

MCE'S RFO 2025-02 FOR SCHEDULING COORDINATOR SERVICES

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

1. Will MCE consider proposals for standalone CRR management services?

A: No. MCE will not consider proposals for standalone CRR management services. Per Section III of MCE's RFO document, respondents must complete the Respondent Information section in full to be evaluated under this solicitation.

2. Q: Is it MCE's expectation that the selected Respondent will be liable for any scheduling errors it makes as the Scheduling Coordinator Agent for MCE with CAISO? For example, if a mis-schedule or submission error occurs that results in penalties or other costs to MCE from CAISO, would the Scheduling Coordinator Agent be responsible?

A: Yes, it is MCE's expectation that the Scheduling Coordinator Agent is liable for any errors it makes on behalf of MCE at the CAISO. This includes, but is not limited to, mis-schedules, missed submissions, or other errors made by the Scheduling Coordinator Agent that result in penalties, costs or other consequences to MCE from CAISO. MCE relies on the Scheduling Coordinator Agent to manage this responsibility entirely and does not share that liability.

3. Are we able to bid on the item listed in the scope of service individually, or will the SC services be awarded as a whole?

A: Respondents may not bid on individual scope items, since SC services will be awarded as a whole. Per section III of MCE's RFO document, respondents must complete the Respondent Information section in full to be evaluated under this solicitation.

4. Are the insurance terms negotiable?

A: MCE has provided its standard insurance terms in section 5, part D. MCE may consider alternatives proposed by respondents.

5. Do we need to post collateral with CAISO for IST, Invoices?

A: No. MCE's scheduling coordinator agent will not need to post collateral with the CAISO, since MCE is the registered scheduling coordinator and has that responsibility. However, the scheduling coordinator agent will need to provide a performance assurance to MCE.

6. Would Scheduling Coordinator Agent have to pay invoices on behalf of MCE?

A: No. The scheduling coordinator agent will not have to pay invoices on behalf of MCE.

7. Under the Portfolio management services – can we procure the energy on behalf of MCE or does it need to be run through RFP's?

A: For the vast majority of circumstances, MCE will not rely on its scheduling coordinator agent to procure energy. However, under emergency circumstances, MCE may need assistance from its scheduling coordinator agent. In all cases, MCE will be the counterparty to the energy supplier.

8. Under Respondent Information bullet I System and Data – do you have any specific requirements?

A: MCE is asking for a basic description of the key systems that each respondent has in place to provide scheduling coordinator services. In particular, MCE is interested in any systems that are used to interface with the CAISO.

9. Does the SC services provider have to support with set up of rate payers' rates, billing information?

A: No. The scheduling coordinator agent will not have to support retail customer rates and/or retail customer billing.

10. Will MCE consider awarding discrete scope elements to multiple vendors?

A: No. Please see the answers to questions #1 and #3 above.

11. Does the Portfolio Management scope include preparing and filing all required regulatory compliance submissions?

A: No. Most of MCE's regulatory compliance filings fall outside the scope of the portfolio management assistance that we are seeking in this RFO. However, MCE will need help from its scheduling coordinator agent to prepare a small subset of its regulatory compliance filings, and MCE will need help with all submissions to the CAISO.

12. Does MCE expect the Portfolio Manager to procure on MCE's behalf?

A: Please see the answer to question #7 above.

13. For the CRR portfolio, is the primary objective maximizing revenue or mitigating basis risk?

A: The primary objective is to mitigate the basis risk between MCE's CAISO load payments and MCE's CAISO supply revenues, fully utilizing MCE's share of CRR allocations.

14. On average, how many new resources per year does MCE anticipate needing congestion and curtailment risk assessments?

A: MCE anticipates needing congestion and curtailment risk assessments for roughly 9 resources per year.

15. Can MCE please provide an inventory of current resources (by technology and capacity) and an estimated schedule of future projects' commercial operation dates (CODs)?

A: The table directly below shows the resources, aggregated by technology, that MCE currently schedules as well as those we anticipate scheduling in the future. For clarity, this table does not include resources scheduled into CAISO by MCE's counterparties as inter-scheduling coordinator trades (ISTs).

Technology	Capacity (MW)	COD Status
Solar	338.50	Online
Solar + Storage	362.00	Online
Wind	33.00	Online
Landfill Gas	11.50	Online
Small Hydro	11.50	Online
Imports*	200.00	Online
Stand-Alone Storage	323.00	2026-2027
Wind	80.00	2028