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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

VARIABLE RENEWABLE DISPATCHABLE GENERATION

PAIRED WITH ENERGY STORAGE

AND COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY

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This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is a DRAFT only. Maui Electric Company, Ltd. (“Maui Electric”) will employ a competitive bidding process to select renewable energy projects including Community Based Renewable Energy consistent with the State of Hawai‘i Public Utilities Commission’s (“PUC”) Competitive Bidding Framework. Under the Competitive Bidding Framework, Maui Electric filed drafts of the RFP with the (PUC). The proposed final RFP is being submitted to the PUC for approval and is subject to further revision based upon direction received from the PUC. After approval by the PUC, Maui Electric will issue the final RFP.

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Chapter 1: Introduction and General Information

Maui Electric Company, Ltd. (“Maui Electric” or the “Company”) seeks proposals for the supply of qualified variable renewable dispatchable generation paired with energy storage for the Maui Electric System on the island of Lāna‘i in accordance with this Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The total amount of variable renewable dispatchable generation being solicited in this RFP is 35,800 megawatt hours (“MWh”) annually of photovoltaic (“PV”) paired with a Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) in a single project. The BESS must be sized to store at least 70 percent of the photovoltaic energy.¹ Of the total amount of capacity being solicited 3 MW and its associated energy must be reserved for Community-Based Renewable Energy (“CBRE”), also referred to as shared solar². The total targeted amount assumes Lāna‘i Sustainability Research (“LSR”) and Mānele Bay Combined Heat and Power (“CHP”) facilities are no longer available as further described in this RFP.

The Company or its Affiliates may submit a Proposal in response to this RFP subject to the requirements of this RFP.

The Company seeks a PV project that is paired with a BESS in this RFP. The Company intends to contract for a single project through this RFP using its Model Renewable Dispatchable Generation Power Purchase Agreement (“RDG PPA”), which treats variable renewable generation facilities as fully dispatchable. The Company has created a PV + BESS version of its RDG PPA attached as Appendix L to this RFP.³

The successful Proposer will provide variable renewable dispatchable generation paired with a BESS to the Company pursuant to the terms of the RDG PPA, which will be subject to review and approval by the State of Hawai‘i Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”).

The Company’s RDG PPA employs an innovative contracting mechanism which is very different than traditional PPA structures. Proposers are instructed to thoroughly review the RDG PPA attached as Appendix L. The structure of the RDG PPA intends to provide payments to the Proposer by the Company on a monthly lump sum basis, based upon the energy potential of the facility, regardless of the actual energy dispatched. In exchange, the utility maintains full dispatch control of the Facility as needed. Under the RDG PPA, each Facility must meet certain requirements to receive the full lump sum payment each month. These requirements ensure that the plant is available to the Company for dispatch to meet system needs.

The Company will evaluate Proposals using the evaluation and selection process described in Chapter 4. The Company will evaluate and select a Proposal based on both price and non-price

¹ For example, 17.5MW/35,800MWh of PV paired with 17.5MW/25,060MWh energy storage or 14MW/35,800 MWh of PV paired with 15 MW/25,060MWh energy storage.

² In response to some confusion in the community over the acronym “CBRE” that the Companies have experienced during its latest efforts to publicize the CBRE Program, the Companies are introducing the more descriptive term “shared solar” for the CBRE Program in an effort to alleviate any further confusion in the community. The Companies intent is to use both terms, “CBRE” in regulatory filings and “shared solar” in marketing and other Company literature to refer to the Community-Based Renewable Energy Program first introduced by the CBRE Framework. The term, “shared solar” will be used even though the CBRE Program is not necessarily limited to PV projects only.

³ The RDG PPA for PV + BESS is available on the Company’s RFP website and through the Electronic Procurement Platform for the RFP.

factors that impact the Company, its customers, and communities affected by the proposed Project.

All requirements necessary to submit a Proposal(s) are stated in this RFP. A description of the technical requirements for Proposers is included in the body of this RFP, Appendix B, and in the RDG PPA attached as Appendix L.

All capitalized terms used in this RFP shall have the meaning set forth in the glossary of defined terms attached as Appendix A. Capitalized terms that are not included in Appendix A shall have the meaning ascribed in this RFP.

1.1 Authority and Purpose of the Request for Proposals

- 1.1.1 This RFP is issued in response to Order No. 36776 issued on November 15, 2019 in Docket No. 2019-0178 and Order No. 37070 issued on April 9, 2020, Order No. 37139 issued on May 14, 2020, Order No. 37796 issued on May 21, 2021, and Order No. 37879 issued on July 27, 2021 in Docket No. 2015-0389, as part of a procurement process established by the PUC. On June 8, 2020, the Company filed a letter in Docket No. 2019-0178 explaining its intention to combine its Request for Proposals for Variable Renewable Dispatchable Generation Paired with Energy Storage, Island of Lāna‘i with the Community Based Renewable Energy Request for Proposals for the Island of Lāna‘i specified in Order No. 37070.
- 1.1.2 This RFP is subject to Decision and Order (“D&O”) No. 23121 in Docket No. 03-0372 (To Investigate Competitive Bidding for New Generating Capacity in Hawai‘i), which sets forth the PUC’s Framework for Competitive Bidding (“Framework” or “Competitive Bidding Framework”).

1.2 Scope of the RFP

- 1.2.1 The targeted amount of variable renewable dispatchable generation is 35,800 MWh annually. This amount assumes both the LSR and CHP facilities will be removed from service. The Company consulted with the Independent Observer during the selection of the targeted amount of variable renewable dispatchable generation and the modeling assumptions, including assumptions of maximum displacement of fossil generation.
- 1.2.2 The Company will only accept Proposals that utilize PV technology combined with a BESS and include a CBRE portion as specified in this Chapter 1. No other generation technologies may be proposed.
- 1.2.3 The proposed Project must reserve 3 MW of its contract capacity for the Project’s CBRE portion (the “CBRE Project”). The Proposer’s CBRE Project must meet the CBRE Program and eligibility requirements identified in Part II of Rule 29 Community-Based Renewable Energy Program Phase 2 attached as Appendix J. Throughout the term of the RDG PPA, the Proposer shall endeavor to achieve 3 MW of CBRE subscriptions at all times and will be required to accept eligible CBRE subscriptions up to 3 MW. Notwithstanding the required 3 MW CBRE Project capacity, only the first 1 MW of CBRE Project capacity shall be subject to the CBRE Project subscription requirements

for (a) number of CBRE Subscribers, (b) limit on percentage of Unsubscribed RDG for the CBRE portion of the Project, (c) minimum percentage of residential Subscribers and (d) any Proposer-submitted Low to Moderate Income (“LMI”) Subscriber percentage for the CBRE Project. Accordingly, and to ensure understanding of the above, at least 1 MW of CBRE subscriptions is required for purposes of determining whether liquidated damages are assessed under Rule 29, and the CBRE Project will not be measured or assessed liquidated damages on CBRE subscriptions above 1 MW. Such provisions are more fully set forth in the RDG PPA.

- 1.2.4 Based on the required 1 MW of subscriptions for the CBRE Project, under Rule 29, at least 40% or 400 kilowatts (kW) (0.40 MW) must be reserved for residential Subscribers. Preference will be given to proposed Projects that reserve an amount greater than 0.40 MW for residential Subscribers. In addition, preference will be given to proposed Projects that reserve a percentage of CBRE subscriptions for LMI Customers, as defined in Rule 29. As these Proposer-submitted percentages (for residential and/or LMI subscriptions) will be used and evaluated in the RFP evaluation process, Proposers will be held to their provided values. Additional liquidated damages, to a lesser extent, may be assessed if a Proposer fails to meet the greater amount of residential Subscribers (above 40%) or LMI Customers (any percentage) that a Proposer commits to in its Proposal. Proposers are directed to Rule 29 which more fully sets forth such terms.
- 1.2.5 Each Proposal submitted in response to this RFP must represent a Project that is capable of meeting the requirements of this RFP without having to rely on the completion or implementation of any other Project, or without having to rely on a proposed change in law, rule, or regulation.
- 1.2.6 Proposed Projects must be located on the Site specified in Section 3.11 and Appendix F; no other Project locations may be proposed. Projects must interconnect to the Company’s System at the Miki Basin switchyard located on the Island of Lāna‘i (see Appendix H).
- 1.2.7 To prevent adverse impacts to a single point of failure of 2.2 MW the interconnection designs must limit single point of failure to no greater than 2.2 MW to meet this requirement. When dispatched by the Company, the Facility must be configured such that no single point of failure from the equipment will exceed 2.2 MW loss to the interconnection. Revisions will need to be made to the RDG PPA to account for multiple points of interconnection. The Company will provide such revisions upon completion of the Interconnection Requirements Study for the Final Award Group.
- 1.2.8 The contract for the project selected through this RFP shall use the RDG PPA, as described in Section 3.8. Under the RDG PPA, the Company will maintain exclusive rights to fully direct dispatch of the Facility, subject to availability of the resource and Section 1.2.9 below. The term of the PPA will be 20 years.
- 1.2.9 Proposals must be submitted with a BESS component. The BESS component can be charged during periods when full potential export of the generation Facility is not being dispatched by the Company and can be used to provide energy to the Company during

other times that are beneficial to the system. The BESS component must be able to store and discharge 70 percent of the PV produced energy, continuously charge and discharge at a minimum of 10 MVA (8.5 MW at a 0.85 power factor), and be sufficiently sized to be capable of accepting the rated power (MW) capacity of the paired PV system and achieve the energy target throughout the term of the PPA.

