



2025 SOLAR, ONSHORE WIND, & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE RFP WEBINAR

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1	A search of the USFWS database indicates that my project is within the range for T&E listed bats. What documentation should be provided with bid packages to address this?	<p>Projects that fall within the range of listed bats may address them via one of the following options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If there is a belief that no listed bat habitat exists on site, a developer may opt to conduct a habitat assessment to document the absence of suitable habitat and coordinate with USFWS for confirmation. Note that listed bats occupy a fairly wide range of habitat types and the complete absence of habitat on large sites that will require tree clearing or structure removal is unlikely. 2. If habitat exists on site or if it is unclear whether habitat exists, developers should conduct field surveys to determine the presence or absence of listed bats at a specific project site during the required species specific survey window. This will require coordination with USFWS on both survey protocol and results. Negative surveys remain valid for a period of 5 years.
2	What is Dominion's current position on Solar Site development on land with existing agricultural (farm) ponds?	<p>Dominion's primary concern with farm ponds is avoiding risk of unpermitted discharges and damage to Dominion property and the property of others. Some of these concerns have been realized on operating Dominion solar sites. Our high-level recommendations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid purchasing or leasing land containing existing ponds 2. Consider removing ponds from existing and future property boundaries if possible 3. If ponds must remain, consider mitigating strategies including evaluating and registering the dam, repair known deficiencies, avoid including existing ponds in the proposed Storm Water Management Plan, breach embankments to restore stream flow, etc.
3	Does Dominion Energy have a minimum requirement or preference for projects within enterprise zones?	<p>I'm not sure I can answer this because I don't know what an enterprise zone is in this context. I might be able to guess but would rather not. So If the person that posed this question wants to re-enter the queue with a definition of that, maybe we'll get to it on the back end.</p>
4	How does Dominion view the contemplated tax code changes and ongoing tariffs?	<p>Tariffs and tax code changes constitute an unplanned change in law and tariff and the contemplated tax code changes are evolving daily. Moreover, the actual tariffs that could be incurred are dependent upon the tariff requirements and rates, if any, at the time of delivery of the specific component. The Company will continue to monitor the applicability and exposure to tariffs and will work with suppliers and the supply chain to identify areas to mitigate exposure to tariffs (i.e. source domestically where possible). Broadly, these changes certainly have an impact on project valuation.</p>
5	The RFP document says "The Company will consider multiple 3 MWAC facilities that are at the same or contiguous locations owned by the same entity or affiliated entities, provided these facilities are not seeking to support the one percent target in the Commonwealth's RPS Program requirements." Can you explain?	<p>The VCEA largely informs this description. One section of that law mandates that 1% of the RPS plan must be met with projects that are 1MW and smaller and that same section includes a co-location restriction such that the aggregate capacity on contiguous parcels cannot exceed 3MW. In another section of the law exists the petition mandate of which exists the 1,100MW mandate for projects that are 3MW and smaller. The colocation restriction language does not exist in this section of the law so we are interpreting that as that it does not apply to projects larger than 1MW. This distinction is important because there are different compliance penalty amounts associated with projects that 1MW and smaller from those that are larger than 1MW.</p>
6	Does Dominion prefer proposals being submitted by any specific month despite the rolling submission?	<p>No strong preference on any specific month for proposals. If a project is ready, we welcome the proposal. The primary reason we moved to a rolling/open RFP a couple of years ago is because development cycles don't always fit within a prescribed timeline.</p>
7	Is there any appetite from Dominion to accept/award 5MW AC projects as a DER candidate this year?	<p>Dominion Energy's distribution grid is able to accommodate projects approximately 20 - 24 MW and below. The Company will certainly entertain these projects for acquisition. However, projects greater than 3 MW do not fit the DER definition in this RFP because our definition aligns with the definitions in the law.</p>
8	Is Dominion open to Build-Transfer Agreement (BTA) proposals for ownership, or only Development Asset Acquisitions?	<p>As Emil mentioned in his opening remarks, we welcome the opportunity to review creative solutions and while BTAs are outside of the scope of this RFP, we are happy to discuss and/or review a proposal of this type.</p>
9	Will a copy of the slides be shared?	<p>A recording of today's webinar and the presentation slides will be posted on the RFP website when it is ready in the coming weeks.</p>



