

Questions and Answers for Energy RFI

Q. In this there is reference to government / quasi-government teams. Can the UW provide us with a suitable link or definition of a quasi-government entity? Is the UW itself a quasi-government entity?

A. The intent was to allow and encourage organizations who may have quasi-government organizational structures (private companies who provide public service or have other public/government presence), to respond to this RFI.

UW is not a quasi-government entity; it is a state agency.

Q. In Section I: the UW is seeking the input of a variety of experienced and knowledgeable energy suppliers, experts, consultants, operators, etc.

But in Section IV. A: Under Primary Information Category it asks: which category your information and experience predominantly fall within

- a) Consulting Firm or Individual
- b) Financing
- c) Capital Solutions

This limited list may leave out the energy suppliers, operators, and developers that have the broader capacity to help the UW assess opportunities, formulate plans, and achieve results relative to University goals and commitments while bringing financing and/or capital solutions. Please clarify the intent of this question and any limits it puts on type of respondents who may not easily fit one of these three categories.

A. The intent of the RFI is to seek information on a broad variety of services relevant to energy renewal, and have respondents note their primary service offering, if applicable.

While some of the examples mentioned might fit into A or C, if a respondent feels their expertise does not fit into the categories listed in Section IV.A, they may explain and offer a different description in the response. It is not the intent to limit the pool of possible respondents/suppliers.

Q. Understanding that this RFI is not for selecting a consultant, is the consultant that ultimately develops the Campus Energy Strategy then precluded from securing any subsequent implementation or ongoing operations contracts?

A. UW has published the RFI with the intent of seeking information. Subsequent steps remain to be determined, including the selection and role of any consultants and other partners. No preclusions or ineligibility will result. We would ask that all respondents indicate the capacity in which they can best serve this initiative, along with other services offered.

Q. The question involves item D below. This request would seem to be most applicable to Financing and Capital Solutions providers. If we are responding to this RFI as a Consultant Firm or Individual is this item required? If so, is UWF simply requesting a copy of a standard contract for consulting services?

D. Contract Approach

Please provide a description, or sample, of a "typical" contract that is generally used in procuring your energy approach, including minimum/maximum contract terms (duration), general scope, financing options, limitations or exclusions, etc.

A. UWF is requesting information on agreement we would execute if we partnered with your firm for the specified services. In short, it would be the agreement you typically use. If that is a standard industry contract, it may be included in your response. A description or sample may be used, either would be helpful.

Q. For section I.e., please clarify what you mean by "keep the campus fully energized". Does this refer to maintaining stakeholder interest and enthusiasm, maintaining continuity of electrical power/other utilities serving facilities, or somethings else?

A. Keeping the campus "energized" refers to the continuity of power/utilities.

Q. Are any previous energy studies or campus utility master plan studies that could be made available to proponents? In particular, the RFI makes reference to using Deep Lake cooling / source heating and I'm wondering this study could be made available.

A. At this time, we do not have any studies to share for purpose of the RFI. We are hoping to seek out potential supplier partners, learn about their capabilities, and gain general information on what is happening in the energy market.

Q. Have there been any changes to the anticipated response calendar for the Request for Information Regarding Campus Energy System Renewals due to disruptions associated with Covid-19?

- A.** UWF has not made any changes to the deadline date. Late submissions will be accepted, with the understanding that the information received in response to this RFI is expected to be presented in late April or early May. Respondents requiring additional time are asked to notify UWF on when they will submit the response by sending a notice to uwfbuy@uw.edu.