- 1.2.10 After the 5-year federal Investment Tax Credit (“ITC”) recapture period has lapsed, the energy storage component must be capable of being 100% charged from the grid at the direction of the Company. BESS components that are incapable of claiming the ITC must be capable of being 100% charged from the grid from the Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date (“GCOD”).
- 1.2.11 The maximum amount of energy discharged from the BESS component in a year will be limited to 70 percent of the MWh target (or approximately 70 MWh) BESS contract capacity multiplied by the number of Days in that year. The BESS component may be dispatched more than once per Day, subject to such discharge energy limitations.
- 1.2.12 Proposals must specify a GCOD no later than August 31, 2025. Preference will be given to Proposals that specify an earlier GCOD in both the price and non-price evaluation.
- 1.2.13 A Proposer’s GCOD set forth in its Proposal will be the GCOD in any resulting PPA if such Proposal is selected to the Final Award Group. Proposers will not be able to request a change in the GCOD set forth in their Proposals.
- 1.2.14 The selected Proposer will be responsible for all Project costs throughout the term of the PPA, including but not limited to Project development, completion of an Interconnection Requirements Study (“IRS”), the cost of conducting a greenhouse gas analysis, land leasing, permitting, financing, construction of the Facility and all Interconnection Facilities, and the operations and maintenance (“O&M”) of the Facility.
- 1.2.15 The selected Proposer will be solely responsible for the decommissioning of the Project and the restoration of the Site upon the expiration of the PPA, as described in Attachment G, Section 7 of the RDG PPA.
- 1.2.16 The selected Proposer shall pursue all available applicable federal and state tax credits. Proposal pricing must be set to incorporate the benefit of such available federal tax credits. However, to mitigate the risk on Proposers due solely to potential changes to the state’s tax credit law before a selected project reaches commercial operations, Proposal pricing shall be set without including any state tax credits. If a Proposal is selected, the PPA for the project will require the Proposer to pursue the maximum available state tax credit and remit tax credit proceeds to the Company for customers’ benefit as described in Attachment J of the RDG PPA. The PPA will also provide that the Proposer will be responsible for payment of liquidated damages for failure to pursue the state tax credit.

1.3 Competitive Bidding Framework

Consistent with the Framework, this RFP outlines the Company’s requirements in relation to the resources being solicited and the procedures for conducting the RFP

process. It also includes information and instructions to prospective Proposers participating in and responding to this RFP.

1.4 Role of the Independent Observer

1.4.1 Part III.C.1 of the Framework sets forth the circumstances under which an Independent Observer is required in a competitive bidding process. The Independent Observer will advise and monitor all phases of the RFP process and will coordinate with PUC staff throughout the RFP process to ensure that the RFP is undertaken in a fair and unbiased manner. In particular, the Company will review and discuss with the Independent Observer decisions regarding the evaluation, disqualification, non-selection, and selection of Proposals.

1.4.2 The role of the Independent Observer, as described in the Framework, will include but is not limited to:

- Monitor all steps in the competitive bidding process
- Monitor communications (and communications protocols) with Proposers
- Monitor adherence to the Company’s Code of Conduct
- Submit comments and recommendations, if any, to the PUC concerning the RFP
- Review the Company’s Proposal evaluation methodology, models, criteria, and assumptions
- Review the Company’s evaluation of Proposals
- Advise the Company on its decision-making
- Participate in dispute resolution as set forth in [Section 1.10](#)
- Monitor contract negotiations with Proposers
- Report to the PUC on monitoring results during each stage of the competitive bidding process
- Provide an overall assessment of whether the goals of the RFP were achieved
- Monitor the ongoing discussions between Maui Electric and Pūlama Lāna‘i

1.4.3 The Independent Observers for this RFP is **Arroyo Seco Consulting**.

1.5 Communications Between the Company and Proposers – Code of Conduct Procedures Manual

1.5.1 Communications and other procedures under this RFP are governed by the “Code of Conduct Procedures Manual,” (also referred to as the “Procedures Manual”) developed by the Company as required by the Framework, and attached as [Appendix C](#).

1.5.2 All pre-Proposal communication with prospective Proposers will be conducted via the Company’s RFP website, Electronic Procurement Platform, and/or electronic mail (“Email”) through the address specified in [Section 1.6](#) (the “RFP Email Address”). Phone communication or face-to-face meetings will not be supported. Frequently asked questions submitted by prospective Proposers and the answers to those questions may be posted on the Company’s RFP website. The Company reserves the right to respond only to comments and questions it deems are appropriate and relevant to the RFP. Proposers

shall submit questions no later than fifteen Days before the Proposal Due Date (see RFP Schedule in Section 3.1, Items 6 and 7). The Company will endeavor to respond to all questions no later than five Days before the Proposal Due Date.

- 1.5.3 After Proposals have been submitted, the Company may contact individual Proposers for purposes of clarifying their Proposal(s).
- 1.5.4 Any confidential information deemed by the Company, in its sole discretion, to be appropriate to share, will only be transmitted to the requesting party after receipt of a fully executed Mutual Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement⁴ (“NDA”) (see Appendix E).
- 1.5.5 Except as expressly permitted and in the manner prescribed in the Procedures Manual, any unsolicited contact by a Proposer or prospective Proposer with personnel of the Company pertaining to this RFP is prohibited.

1.6 Company Contact for Proposals

The primary contact for this RFP is:

Mery Apple
Energy Contract Manager
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

RFP Email Address: LanaiCompetitiveBidding@hawaiianelectric.com

1.7 Proposal Submission Requirements

- 1.7.1 All Proposals must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures and format specified in the RFP. Proposers are required to respond to all questions and provide all information requested in the RFP, as applicable, and only via the communication methods specified in the RFP.
- 1.7.2 Detailed requirements regarding the form, submission, organization and information for the Proposal are set forth in Chapter 3 and Appendix B.
- 1.7.3 Proposals must not rely on any information that is not contained within the Proposal itself in demonstrating compliance for any requirement in this RFP.
- 1.7.4 In submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, each Proposer certifies that the Proposal has been submitted in good faith and without fraud or collusion with any other unaffiliated person or entity. The Proposer shall acknowledge this in the Response Package submitted with its Proposal. Furthermore, in executing the NDA provided as Appendix E, the Proposer agrees on behalf of its Representatives (as defined in the NDA) that the Company’s negotiating positions will not be shared with other Proposers or their respective Representatives.

⁴ See Section 3.12.1 of this RFP.

In addition, in submitting a Proposal, a Proposer will be required to provide Company with its legal counsel's written certification in the form attached as Appendix B Attachment 1 certifying in relevant part that irrespective of any Proposer's direction, waiver, or request to the contrary, that the attorney will not share a Proposer's confidential information associated with such Proposer with others, including, but not limited to, such information such as a Proposer's or Company's negotiating positions.

- 1.7.5 All proposals must be submitted via the Electronic Procurement Platform by 2:00 pm Hawai'i Standard Time ("HST") on the Proposal Due Date shown in the RFP Schedule in Section 3.1, Table 1, Item 9 and Item 10. No hard copies of these Proposals will be accepted by the Company.

It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that complete and accurate information has been submitted on time and consistent with the instructions of this RFP. With this assurance, Company shall be entitled to rely upon the completeness and accuracy of every Proposal. Any errors identified by the Proposer or Company after the Proposal Due Date has passed may jeopardize further consideration and success of the Proposal. If an error or errors are later identified, Company, in consultation with the Independent Observer, may permit the error(s) to be corrected without further revision to the Proposal, or may require Proposer to adhere to terms of the Proposal as submitted without correction. Additionally, and in Company's sole discretion, if such error(s) would materially affect the Final Award Group, Company reserves the right, in consultation with the Independent Observer, to remove or disqualify a Proposal upon discovery of the material error(s). The Proposer of such Proposal shall bear the full responsibility for such error(s) and shall have no recourse against Company's decision to address Proposal error(s), including removal or disqualification. The Energy Contract Manager, in consultation with the Independent Observer, will confirm that the Self-Build Proposal is submitted by the Self-Build Proposal Due Date in Section 3.1, Table 1, Item 9. The Electronic Procurement Platform automatically closes to further submissions after the IPP and Affiliate Proposal Due Date in Section 3.1, Table 1, Item 10.

1.8 Proposal Fee

- 1.8.1 IPP and Affiliate proposers are required to tender a non-refundable Proposal Fee of \$5,000 for each Proposal submitted.
- 1.8.2 The Proposal Fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or equivalent from a U.S.-chartered bank made payable to "Maui Electric Company, Ltd." and must be delivered and received by the Company by 2:00 pm HST on the Proposal Due Date shown in the RFP Schedule in Section 3.1, Table 1, Item 10. The cashier's check should include a reference to the Proposal for which the Proposal Fee is being provided. Proposers must identify in the Proposal Response Package (instructions in Appendix B Section 1.3.1) the delivery information for its Proposal Fee. Proposers are strongly encouraged to utilize a delivery service method that provides proof of delivery to validate delivery date and time.

If the Proposal Fee is delivered by U.S. Postal Service (with registered, certified, receipt verification), the Proposer shall address it to:

Mery Apple
Energy Contract Manager
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
Mail Code CP21-IU
PO Box 2750
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96840

If the Proposal Fee is delivered by other courier services, the Proposer shall address it to:

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc
Ward Receiving
Attention: Mery Apple, Energy Contract Manager
Mail Code CP21-IU
799 S. King St.
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Due to COVID-19 disease prevention measures, Proposal Fees cannot be delivered in person.

1.9 Procedures for the Self-Build or Affiliate Proposals

- 1.9.1 Order No. 37070 states that the CBRE RFPs will be open to all bidders, including the Company. The Competitive Bidding Framework allows the Company the option to offer a Proposal(s) in response to this RFP ("Self-Build Option" or "SBO"). Accordingly, the Company must follow certain requirements and procedures designed to safeguard against and address concerns associated with: (1) preferential treatment of the SBO or members, agents, or consultants of the Company formulating the SBO (the "Self-Build Team"); and (2) preferential access to proprietary information by the Self-Build Team. These requirements are specified in the Code of Conduct ("CBRE Code of Conduct") required under the Framework and implemented by certain rules and procedures found in the Procedures Manual submitted to the PUC in Docket No. 2015-0389 on July 9, 2020. The CBRE Code of Conduct will apply to all CBRE Phase 2 RFPs, regardless of whether the Company will submit an SBO Proposal. A copy of the Procedures Manual is attached as Appendix C.