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10	for energy storage system. do you require remote and onsite management? Also, do we have to perform the site planning as well or no?	Dominion can operate these assets remotely; however, there shall be no third-party access (remote or onsite). Our BESS sites are isolated except for Dominion's effort to operate this asset remotely. Not sure what is meant by "site planning"??
11	In the announcement of this webinar, there was mention of interest in 5MW solar projects. If a site could host either 3 MW or 5 MW, is there a preference?	We are open to reviewing all projects, but of the two, 3MW projects are preferred
12	Can you please comment on the target maximum size per BESS and total BESS for acquisition?	At this time we are evaluating all projects that are bid in and can not comment regarding a maximum size.
13	Our team has been tracking the current permitting challenges in Lunenburg County. Has Dominion been discussing potential resolutions with the county in regards to their proposed indemnification language? Is so, are there any updates that would be relevant for projects sited in this county?	We can't really comment on issues in a specific locality.
14	How does Dominion think about interconnection upgrade costs. Do higher costs reduce the development fee essentially 1:1?	Gary...I don't understand the question. Is there a relationship between the upgrade costs and the reduction of development fees? Aaron ...yes, total interconnection costs, along with a host of other components, go into the model for overall project valuation.
15	What is Dominion's view on acquiring BESS sites that have a planned co-located data center?	As we discussed in the RFP, energy storage that is colocated with another facility, must follow the conditions required in the RFP, with respect to setbacks, real estate land control, ability to interconnection.
16	Is floating solar a technology being considered?	It is not part of our scope for acquisition consideration.
17	Standalone energy storage system we typically build and ship to the location provide the interconnect but we do not actually perform the connection. Will that be a concern	This webinar is for acquisition projects so in most cases, the Company would be responsible for constructing and ultimately interconnecting the facility.
18	The Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Instruction Sheet says a demographic screening report by bidders is no longer required but still encouraged. It also mentions some public tools are no longer available. What tools are still available and recommended for this purpose?	The U.S. Census Bureau website (census.gov) is the recommended source for gathering socioeconomic data needed to perform an EJ screening. Dominion will perform its own screening upon receipt of a bid, however, bidders are encouraged to conduct their own screenings, which can inform their community engagement. Community engagement reporting is required by the State Corporation Commission to show Va EJ Act compliance.
19	Is there a maximum project size for submission of a DAA bid?	Assuming DAA means, Development Asset Acquisition, the answer is no, there is no project size.
20	For storage facilities, we've found that local officials responsible for permitting often request site visits to operational battery facilities before granting approvals. Would Dominion be willing to host members of the Planning Board or City Council at one of its operating sites?	Dominion is willing to host members locality staff, Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors at an operating energy storage facility. That said, if a Developer is requesting local support, of its Permitting efforts, then the Company would look to the developer to be under an RFP exclusivity agreement.
21	Does Dominion prefer VA developer or open to developers from others states? given the solar/BESS project is located in VA Dominion service territory. What are the preferences on the team qualification?	No, there are no preferences, but please note that regardless of company location, projects must be located in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and DER (distributed energy resources) projects must be located in Dominion Energy Virginia's service territory.
22	For BESS storage projects. Does the recharge of the BESS need to be done by solar or can this be done from the grid	All BESS facilities, whether co-located or standalone, must have grid charging capabilities.
23	What is the total capacity of utility scale solar and BESS Dominion is looking to acquire through this RFP?	We are looking for fully developed project and do not have a cap on projects.
24	Can you define fully developed projects	Fully developed projects are those that have completed all items outlined in the RFPs checklist.
25	For this RFP, would Dominion consider an aggregation of standalone storage projects that are sited behind the meter, but provide utility-grade telemetry and 24/7 utility control? Each battery is residential scale 20-40kWh but in aggregate would total to 50MW+	No. All energy storage projects that will be evaluated in this RFP need to be in front of the PJM meter in order for them to be utilized for the benefits of our system customers.