In response to the above-referenced RFP, the undersigned certifies that the Offeror proposes to perform all operations, duties and obligations required to complete the services covered in this RFP.

The undersigned certifies that the Offeror:

1. Has read and fully understands all terms and conditions of this solicitation and PGE’s contract template, including the Federal Grant Requirements for Contractors;
2. Has complied, or will comply, with all applicable laws and regulations;
3. Has not made, and will not make, any false certifications to PGE;
4. Is legally qualified to enter into a contract with PGE;
5. Agrees to provide PGE with documentation demonstrating that Offeror has – or has the ability to obtain – the financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise necessary to fulfill all contractual responsibilities;
6. Has not discriminated, and will not discriminate, against any minority-owned, women-owned, or emerging small business enterprise in obtaining any required subcontract;
7. Certifies that none of the personnel proposed to perform work under this Contract are foreign nationals. If any proposed personnel are foreign nationals, the Offeror confirms that all applicable requirements for participation and access approval will be met;
8. Agrees that no part of the Services will be performed outside the United States without PGE’s prior written approval and satisfaction of all applicable DOE award, security, access, export-control, and other federal requirements;
9. Agrees that this proposal constitutes a firm offer to PGE that cannot be withdrawn for one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the proposal due date;
10. Has carefully reviewed all representations and information contained in this proposal, including any matters that may affect the proposed services or associated costs;
11. Acknowledges that PGE will not be responsible for any errors or omissions in this proposal, or for any costs or expenses incurred in preparing this proposal;
12. Is authorized to bind the Offeror to this proposal and to any resulting contractual agreement;
13. Agrees to keep this RFP and all information contained therein confidential and will not use, disclose or reproduce such information for any purpose other than the preparation of its proposal;
14. Agrees not to use the name or logo of Portland General Electric Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliated companies in advertising, publicity, endorsements, customer lists, case studies, or other public disclosures without PGE’s prior written consent. Unless otherwise specified in a nondisclosure agreement executed between PGE and Offeror, submission of a Proposal does not impose a confidentiality obligation on PGE beyond the obligations expressly stated in this Solicitation or applicable law;

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15. Acknowledges that the Offeror and its employees, approved subcontractors, or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under any resulting Contract, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to the federal awarding entity, PGE, or its clients or customers. The Offeror agrees to comply with all reasonable requests by the federal awarding entity or PGE to ensure confidentiality and non-disclosure of such information, including – without limitation – obtaining signed nondisclosure agreements in a form approved by PGE, and permitting criminal background checks for all employees, subcontractors, and agents who may perform under such Contracts;
 16. Understands and agrees that neither the federal awarding entity nor PGE shall be liable for any claims or subject to any defenses asserted by the Offeror arising from or related to the Offeror's failure to fully understand all requirements of this solicitation;
 17. Warrants that it is not listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180, implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 regarding Debarment and Suspension;
 18. Represents and warrants that: (a) it has no unpaid Federal tax liabilities for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or lapsed; or (b) if unpaid Federal tax liabilities exist, they are being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the relevant tax authority;
 19. Represents and warrants that it has not been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding twenty-four (24) months;
 20. Acknowledges that all required data and supporting information submitted with this proposal are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this proposal;
 21. Acknowledges that PGE may incorporate this solicitation and any information submitted by the Offeror into a resulting contract between the parties;
 22. Declares and certifies that the award of this Contract and the project activities to be funded under this Contract create no actual or potential conflict of interest; and
 23. Acknowledges receipt, understanding and full consideration of the following addenda to this RFP. List all addenda by number and date as they appear on the RFP addenda. If no addenda have been received, enter "None".

Addenda Nos. _____.

The Offeror is responsible for regularly checking the PGE website at portlandgeneral.com/pgebuys for any issued RFP addenda.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

An individual authorized to make legally binding commitments on behalf of the Offeror must sign below. The signature constitutes a representation that reasonable and prudent inquiry has been made to verify the accuracy of all statements made herein. Statements that a person knows or has reason to believe are false, fictitious, or fraudulent may result in criminal or civil penalties, as prescribed in 18 USC 1001 and 31 USC 3802(a)(2). The Offeror must notify PGE of any changes to these representations or certifications during any resulting contract period.

Name of Primary Representative: _____

Title of Representative: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEX F - NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

I _____ (Title), of _____ (Firm Name), certify that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm and its owners, directors, and officers. I am the individual responsible for pricing and amounts contained in this proposal.

I hereby certify that:

1. The prices and amounts in this proposal were determined independently, without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, offeror, or potential offeror, except as expressly disclosed.
2. Neither the prices nor the amounts of this proposal – whether exact or approximate – have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is, or may be, an offeror, and they will not be disclosed prior to opening of proposals.
3. No attempt has been made, or will be made, to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a proposal, to submit a proposal higher than this proposal, or to submit any intentionally high, non-competitive, or complementary proposal.
4. This proposal is submitted in good faith and is not the result of any agreement, discussion, or inducement from any firm or person to submit a complementary or other non-competitive proposal.
5. _____ (Firm Name), its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not, within the last four (4) years, been convicted of or found liable for any act prohibited by state or federal law in any jurisdiction involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to proposing on any contract.

I acknowledge, on behalf of myself and my firm, that the representations made above are material and important and will be relied upon by PGE in awarding the contract for which this proposal is submitted. I understand that any misstatement in this affidavit constitutes, and will be treated as, fraudulent concealment from PGE of the true facts relating to the submission of this proposal.

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Name of Primary Representative: _____
Title of Representative: _____
Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Authorized Signature: _____
Date: _____

ANNEX G - BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended), Contractors submitting a proposal for an award exceeding \$100,000 must complete and submit this certification.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

1. **No federal appropriated funds** have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence:
 - An officer or employee of a federal agency;
 - A Member of Congress;
 - An officer or employee of Congress; or
 - An employee of a Member of Congress

in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant or loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any non-federal funds have been paid, or will be paid to, any person for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence any of the individuals listed above in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall submit all required lobbying disclosure information to PGE in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352. PGE reserves the right to request additional information if the disclosure provided is insufficient to satisfy federal reporting obligations.
3. The undersigned shall ensure that the language of this certification is included in the award documents for all subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements at all tiers, and that all contractors and subrecipients certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed at the time this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of a false certification may result in penalties as prescribed under applicable federal law.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

An individual authorized to make legally binding commitments on behalf of the Offeror must sign below. The signature constitutes a representation that reasonable and prudent inquiry has been made to verify the accuracy of all statements made herein. Statements that a person knows or has reason to believe are false, fictitious, or fraudulent may result in criminal or civil penalties, as prescribed in 18 USC 1001 and 31 USC 3802(a)(2). The Offeror must notify PGE of any changes to these representations or certifications during any resulting contract period.

Name of Primary Representative: _____

Title of Representative: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEX H - MASTER PURCHASE AGREEMENT TEMPLATE

The Master Purchase Agreement Template (Annex H) will be provided to prospective Offerors as a separate attachment.