The Competitive Bidding Framework also allows Affiliates of the Company to submit Proposals⁵ to RFPs issued by the Company. All Self-Build and Affiliate Proposals are subject to the Company's Code of Conduct and the Procedures Manual. Affiliate Proposals are also subject to any applicable Affiliate Transaction Requirements issued by the PUC in Decision and Order No. 35962 on December 19, 2018, and subsequently modified by Order No. 36112, issued on January 24, 2019, in Docket No. 2018-0065. Affiliate Proposals will be treated identically to an IPP Proposal and must be submitted electronically through the Electronic Procurement Platform by the IPP and Affiliate Proposal Due Date in RFP Table 1, Item 10.

⁵ A Proposal will also be treated as an Affiliate Proposal if the Affiliate is a partner for the Proposal.

- 1.9.2 The Company will require that the Proposal for the SBO(s) and Affiliate Proposals be submitted electronically through the Electronic Procurement Platform. The Self-Build Team may submit one (1) Proposal. SBO Proposals will be due a minimum of one (1) Day before other Proposals are due. A Proposal for the SBO will be uploaded into the Electronic Procurement Platform in the same manner Proposals from other Proposers are uploaded. The Energy Contract Manager, in consultation with the Independent Observer, will confirm that the Self-Build Proposals are timestamped the Self-Build Proposal Due Date found in RFP Section 3.1, Table 1, Item 9.
- 1.9.3 Detailed requirements for an SBO Proposal can be found in Appendix G. These requirements are intended to provide a level playing field between SBO Proposals and third-party Proposals. Except where specifically noted, an SBO Proposal must adhere to the same price and non-price Proposal requirements as required of all Proposers, as well as certain RDG PPA requirements, such as milestones and liquidated damages, as described in Appendix G. The non-negotiability of the Performance Standards shall apply to any SBO to the same extent it would for any other Proposal. Notwithstanding the fact that it will not be required to enter into an RDG PPA with the Company, a Self-Build Proposer will be required to note its exceptions, if any, to the RDG PPA in the same manner required of other Proposers, and will be held to such modified parameters if selected. In addition to its Proposal, the Self-Build Team will be required to submit Appendix G Attachment 1, Self-Build Option Team Certification Form, acknowledging it has followed the rules and requirements of the RFP to the best of its ability and has not engaged in any collusive actions or received any preferential treatment or information providing an impermissible competitive advantage to the Self-Build Team over other Proposers responding to this RFP, as well as adherence to PPA terms and milestones required of all Proposers and the SBO's proposed cost protection measures.

The cost recovery methods between a regulated utility SBO Proposal and IPP Proposals are fundamentally different due to the business environments they operate in. As a result, the Company has instituted a process to compare the two types of proposals for the evaluation of the price related criteria on a 'like' basis through comparative analysis.

At the core of an SBO Proposal are its total project capital cost and any associated annual operations and maintenance ("O&M") costs. During the RFP's pricing evaluation step, these capital costs⁶ and O&M costs will be used in a revenue requirement calculation to determine the estimated revenues needed from customers which would allow the Company to recover the total cost of the project. The SBO revenue requirements are then used to calculate a Levelized Energy Price (\$/MWh) for comparison to IPP and any Affiliate Proposals.

The Company, in conjunction with the Independent Observer, may also conduct a risk assessment of the SBO Proposal to ensure an appropriate level of customer cost protection measures are included in such Proposal.

⁶ SBO Proposals will be required to provide a table identifying project costs by year. These capital costs should be all inclusive, including but not limited to costs associated with equipment, Engineering, Procurement, and Construction ("EPC"), interconnection, overhead, and Allowance for Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC").

If the SBO is not included in any shared savings mechanism for this RFP pre-approved by the Commission, the SBO will be permitted to submit a shared savings mechanism with its Proposal to share in any cost savings between the amount of cost bid in the SBO Proposal and the actual cost to construct the Project. If the SBO Proposal is selected to the Final Award Group, the proposed shared savings mechanism will need to be approved by the PUC. Submission of a shared savings mechanism is not required and will not be considered in the evaluation of the SBO Proposal.

1.10 Dispute Resolution Process

- 1.10.1 If disputes arise under the RFP, the provisions of Section 1.10 and the dispute resolution process established in the Framework will control (see Part V of the Framework).
- 1.10.2 Proposers who challenge or contest any aspect of the RFP process must first attempt to resolve their concerns with the Company and the Independent Observer (“Initial Meeting”). The Independent Observer will seek to work cooperatively with the parties to resolve any disputes or pending issues and may offer to mediate the Initial Meeting to resolve disputes prior to such issues being presented to the PUC.
- 1.10.3 Any and all disputes arising out of or relating to the RFP which remain unresolved for a period of twenty (20) Days after the Initial Meeting takes place may, upon the agreement of the Proposer and the Company, be submitted to confidential mediation in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, pursuant to and in accordance with the Mediation Rules, Procedures, and Protocols of Dispute Prevention Resolution, Inc. (“DPR”) (or its successor) or, in its absence, the American Arbitration Association then in effect (“Mediation”). The Mediation will be administered by DPR. If the parties agree to submit the dispute to Mediation, the Proposer and the Company shall each pay fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the Mediation (i.e., the fees and expenses charged by the mediator and DPR) and shall otherwise each bear their own Mediation costs and attorneys’ fees.
- 1.10.4 If settlement of the dispute is not reached within sixty (60) Days after commencement of the Mediation, or if after the Initial Meeting, the parties do not agree to submit any unresolved disputes to Mediation, then as provided in the Framework, the Proposer may submit the dispute to the PUC in accordance with the Framework.
- 1.10.5 In accordance with the Framework, the PUC will serve as the arbiter of last resort for any disputes relating to this RFP involving Proposers. The PUC will use an informal expedited dispute resolution process to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) Days, as described in Parts III.B.8 and V of the Framework.⁷ There will be no right to hearing or appeal from this informal expedited dispute resolution process.

⁷ The informal expedited dispute resolution process does not apply to PUC review of contracts that result from the RFP. See Decision and Order No. 23121 at 34-35. Further, the informal expedited dispute resolution process does not apply to the Framework’s process relating to issuance of a draft and final RFP, and/or to the PUC approval of the RFP because: (1) the Framework (and the RFP) set forth specific processes whereby interested parties may provide input through the submission of comments; and (2) the Framework’s dispute resolution process applies to “Bidders” and there are no “Bidders” at this stage in the RFP process.

1.10.6 If any Proposer initiates a dispute resolution process for any dispute or claim arising under or relating to this RFP, other than that permitted by the Framework and this Section 1.10 of this RFP (e.g., a court proceeding), then such Proposer shall be responsible for any and all attorneys' fees and costs that may be incurred by the Company or the PUC in order to resolve such claim.

1.11 No Protest or Appeal

Subject to Section 1.10, no Proposer or other person will have the right to protest or appeal any award or disqualification of a Project made by the Company.

By submitting a Proposal in response to the RFP, the Proposer expressly agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP.

1.12 Modification or Cancellation of the Solicitation Process

1.12.1 Unless otherwise expressly prohibited, the Company may, at any time up to the final execution of an RDG PPA, as may be applicable, in consultation with the Independent Observer, postpone, withdraw, and/or cancel any requirement, term, or condition of this RFP, including deferral of the award or negotiation of any contract, and/or cancellation of the award all together, all of which will be without any liability to the Company.

1.12.2 The Company may modify this RFP subject to requirements of the Framework, whereby the modified RFP will be reviewed by the Independent Observer and submitted to the PUC thirty (30) Days prior to its issuance, unless the PUC directs otherwise. See Framework Part IV.B.10. The Company will follow the same procedure with regard to any potential postponement, withdrawal, or cancellation of the RFP or any portion thereof.

1.13 Community Outreach

The Company held a community meeting on Lāna‘i to explain the RFP process and the Company's intent to procure a PV with storage project on the island of Lāna‘i. At the community meeting, the Company solicited feedback from the community of Lāna‘i regarding the RFP process and planned procurement. The Company has provided the comments received at the meeting in Appendix K. Proposers are encouraged to review such comments and take such comments into account when developing Proposals in response to this RFP.

Chapter 2: Resource Needs and Requirements

2.1 Performance Standards

Proposals must meet the attributes set forth in this RFP and the requirements of the RDG PPA. This RFP and the RDG PPA set forth the minimum requirements that all Proposals must satisfy to be eligible for consideration in this RFP. Additional Performance Standards may be required based on the results of the IRS.

Facilities must be able to operate in grid-forming mode as defined in the RDG PPA. The ability to startup without requiring energy from the grid (black start capability⁸) is required including energization of the interconnection transformers. The facility may be also utilized as the cranking path for island system restoration, based upon energy availability and storage state of charge.

The functionality and characteristics of the storage must be maintained throughout the term of the PPA. To be clear, Proposers may not propose any degradation for either capacity or efficiency in their Proposals.

2.2 Distribution-Level System Information

The Company has performed a preliminary evaluation of the Distribution System which indicates that a PV project of the requested size is able to be supported at the Miki Basin switchyard. A detailed IRS will be required to assess whether additional system mitigation measures will be required to integrate any specific project selected through this RFP. Per [Section 3.11](#) and [Appendix F](#), projects must interconnect to the Miki Basin switchyard. The estimated configuration of the interconnection is provided in [Appendix H](#). Any questions regarding the interconnection may be directed to the RFP Email Address in [Section 1.6](#).

2.3 Interconnection to the Company System

The Proposer must provide information pertaining to the design, development, and construction of the Interconnection Facilities. Interconnection Facilities include both: (1) Seller-Owned Interconnection Facilities; and (2) Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities.

2.3.1 All Proposals must include a description and conceptual or schematic diagrams of the Proposer's plan to transmit power from the Facility to the Company System. The proposed Interconnection Facilities must be compatible with the Company System. In the design, Projects must adequately consider Company requirements to address impacts on the performance and reliability of the Company System.

