

Questions Related to the Energy Efficiency Forecast RFP

CMUA has received the following five questions related to the RFP. The responses are provided in red.

1. To what degree should pricing reflect an expected varying level of effort to meet the diverse needs of CMUA's members?
 - a. Respondent should provide pricing that takes into consideration the expected carrying level of effort needed for CMUA's members. To the extent individual members request specific services not provided to all other members, the consultant should be prepared to provide the price for the specific services per member.
2. The prior study offered several subscription options for additional studies. Does CMUA anticipate a similar or different approach?
 - a. CMUA expects that some, but not all, CMUA members will request additional forecasts for topics such as natural gas and electrification. Respondent should provide pricing options for additional forecasting work that CMUA Members can opt-in to.
3. The 2019 CEEAP indicates an expected shortfall in energy efficiency meeting the ambitious 2030 goal. Ramping up energy efficiency programs to meet the 2030 goal requires program approaches and expenditures that may exceed what has been historically offered by some CMUA members. To what degree does CMUA see the 2030 goal as a target to achieve and as a driving force behind program achievable potentials (That goal set an expectation for substantial program changes that may or may not align with utility-level economic goals, even if future programs could meet cost-effectiveness and policy targets under statewide criteria.)?
 - a. The potential forecasts to be developed through this contract are a necessary component of the POU's adoption of annual targets for energy efficiency savings and demand reduction for the next 10-year period. While the state has an ambitious goal to double energy efficiency savings by 2030, the state does not establish targets for POUs; that authority remains with the POU itself and is based on the individual POUs' customer-base, resources, and priorities.
4. Regarding the CEEAP, which addresses the need for load flexibility, does CMUA require and/or desire base and/or subscription options for analyzing demand response programs (in addition to traditional energy efficiency programs and measures)?

- a. The RFP does not specifically request additional forecast services for demand response programs, but some CMUA Members may be interested in such services if the Respondent includes them in the proposal.
- 5. What circumstances led to the re-issuing of the RFP, after responses to the original RFP were submitted? The re-issued RFP is nearly identical to the initial RFP. Were there key deficiencies in the submissions to the original RFP that bidders should be aware of?
 - a. The RFP was reissued to ensure that the bidding process met the needs of CMUA Members. The updated RFP made minor clarifications regarding electrification forecasting, specifically regarding the calculation of net energy efficiency from electrification measures. The RFP due date was extended until March 18, 2024, and the expected completion dates of the Core EE Model, Additional Forecasts, and Final Forecast were updated.