2.3.1.1 In addition to the Performance Standards and findings of the IRS, the design of the Interconnection Facilities, including power rating, Point(s) of Interconnection ("POI") with the Company System, and scheme of interconnection, must meet Company standards. The Company will provide its construction standards and procedures to the Proposer (Engineer, Procure, Construct Specifications for Hawaiian Electric Power Lines and Substations) if requested via the communication methods identified in [Section 1.5](#) and upon the execution of an NDA as specified in [Section 3.12.1](#). These specifications

⁸ The ability to start itself and provide power to the Company's grid without relying on any services or energy from the Company's grid in order to assist the grid in recovering from a total or partial shutdown. During such a total or partial shutdown of the grid, the Project may experience step changes in load and other transient and dynamic conditions as it picks up load without support from other resources on the grid during start-up (if the Project remains connected) or while connecting to the loads the Project is picking up (not the start-up and connecting of the Facility itself).

are intended to illustrate the scope of work typically required to administer and perform the design and construction of a Maui Electric substation and power line.

- 2.3.1.2 Interconnection Facilities must be designed such that it meets or exceeds the applicable single line diagram in Appendix H.
- 2.3.1.3 Tariff Rule No. 19 establishes provisions for Interconnection and Transmission Upgrades and can be found at <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/billing-and-payment/rates-and-regulations/>. While the Lāna‘i System does not have a traditional Transmission System, the tariff provisions are intended to simplify the rules regarding who pays for, installs, owns, and operates interconnection facilities in the context of competitive bidding. The Company will be responsible for building all Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities for a selected Project.
- 2.3.2 The Proposer shall be responsible for all costs required to interconnect a Project to the Company System, including but not limited to any work in the Company’s existing energized facilities, the final tap, and all Seller-Owned Interconnection Facilities and Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities.
- 2.3.3 Proposers are required to include in their pricing proposal all costs for interconnection and distribution equipment expected to be required between their Facility and their proposed Point of Interconnection. Appendix H includes some information related to Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities and costs that may be helpful to Proposers. The selected Proposer shall be responsible for the actual final costs of all Seller-Owned Interconnection Facilities and Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities (see Appendix H), whether or not such costs exceed the costs set forth in a Proposer’s Proposal. No adjustments will be allowed to the proposed price in a Proposal if actual costs for Interconnection Facilities exceed the amounts proposed.
- 2.3.4 Proposers are required to account for all costs for distribution-level service interconnection for station power in their pricing proposal.
- 2.3.5 All Projects will be screened for general readiness to comply with the requirements for interconnection. The selected Proposal will be subject to further study in the form of an IRS. The IRS process is further described in Section 5.1. The results of the completed IRS, as well as any mitigation measures identified, will be incorporated into the terms and conditions of a final executed RDG PPA.

Chapter 3: Instructions to Proposers

3.1 Schedule for the Proposal Process

Table 1 sets forth the proposed schedule for the proposal process (the “RFP Schedule”). The RFP Schedule is subject to PUC approval. The Company reserves the right to revise the RFP Schedule as necessary. Changes to the RFP Schedule prior to the RFP Proposal Due Date will be posted to the RFP website. Changes to the RFP Schedule after the

Proposal Due Date will be communicated via email to the Proposers and posted on the RFP Website.

**Table 1
RFP Schedule**

Milestone	Schedule Dates
(1) Draft RFP filed	July 9, 2020
(2) Technical Status Conference	July 29, 2020
(3) Parties and Participants file Comments by	August 12, 2020
(4) Proposed Final RFP filed	September 8, 2020
(5) Updated RFP Draft filed Per Order 37592	March 30, 2021
(6) Parties and Participants file Comments by	April 14, 2021
(7) Proposed Final RFP filed per Order 37796 and Order 37879	August 25, 2021 ⁹
(8) Final RFP is Issued	September 16, 2021 ¹⁰
(9) Self-Build Proposal Due Date	November 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm HST
(10) IPP and Affiliate Proposal Due Date	November 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm HST
(11) Selection of Final Award Group	January 25, 2022
(12) Contract Negotiations Start	February 1, 2022

3.2 Company RFP Website/Electronic Procurement Platform

The Company has established a website for general information to share with potential Proposers. The RFP website is located at the following link:

www.hawaiianelectric.com/competitivebidding

The Company will provide general notices, updates, schedules and other information on the RFP website throughout the process. Proposers should check the website frequently to stay abreast of any new developments. This website will also contain the link to the Electronic Procurement Platform employed by the Company for the receipt of Proposals.

“Sourcing Intelligence” developed by Power Advocate is the Electronic Procurement Platform that the Company has licensed and will utilize for the receipt of Proposals in this RFP. Proposers who do not already have an existing account with PowerAdvocate and who intend to submit a Proposal for this RFP will need to register as a “Supplier” with PowerAdvocate.

3.2.1 There are no license fees, costs, or usage fees to Proposers for the use of the Electronic Procurement Platform.

⁹ All subsequent dates in the proposed schedule may be modified based on further guidance provided by the PUC.

¹⁰ Per Order 37879, page 69, “RFPs shall be approved automatically 15 days after their filing, unless the Commission orders otherwise.” The schedule reflects the RFP being issued one week after its anticipated approval date.

See [Appendix D](#) for user information on and screenshots of PowerAdvocate's Sourcing Intelligence procurement platform.

3.3 Information Exchange

The PUC conducted a Technical Status Conference on July 29, 2020 to discuss this draft RFP. Parties and Participants had the opportunity to submit comments on the draft RFP. The Company then revised the RFP after considering comments received and filed a final RFP for PUC review and approval. Subsequently, the PUC issued Order No. 37592 which among other things, directed the Companies to further collaborate with the Parties and Participants. As a result, the Company held several meetings with the Parties and Participants, which helped inform further updates to the RFP that were reflected in the Company's submittal of an updated RFP to the PUC.

Additionally, the Company will hold a prerecorded webinar for CBRE in accordance with the Competitive Bidding Framework for prospective Proposers to learn about the provisions and requirements of this RFP. This prerecorded webinar will be posted to the Company's website within one week of the issuance of the final RFP.

Prospective Proposers may also submit written questions regarding the RFP to the RFP Email Address set forth in [Section 1.6](#). The Company will endeavor to address all questions that will be helpful to prospective Proposers via a Q&A section on the RFP website.

Prospective Proposers should review the RFP Website's Q&A section prior to submission of their Proposal. Duplicate questions will not be answered.

3.4 Preparation of Proposals

- 3.4.1 Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for reviewing the RFP (including all attachments and links) and for thoroughly investigating and informing itself with respect to all matters pertinent to this RFP, the Proposer's Proposal, and the Proposer's anticipated performance under the RDG PPA. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure it understands all requirements of the RFP, to seek clarification if the RFP's requirements or Company's request is not clear, and to ask for any confirmation of receipt of submission of information. Under [Section 1.7.5](#), the Proposer is solely responsible for all errors in its Proposal(s). The Company will not accept any assertion by a Proposer that it was incumbent on the Company to catch any error.
- 3.4.2 Proposers shall rely only on official information provided by the Company in this RFP when preparing their Proposal. The Company will rely only on the information included in the Proposals and additional information solicited by the Company to Proposers in the format requested, to evaluate the Proposals received. Evaluation will be based on the stated information in this RFP and on information submitted by Proposers in response to this RFP. Proposals must clearly state all capabilities, functionality and characteristics of the Project; must clearly detail plans to be performed; must explain applicability of information; and must provide all referenced material if it is to be considered during the Proposal evaluation. Referencing previous RFP submissions or projects for support will

not be considered. Proposers should not assume that any previous RFP decisions or preferences also apply to this RFP.

- 3.4.3 Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for, and shall bear all of its costs incurred in the preparation of its Proposal and/or its participation in this RFP, including, but not limited to, all costs incurred with respect to the following: (1) review of the RFP documents; (2) status conference participation; (3) site visits; (4) third-party consultant consultation; and (5) investigation and research relating to its Proposal and this RFP. The Company will not reimburse any Proposer for any such costs, including the selected Proposer.
- 3.4.4 Each Proposal must contain the full name and business address of the Proposer and must be signed by an authorized officer or agent¹¹ of the Proposer.

3.5 Organization of the Proposal

- 3.5.1 The Proposal must be organized as specified in Appendix B. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure the information requested in this RFP is submitted and contained within the defined Proposal sections as specified in Appendix B.

3.6 Proposal Limitations

Proposers expressly acknowledge that Proposals are submitted subject to the following limitations:

The RFP does not commit or require the Company to award a contract, pay any costs incurred by a Proposer in the preparation of a Proposal, or procure or contract for products or services of any kind whatsoever. The Company reserves the right, in consultation with the Independent Observer, to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all Proposals submitted in response to this RFP, to negotiate with any or all Proposers eligible to be selected for award, or to withdraw or modify this RFP in whole or in part at any time.

- The Company reserves the right, in consultation with the Independent Observer, to request additional information from any or all Proposers relating to their Proposals or to request that Proposers clarify the contents of their Proposals. Proposers who are not responsive to such information requests may be eliminated from further consideration upon consultation with the Independent Observer.
- The Company reserves the right, in consultation with the Independent Observer, to solicit additional Proposals from Proposers after reviewing the initial Proposals. Other than as provided in this RFP, no Proposer will be allowed to alter its Proposal or add new information to a Proposal after the Proposal Due Date.

¹¹ Proposer's officer or agent must be authorized to sign the Proposal. Such authorization must be in writing and may be granted via Proposer's organizational documents (i.e., Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, By-laws, etc.), resolution, or similar documentation.

- All material submitted in response to this RFP will become the sole property of the Company, subject to the terms of the NDA.

3.7 Proposal Compliance and Bases for Disqualification

Proposers may be deemed non-responsive and/or Proposals may not be considered for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- Any unsolicited contact by a Proposer or prospective Proposer with personnel of the Company pertaining to this RFP as described in Section 1.5.5.
- Any illegal or undue attempts by or on behalf of the Proposer or others to influence the Proposal Review process.
- The Proposal does not meet one or more of the Eligibility Requirements specified in Section 4.2.
- The Proposal does not meet one or more of the Threshold Requirements specified in Section 4.3.
- The Proposal is deemed to be unacceptable through a fatal flaws analysis as described in Section 4.4.2.
- The Proposer does not respond to a Company request for additional information to clarify the contents of its Proposal within the timelines specified by the Company.
- The Proposal contains misrepresentations or errors.

3.8 Power Purchase Agreement

- 3.8.1 The Power Purchase Agreement for proposals selected under this RFP will be in the form of the RDG PPA, attached as Appendix L. In addition, Appendix L-1 is provided for use if the Project is designed with a single inverter system such that the PV System and BESS are “DC Coupled.”
- 3.8.2 If selected, any Affiliate Proposer will be required to enter into the RDG PPA with the Company.
- 3.8.3 If selected, a Self-Build Proposer will not be required to enter into a PPA with the Company. However, the Self-Build Proposer will be held to the proposed modifications to the RDG PPA, if any, it submits as part of the SBO in accordance with Section 3.8.5. Moreover, the SBO will be held to the same performance metrics and milestones set forth in the RDG PPA to the same extent as all Proposers, as attested to in the SBO’s Appendix G, Attachment 1, Self-Build Option Certification submittal. If liquidated damages are assessed, they will be paid from shareholder funds and returned to customers through the Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (“PPAC”) or other appropriate rate adjustment mechanisms.

To retain the benefits of operational flexibility of a Company-owned facility, the SBO Proposal will be permitted to adjust operational requirements and performance metrics with the approval of the PUC. The process for adjustment would be similar to a negotiated amendment to a PPA with PUC approval.

- 3.8.4 In general, under the RDG PPA, payment to the Seller consists of a Lump Sum Payment component to cover the costs of the Project. In return, the Seller shall guarantee minimum performance and availability metrics to ensure that the Facility is maintained and available for energy storage and dispatch, as well as provide an indication of the available energy in near real-time for the Company's dispatch. Company shall not be obligated to accept, nor shall it be required to pay for, test energy generated by the Facility during acceptance testing or other test conditions.
- 3.8.5 The Performance Standards identified in Section 2.1 in the RDG PPA establish the minimum requirements a Proposal must satisfy to be eligible for consideration in this RFP. A proposed Facility's ability to meet these Performance Standards is both a Threshold Requirement and a Non-Price Related Criteria under Sections 4.3 and 4.4.2, respectively. As such, these Performance Standards included in the RDG PPA are non-negotiable. Proposers may propose modifications to other sections of the RDG PPA but are encouraged to accept such terms as written in order to expedite the overall RFP process and potential contract negotiations. As a component of their Proposals, Proposers who elect to propose modifications shall provide a Microsoft Word red-line version of the relevant document identifying specific proposed modifications to the model language that the Proposer is agreeable to, as well as a detailed explanation and supporting rationale for each modification.
- 3.8.5.1 General comments, drafting notes and footnotes such as "parties to discuss", and reservation of rights to propose modifications at a later time are unacceptable and will be considered non-responsive. Proposed modifications to the RDG PPA shall be limited to targeted revisions to, and not deletions or waivers of, the agreement's terms, conditions, covenants, requirements or representations. Proposed modifications will also be evaluated as a non-price evaluation criterion as further described in Section 4.4.2. In order to facilitate this process, the Company will make available an electronic version of the model agreement on the RFP website and through the Electronic Procurement Platform for the RFP. Any proposed modifications to the RDG PPA will be subject to negotiation between the Company and the Final Award Group and should not be assumed to have been accepted either as a result of being selected to the Final Award Group or based on any previously executed PPA. As stated above, since general comments, drafting notes, and footnotes without accompanying specific proposed language modifications are unacceptable and non-responsive, the Company will not negotiate provisions simply marked by such general comments, drafting notes, and footnotes.
- 3.8.5.2 The Company has an interest in maintaining consistency for certain provisions of the RDG PPAs, such as the calculation of availability and payment terms. Therefore, for such provisions, the Company will endeavor to negotiate similar and consistent language across PPAs for the Final Award Group.

3.8.6 Proposals that do not include specific proposed modifications to the attached RDG PPA will be deemed to have accepted the RDG PPA in its entirety.

3.9 Pricing Requirements

3.9.1 Proposers are responsible for understanding the terms of the RDG PPA. Pricing cannot be specified as contingent upon other factors (e.g., changes to federal tax policy or receiving all Investment Tax Credits assumed).

3.9.2 Escalation in pricing over the term of the RDG PPA is prohibited.

3.9.3 Pricing information must only be identified within specified sections of the Proposal as instructed by this RFP's Appendix B Proposer's Response Package (i.e., Proposal pricing information must be contained within defined Proposal sections of the Proposal submission). Pricing information contained anywhere else in a Proposal will not be considered during the evaluation process.

3.9.4 The Proposer's Response Package must include the following prices for each Proposal:

For IPP or Affiliate proposals:

- **Lump Sum Payment (\$/year):** Payment amount for full dispatchability of the Facility. Payment will be made in monthly increments.

For the Self-Build Proposal:

- **Total Project Capital Costs (\$/year):** Total capital costs for the project (identified by year).
- **Annual O&M Costs (\$/year):** Initial year operations and maintenance costs, annual escalation rate.
- **Annual Revenue Requirement (\$/year):** Annual revenue requirements (ARR) calculated for each year.

Additional description and detail on the Total Project Capital Costs, Annual O&M Costs, and Annual Revenue Requirement for the SBO Proposal is located in Appendix G.

3.9.5 As identified in the Schedule of Defined Terms in the PPA under "BESS Allocated Portion of the Lump Sum Payment", the allocated portion of the Lump Sum Payment specified for energy storage for the Facility is 50% and shall be a non-negotiable percentage in the PPA.

3.10 Project Description

3.10.1 Proposals are required to provide a Net Energy Potential ("NEP") RFP Projection for the Project. The NEP RFP Projection associated with the proposed Project represents the

estimated annual net energy (in MWh) that could be produced by the Facility and delivered to the Point of Interconnection over a ten-year period with a probability of exceedance of 95%. The energy generated by the Facility in excess of Company dispatch but below the Facility's Allowed Capacity that is stored in the Facility's BESS component and can later be discharged to the POI considering the BESS Contract Capacity and Maximum Rated Output should be included in the NEP RFP Projection. Any energy in excess of what is allowed to be delivered to the POI and would exceed the BESS Contract Capacity shall be excluded from the Net Energy Potential. Any energy generated outside of the proposed Facility that is used to charge the BESS component should not be factored into the NEP RFP Projection. Any losses that may be incurred from energy being stored and then discharged from the energy storage (round trip efficiency losses) should be excluded from the NEP RFP Projection, but the NEP should consider auxiliary loads in developing the value relative to the POI. The NEP RFP Projection will be used in the RFP evaluation process and therefore Proposers will be held to their provided value.¹²

- 3.10.2 Proposals are required to provide a single value Round Trip Efficiency ("RTE"), measured at the Point of Interconnection, that the Facility's BESS component is required to maintain throughout the term of the PPA. This RTE value will be used in the RFP evaluation process and therefore Proposers will be held to this provided value as it will become the RTE Performance Metric in Section 2.10 of the RDG PPA. Please review the RDG PPA for potential liquidated damages assessed against the Seller if the BESS does not maintain the required RTE. The RTE is further specified in Appendix B Section 2.
- 3.10.3 Each Proposer must also agree to provide Project financial information, including proposed Project finance structure information specified in Appendix B. Such information will be used to evaluate Threshold Requirements and non-price criteria (e.g., Financial Viability of Proposer, Financial Strength and Financing Plan, State of Project Development and Schedule) set forth in Sections 4.3 and 4.4.2. Upon selection, the Final Award Group may be requested to provide further detailed cost information if requested by the PUC or the Consumer Advocate as part of the PPA approval process. If requested, such information would be provided to the PUC, Consumer Advocate, and Company pursuant to a protective order in the docket.
- 3.10.4 The Proposer agrees that no material changes or additions to the Facility from what is submitted in its Proposal will be made without the Proposer first having obtained prior written consent from the Company. Evaluation of all Proposals in this RFP is based on the information submitted in each Proposal at the Proposal Due Date. If any Proposer

¹² If a PPA is executed between the Company and the selected Proposer, the NEP RFP Projection will be further evaluated at several steps throughout the process as set forth in the RDG PPA, and adjustments to the Lump Sum Payment will be made accordingly. Additionally, because the Company will rely on an accurate representation of the NEP RFP Projection in the RFP evaluation, a one-time liquidated damage as described in the RDG PPA will be assessed if the First NEP benchmark is less than the Proposer's NEP RFP Projection. After the Facility has achieved commercial operations, the performance of the Facility will be assessed on a continuing basis against key metrics identified in the RDG PPA. See Article 2 and Attachment U of the RDG PPA.

requests that any Proposal information be changed after that date, the Company, in consultation with the Independent Observer, and in consideration of whether the evaluation is affected, will determine whether the change is permitted.

3.11 Project Site

All proposals must be sited on a pre-determined Project Site owned by Pūlama Lāna‘i, referred to as the Pūlama Site.¹³ The available area is approximately seventy-three (73) acres and is located adjacent to Miki Road and Miki Basin Plant, less than one (1) mile from the airport.

The selected Proposer will be required to execute a lease for the Pūlama Site coterminous with the term of the PPA with the landowner. A draft copy of the proposed form of lease and lease term sheet are included as Attachment 2 and Attachment 3, respectively, to Appendix F. The terms of the lease will be negotiable with the landowner. Additional information regarding the site, including a link to an Environmental Assessment and associated studies can also be found in Appendix F.

Due to the Company’s COVID-19 travel restrictions, a site visit will not be available at this time. The Company will provide photos of the Company’s Miki Basin Plant on the Company’s website. For information on the Pūlama Site, Proposers may contact Keiki-Pua Dancil at kdancil@pulamalanai.com.

3.12 Confidentiality

- 3.12.1 Each prospective Proposer must submit an executed NDA in the form attached as Appendix E by the Proposal Due Date specified in the RFP Schedule in Section 3.1. If a Proposer had previously executed an NDA for the Request for Proposal for Variable Renewable Dispatchable Generation Paired with Energy Storage, Island of Lāna‘i, dated November 29, 2019, that executed NDA will be accepted. The form of the NDA is not negotiable. Information designated as confidential by the Company will be provided on a limited basis, and only those prospective Proposers who have submitted an executed NDA will be considered. Proposers must clearly identify all confidential information in their Proposals. However, Proposers should designate as confidential only those portions of their Proposals that genuinely warrant confidential treatment. The Company discourages the practice of marking every page of a Proposal as confidential. The Company will make reasonable efforts to protect any such information that is clearly marked as confidential. Consistent with the terms of the NDA, the Company reserves the right to share any information, even if marked confidential, with its agents, contractors, or the Independent Observer for the purpose of evaluating the Proposal and facilitating potential contract negotiations.

¹³ The location and acreage of the Pūlama Site in this RFP is different from the Pūlama Site identified in the RFP for Variable Renewable Dispatchable Generation Paired with Energy Storage, Island of Lāna‘i, dated November 27, 2019 and revised March 10, 2020.

- 3.12.2 Proposers, in submitting any Proposal to Company in response to this RFP, certify that such Proposer has not shared its Proposal, or any part thereof, with any other Proposer of a Proposal responsive to this RFP.
- 3.12.3 The Company will request that the PUC issue a Protective Order to protect confidential information provided by Proposers to the Company and to be filed in a proceeding before the PUC. A copy of the Protective Order, once issued by the PUC, will be provided to Proposers. Proposers should be aware that the Company may be required to share certain confidential information contained in Proposals with the PUC, the State of Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the parties to any docket instituted by the PUC, provided that recipients of confidential information have first agreed in writing to abide by the terms of the Protective Order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Proposer will be provided with Proposals from any other Proposer, nor will Proposers be provided with any other information contained in such Proposals or provided by or with respect to any other Proposer.

3.13 Credit Requirements Under the PPA

- 3.13.1 The Proposer with whom the Company enters into a PPA must post Development Period Security and Operating Period Security in the form of an irrevocable standby letter of credit from a bank chartered in the United States as required and set forth in Article 14 of the RDG PPA. Cash, a parent guaranty, or other forms of security will not be accepted in lieu of the irrevocable standby letter of credit.
- 3.13.2 The Development Period Security and Operating Period Security identified in the RDG PPA are minimum requirements. Proposers shall not propose an amount lower than that set forth in the RDG PPA.
- 3.13.3 Each Proposer shall be required to provide a satisfactory irrevocable standby letter of credit in favor of the Company from a bank chartered in the United States to guarantee Proposer's payment of interconnection costs for all Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities in excess of the Total Estimated Interconnection Costs and/or all relocation costs in excess of Total Estimated Relocation Costs that are payable to Company as required and set forth in Attachment G to the RDG PPA.
- 3.13.4 Proposers may be required to provide an irrevocable standby letter of credit in favor of the Company from a bank chartered in the United States in lieu of the required Source Code Escrow in an amount and as required and set forth in Attachment B to the RDG PPA.

Chapter 4: Evaluation Process and Evaluation Criteria

4.1 Proposal Evaluation and Selection Process

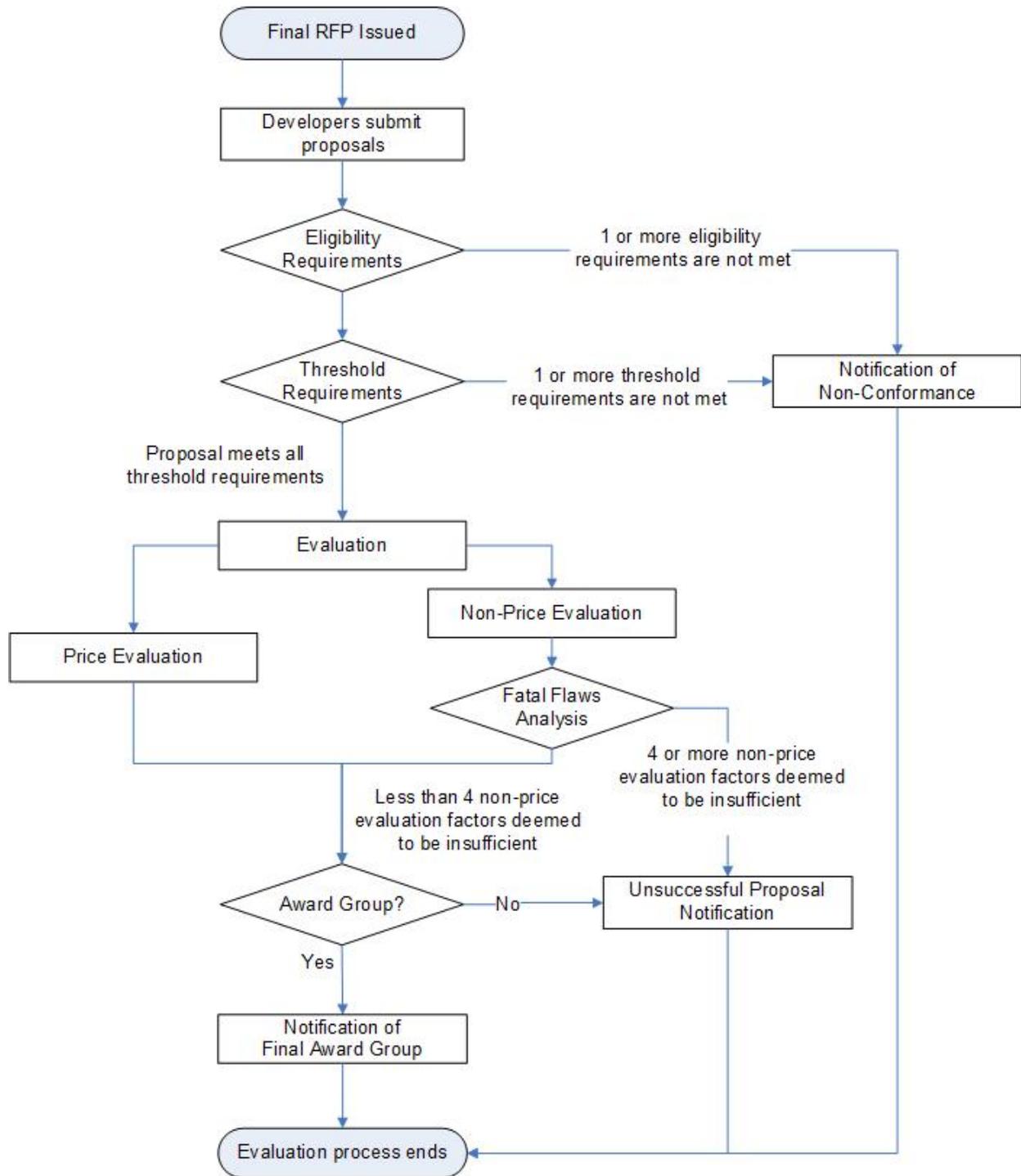
The Company will employ a multi-step evaluation process. This Chapter provides a description of each step of the process, along with the requirements of Proposers at each step. Figure 1 sets forth the flowchart for the proposal evaluation and selection process.

Upon receipt of the Proposals, the Company will review each Proposal submission to determine if it meets the Eligibility Requirements and the Threshold Requirements. The Company, in coordination with the Independent Observer will determine if a Proposer is allowed to cure any aspect of its Proposal or whether the Proposal will be eliminated based on failure to meet either Eligibility or Threshold Requirements.¹⁴ If a Proposer is provided the opportunity to cure any aspect of its Proposal, the Proposer shall be given three (3) business days to cure from the date of notification to cure¹⁵. Proposals that have successfully met the Eligibility and Threshold Requirements will then enter a price and non-price evaluation process, ultimately ending in a Proposal being selected to the Final Award Group.

¹⁴ As a general rule, if a Proposer does not include a requested document, inadvertently excludes minor information or provides inconsistencies in its information, it may be given a chance to cure such deficiency. If a Proposer fails to provide material required information in its Proposal and providing the Proposer an opportunity to cure is deemed by the Company, in consultation with the Independent Observer, as an unfair advantage to such Proposer, the Proposal could be classified as non-conforming and eliminated for failure to meet Eligibility Requirements.

¹⁵ The initial request will be offered 3 business days to cure. Succeeding inquiries on the deficiencies will be offered cure periods deemed sufficient by the Company and Independent Observer.

Figure 1 – Evaluation Workflow



4.2 Eligibility Requirements Assessment

Upon receipt of the Proposals, each Proposal will be reviewed to ensure that it meets the following Eligibility Requirements.

- The Proposer is not eligible to participate in this RFP if the Proposer, its parent company, or an affiliate of the Proposer has:
 - defaulted on a current contract with the Company, or
 - had a contract terminated by the Company, or
 - any pending litigation in which the Proposer has made claims against the Company.
- The Proposal, including required uploaded files, must be received on time via the Electronic Procurement Platform.
- The Proposal Fee must be received on time on or before the Proposal Due Date.¹⁶
- The Proposal must not contain material omissions.
- The Proposal must be signed and certified by an officer or other authorized agent of the Proposer.
- The Proposer must fully execute the NDA and any other documents required pursuant to this RFP.
- The Proposer must provide a Certificate of Vendor Compliance from the Hawai‘i Compliance Express dated issued within 60 days of the date of Proposal submission (a certificate of good standing from the State of Hawai‘i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and also federal and Hawai‘i state tax clearance certificates for the Proposer may be substituted for the Certificate of Vendor Compliance).
- The Proposal must not be contingent upon changes to existing county, state, or federal laws or regulations.
- The Proposal must be sited on the Pūlama Site.
- The Proposal must be for a PV project and must include an energy storage component.
- The largest contingency size shall be limited to 2.2 MW net export at the Miki Basin switchyard. The design to achieve this must be acceptable to the Company.
- The Proposal must reserve 3 MW of the Facility’s contract capacity for CBRE subscriptions.
- A minimum of 0.40 MW of the CBRE Project capacity must be reserved for residential Subscribers as described in Section 1.2.4.
- The energy storage component must be able to be charged from the grid at the direction of the Company as described in Section 1.2.11.
- The Proposal must provide grid-forming and black start capabilities as described in Section 2.1.
- The Proposal must specify a GCOD no later than August 31, 2025.
- The Proposer shall agree to post Development Period Security and Operating Period Security as described in Section 3.13.

¹⁶ Proposal Fees will not be required for the SBO Proposal.

4.3 Threshold Requirement Assessment

Proposals that meet all the Eligibility Requirements will then be evaluated to determine compliance with the Threshold Requirements, which have been designed to screen out Proposals that are insufficiently developed, lack demonstrated technology, or will impose unacceptable execution risk for the Company.

Proposals must provide explanations and contain supporting information demonstrating how and why the Project proposed meets each of the Threshold Requirements. Proposals that fail to provide this information or meet a Threshold Requirement will be eliminated from further consideration upon concurrence with the Independent Observer.

The Threshold Requirements for this RFP are the following:

1. **RESERVED**

2. **Performance Standards:** The proposed Facility must be able to meet the performance attributes identified in this RFP and the Performance Standards identified in Section 2.1 of this RFP. Proposals should include sufficient documentation to support the stated claim that the Facility will be able to meet the Performance Standards. The Proposal should include information required to make such a determination in an organized manner to ensure this evaluation can be completed within the evaluation review period.

3. **Proven Technology:** This criterion is intended as a check to ensure that the technology proposed is viable and can reasonably be relied upon to meet the objectives of this RFP. The Company will only consider Proposals utilizing technologies that have successfully reached commercial operations in commercial applications (i.e., a PPA) at the scale being proposed. Proposals should include any supporting information for the Company to assess the commercial and financial maturity of the technology being proposed as noted in Attachment B, Section 2.12.

4. **Experience of the Proposer:** The Proposer, its affiliated companies, partners, and/or contractors and consultants on the Proposer's Project team must have experience in financing, designing, constructing, interconnecting, owning, operating, and maintaining at least one (1) electricity generation project, including all components of the project (i.e., BESS or other attributes), similar in size, scope, technology, and structure to the Project being proposed by Proposer. The Company will consider a Proposer to have reasonably met this Threshold Requirement if the Proposer can provide sufficient information in its Proposal's RFP Appendix B Section 2.13 tables demonstrating that at least one member of the Proposer's team (identified in the Proposal) has specific experience in each of the following categories: financing, designing, constructing, interconnecting, owning, operating, and maintaining projects similar to the Project being proposed.

5. **Financial Compliance:** The proposed Project must not cause the Company to be subject to consolidation, as set forth in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 810, Consolidation ("ASC 810"), as issued and

amended from time to time by FASB. Proposers are required to state to the best of their knowledge, with supporting information to allow the Company to verify such conclusion, that the Proposal will not result in the Seller under the PPA being a Variable Interest Entity (“VIE”) and result in the Company being the primary beneficiary of the Seller that would trigger consolidation of the Seller’s finances on to the Company’s financial statements under FASB ASC 810. The Company will perform a preliminary consolidation assessment based on the Proposals received. The Company reserves the right to allow a Proposal to proceed through the evaluation process through selection of the Priority List and work with the Proposer on this issue prior to or during PPA negotiations. The Company has determined that for purposes of FASB ASC 842, a generation plus BESS facility will be treated as two separate measurements of account. For accounting purposes, the BESS portion will be treated as a lease, while the generation facility will not. As a result, no lease evaluation will be completed as part of the Proposal evaluation.

6. Community Outreach: Gaining community support is an important part of a Project’s viability and success. A comprehensive community outreach and communications plan (“Community Outreach Plan”) is an essential roadmap that guides a developer as they work with various communities and stakeholders to gain their support for a Project. Proposers must include a Community Outreach Plan that describes the Proposer’s commitment to work with the neighboring community and stakeholders and to provide them timely Project information during all phases of the Project. The Community Outreach Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: Project description, community scoping (including stakeholders and community concerns), Project benefits, government approvals, development process (including Project schedule), and a comprehensive communications plan.

4.4 Evaluation – Price and Non-Price Analysis

Proposals that meet both the Eligibility and Threshold Requirements are Eligible Proposals which will then be subject to a price and non-price assessment. Two teams have been established to undertake the Proposal evaluation process: a Price Evaluation Team and Non-Price Evaluation Team. The results of the price and non-price analysis will be a relative ranking and scoring of all Eligible Proposals. Price-related criteria will account for sixty percent (60%) of the total score and non-price-related criteria will account for forty percent (40%) of the total score. The non-price criteria and methodology for applying the criteria are explained in Section 4.4.2.

The Company will employ a closed-bidding process for this solicitation in accordance with Part IV.H.3 of the Framework where the price and non-price evaluation models to be used will not be provided to Proposers. However, the Company will provide the Independent Observer with all necessary information to allow the Independent Observer to understand the evaluation models and to enable the Independent Observer to observe the entire analysis to ensure a fair process.

4.4.1 Evaluation of the Price Related Criteria

For the price analysis, a total of 600 points will be awarded. Price-related criteria will be based on the GCOD and the results of a capacity expansion model.

The eligible Proposal with the earliest GCOD will receive 50 points. All other eligible Proposals will receive points of a proportionate reduction based on the difference between the earliest GCOD and the latest acceptable GCOD (August 31, 2025), rounded by months. For example, if the earliest GCOD proposed is March 1, 2024, that proposal will receive 50 points. The total months between the earliest GCOD and the latest acceptable GCOD then becomes 18 months. If another proposal has a GCOD of December 1, 2024, it is 9 months later than the earliest GCOD and will then receive $50 \times (1 - (9/18)) = 25$ points.

The eligible Proposal with the lowest Levelized Energy Price will receive 550 points. All other eligible Proposals will receive points based on a proportionate reduction using the percentage by which the eligible Proposal's Levelized Energy Price exceeds the lowest Levelized Energy Price. For example, if a Proposal's value is ten percent (10%) higher than the lowest Levelized Energy Price, the Proposal will be awarded 495 points (that is, 550 points less 10%). The result of this assessment will be a ranking and scoring of each Proposal.

The Company may complete additional analyses of Projects, in consultation with the Independent Observer, if the time and capability exist to perform such analyses to evaluate the potential of additional benefits and costs of integrating the proposed Project onto the Company's System which includes:

1. The cost to dispatch the Project and the energy under the RDG PPA;
2. The fuel cost savings (benefits) and any other direct savings (Subscriber Organization savings from dispatchable fossil fuel savings, where applicable) resulting from the displacement of generation, including consideration of round-trip efficiencies for facilities with a BESS; and
3. The estimated increase (or decrease) in operating cost, if any, incurred by the Company to maintain system reliability.
4. The cost of imputed debt, if applicable.

As noted, the Company will take into account the cost of rebalancing its capital structure resulting from any debt or imputed debt impacts associated with each Proposal (including any costs to be incurred by the Company, as described above, that are necessary in implementing the Proposal). The Company proposes to use the imputed debt methodology published by S&P that is applicable to the Proposal being evaluated. S&P views long-term PPAs as creating fixed, debt-like financial obligations that represent substitutes for debt-financed capital investments in generation capacity. By adjusting financial measures to incorporate PPA-fixed obligations, greater comparability of utilities

that finance and build generation capacity and those that purchase capacity to satisfy new load are achieved.

4.4.2 Evaluation of the Non-Price Related Criteria

For the non-price analysis, each Proposal will be evaluated on each of the non-price criteria categories set forth below:

1. Community Outreach
2. State of Project Development and Schedule
3. Performance Standards
4. RESERVED
5. Commitment to Residential Subscriber Participation
6. CBRE Program
7. Environmental Compliance and Permitting Plan
8. Experience and Qualifications
9. Financial Strength and Financing Plan
10. RDG PPA Contract Exceptions
11. Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date
12. Cultural Resource Impacts

Criteria 1 through 6 (as applicable) – will be weighted twice as heavily as the others to reflect the impact these categories have to achieve a successful and timely procurement. The non-price criteria are generally scored on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (highly preferable). A score of 3 means that a Proposal meets the minimum standard for that criteria.

The total non-price score will be the sum of the scores for each of the applicable individual non-price criteria. The Company will then award non-price evaluation points in accordance with the relative ranking of scores. The Proposal with the highest total non-price score will receive 400 points, and all other Proposals will receive points equal to the Proposal's score divided by the top score, multiplied by 400.

During the non-price criteria evaluation, a fatal flaws analysis will also be conducted such that any Proposal that is deemed not to meet the minimum standards level for four (4) or more applicable non-price criteria will be disqualified given that the Proposal has failed to meet the required number of non-price factors that are indicative as to the general feasibility and operational viability of a proposed Project. Non-price criteria numbers 5 and 11 above will be excluded from the fatal flaws analysis.

The Company's evaluation of the non-price criteria will be based on the materials provided by a Proposer in its Proposal. Acceptance of any Proposal into the Final Award Group shall not be assumed or construed to be an endorsement or approval that the materials provided by Proposer are complete, accurate or in compliance with applicable law. The Company assumes no obligation to correct, confirm or further research any of the materials submitted by Proposers. Proposers retain sole responsibility to ensure their Proposals are accurate and in compliance with all laws.

The non-price criteria are:

1. **Community Outreach** – Gaining community support is an important part of a Project’s viability and success. An effective Community Outreach Plan will call for early meaningful communications with stakeholders and will reflect a deep understanding and respect for the community’s desire for information to enable them to make informed decisions about future projects in their communities. Therefore, Proposals will be evaluated on the quality of the Community Outreach Plan to inform the Project’s impacted communities.

Proposals should include a Community Outreach Plan that describes the Proposer’s commitment to work with the neighboring community and stakeholders and to provide timely Project information during Project development, construction and operation. The Community Outreach Plan shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- 1) Project description. A thorough description including a map of the location of the Project. This information will help the community understand the impact that the Project may have on the community.
- 2) Community scoping. Identify stakeholders (individuals, community leaders, organizations), community issues and concerns, and community sentiment.
- 3) Project benefits. An explanation of the need for the Project. This will help the community to understand how the Project might benefit their community.
- 4) Government approvals. Required government permits and approvals, public hearings and other opportunities for public comment. This information will help the community to understand the level of public scrutiny and participation that might occur for the Project and the opportunities to provide public comments.
- 5) Development process. A Project schedule that identifies key milestones will facilitate the community’s understanding of the development process.
- 6) Communications Plan. A communications plan including a detailed community outreach schedule that will keep the affected communities and stakeholders informed about the Project’s outreach efforts during early Project development period through construction and operations.

Preference will be given to Proposers who have already identified established contacts to work with the local community, have used community input to incorporate changes to the final design of the Project and mitigate community concerns, have proposed a community benefits package (including details of the community recipients and benefits package), or have community consultants as part of the Project team doing business in Hawai‘i that have successfully worked with communities in Hawai‘i on the development of two or more energy projects or projects with similar community issues. These criteria are aligned with the Company’s community engagement expectation whereby all developers will be required to engage in community outreach prior to signing a PPA with the Company. This process is also outlined in RFP Section 5.3. Further information and instructions regarding expectations for the Community Outreach Plan are included as Attachment 4 and 5 to Appendix B.

2. **State of Project Development and Schedule** – Projects that are further along in development generally have lower project execution risk and a greater probability of being able to be successfully placed into service prior to the GCOD (specifically identified in each Proposal). At a minimum, Projects should demonstrate how they plan to capture any ITC safe harbor and reach their GCOD specified, including identification of risks and schedule assumptions. (Schedules must identify the IRS completion date and PUC approval dates assumed.) Proposals should also demonstrate, via a detailed critical path schedule, that there is a high likelihood that the Project will be able to reach commercial operations as specified. Proposals shall include a Gantt chart that clearly illustrates the overall schedule and demonstrates achievement of any ITC safe harbor, if applicable, and commercial operations by their specified GCOD. The Gantt chart shall include task durations and dependencies, identify tasks that will be fast tracked, and identifies slack time and contingencies. This criterion will also look at the high-level Project costs set forth in the Proposal including: costs for equipment, construction, engineering, Seller-Owned Interconnection Facilities, Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities, land, annual O&M, the reasonableness of such costs and the assumptions used for such costs. Project costs that do not appear reasonable for a project of the size proposed may result in a lower ranking for this criterion if the Company reasonably determines that the cost information is unrealistic based on prior experience in the market which may result in a risk that the Project can be built on time and for the price proposed by the Proposer. The Company reserves the right to discuss any cost and financial information with a Proposer to ensure the information provided is accurate and correct.
3. **Performance Standards:** The proposed Facility must be able to meet the performance attributes identified in this RFP and the Performance Standards identified in the RDG PPA. The Company will review the Proposal information received, including design documents and operating procedures materials provided in the Proposal, and evaluate whether the Project as designed is able to meet the Performance Standards identified in the RDG PPA or and in this RFP. At a minimum, in addition to meeting the Performance Standards, the Proposal should include sufficient documentation, provided in an organized manner, to support the stated claim that the Facility will be able to meet the Performance Standards. The Proposal should include information required to make such a determination in an organized manner to ensure this evaluation can be completed on a timely basis. Preference will be given to Proposals that provide detailed technical and design information showing how each standard can be met by the proposed Facility. Preference will also be provided on facilities that offer additional capabilities.
4. **RESERVED**
5. **Commitment to Residential Subscriber Participation** – Proposals will be evaluated on the stated commitments of the Project’s Subscriber Organization to residential Subscribers. At a minimum, Subscriber Organizations will be required to set aside 0.40 MW of the CBRE Project capacity for residential Subscribers.

Proposers that commit to reserving a portion larger than 0.40 MW of their CBRE Project capacity for residential Subscribers will be given more favorable scoring. In addition, Proposals will also be evaluated on the stated commitments of the Project's CBRE Subscriber Organization to LMI Customers. Proposers that commit to reserving a portion of the CBRE Project capacity for LMI Customers will be given more favorable scoring.

6. **CBRE Program:** Proposals will be evaluated on several facets of the CBRE Program being proposed.
 - 1) **Program Offering:** Proposals will be evaluated to give preference to program offerings that provide the most benefits to residential and LMI Customers, as applicable. Financing options, upfront fees, payment over time, public funding options, and other creative approaches will be preferred along with programs that offer higher expected customer level savings, favorable payback periods and mechanisms, and other customer benefits. In addition, Proposals shall describe the extent to which residential Subscribers will be financially responsible for the Facility's underperformance.
 - 2) **Marketing and Outreach Plans:** Proposals will be evaluated on the proposed strategies and methods to educate, inform, and stimulate the market in order to achieve their target levels of participation.
 - 3) **Program Experience:** Proposals will also be evaluated on Proposers documented success in reaching and retaining participation of residential and LMI Customers, as applicable, in other community-based renewable energy programs.
7. **Environmental Compliance and Permitting Plan** – This criterion relates to the potential (short- and long-term) environmental impacts associated with each project, the quality of the plan offered by the Proposer to mitigate and manage any environmental impacts (including any pre-existing environmental conditions), and the plan of Proposers to remain in environmental compliance over the term of the contract. These impacts are reflected on a technology-specific basis. Completing any necessary environmental review and obtaining the required permitting in a timely manner is also important and Proposals will be evaluated on their plan to identify, apply for, and secure the required permits for the Project, any permitting activity that has been completed to date, including having initial discussions with the applicable regulating agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife, prior to submitting a Proposal, and the degree of certainty offered by the Proposer in securing the necessary permits.

At a minimum, proposed Projects should be expected to have minimal environmental impact for most areas and Proposals should provide a comprehensive plan to mitigate the identified potential or actual significant environmental impacts to remain in environmental compliance. The proposed mitigation plans should be included in the Project timeline. Preference will be given to Proposals that provide a more detailed plan as well as those that have proactively taken steps to mitigate

potential environmental impacts.

Also, this criterion requires that, at a minimum, Proposers should have identified, and disclosed in their Proposal(s) all major permits, approvals, appurtenances and entitlements (including applicable access, rights of way and/or easements) (collectively, the “permits”) required and have a preliminary plan for securing such permits. Preference will be given to Proposals that are able to provide a greater degree of certainty that its plan to secure the required permits is realistic and achievable, or have already received all or a majority of the required permits. The Proposer should disclose all identified (a) discretionary permits required, i.e., those requiring public or contested case hearings and/or review and discretionary approval by an appropriate government agency and (b) ministerial conditions without discretionary approval conditions. In all cases, the Proposer must provide a credible and viable plan to secure all necessary and appropriate permits necessary for the project. For example, if the project is located within an agricultural district, the Proposer shall provide evidence of Proposer’s verification with the appropriate government agency that the project complies with HRS Section 205-2 and Section 205-4.5, relating to solar energy facilities placed on agricultural land, provided, however that where a special use permit (under Section 205-6), exemption (under Section 205-6), or amendment to land use district boundary lines (under Section 205-4) is required to secure such compliance, Proposer shall identify the need for such permit, exemption or amendment and provide a list of required prerequisites and/or conditions and a realistic timeline necessary to obtain such permit, exemption or amendment satisfactory for Proposer to still meet its designated Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date.

8. **Experience and Qualifications** – Proposals will be evaluated based on the experience of the Proposer in financing, designing, constructing, interconnecting, owning, operating, and maintaining projects (including all components of the project) of similar size, scope and technology. At a minimum, Proposals must show via the table format specified in RFP Appendix B Section 2.13 that at least one (1) member must have specific experience in each of the following categories: financing, designing, constructing, interconnecting, owning, operating, and maintaining at least one electricity generation project including all components of the project similar to the Project being proposed. Preference will be given to Proposers with experience in successfully developing multiple projects that are similar to the one being proposed and/or that have prior experience successfully developing and interconnecting a utility scale project to the Company’s System.
9. **Financial Strength and Financing Plan** – This criterion addresses the comprehensiveness and reasonableness of the financial plan for the Project as well as assesses the financial strength and capability of the Proposer to develop the Project. A complete financial plan addresses the following issues: Project ownership, capital cost and capital structure, sources of debt and equity, and evidence that credit-worthy entities are interested in financing the Project. The financial strength of Proposers or their credit support providers will be considered, including their credit ratings. The financing participants are expected to be reasonably strong financially. Developers

and their sources of capital that have investment grade credit ratings from a reputable credit rating agency (S&P, Moody's, Fitch) will also be given preference, with those that have higher credit ratings ranked higher.

10. **RDG PPA Contract Proposed Modifications** – Proposers are encouraged to accept the contract terms identified in the model RDG PPA in its entirety in order to expedite the overall RFP process and potential contract negotiations. Proposers who accept the model RDG PPA without edits, will receive a higher score and will be the only proposals that can achieve the highest scoring for this non-price evaluation criterion. Technology-specific or operating characteristic-required modifications, with adequate explanation as to the necessity of such modifications, will not jeopardize a project's ability to achieve the highest score. Proposers who elect to propose modifications to the model agreements shall provide a Microsoft Word red-line version of the applicable document identifying specific proposed modifications to the model agreement language, as well as a detailed explanation and supporting rationale for each modification. General comments without proposed alternate language, drafting notes without explanation or alternate language, footnotes such as “parties to discuss,” or a reservation of rights to make additional modifications to the model agreements at a later time are unacceptable, will be considered unresponsive, and will result in a lower score. See also Section 3.8. The Company and Independent Observer will evaluate the impact that the proposed modifications will have on the overall risk assessment associated with the evaluation of each Proposal.
11. **Guaranteed Commercial Operations Date** – Proposers that are able to design for and commit to an earlier GCOD will be given more favorable scoring. Proposers will be held to the GCOD identified in their Proposal. The GCOD will be a Guaranteed Milestone and will be inserted without amendment into the RDG PPA, as applicable.
12. **Cultural Resource Impacts** – Proposers need to be mindful of the Project's potential impacts to historical and cultural resources. Proposers should have identified (1) valued cultural, historical, or natural resources in the area in question, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the area; (2) the extent to which those resources – including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights – will be affected or impaired by the proposed action; and (3) the feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect any identified cultural, historical, or natural resources in the area in question, and the reasonable protection of traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights in the affected area.

Also, Proposers should have already contracted with a consultant with expertise in this field to begin a cultural impact plan for the Project. Proposals will be evaluated on the commitment to addressing cultural resource impacts on their Project, if any. Therefore, in order to be evaluated for this criterion, Proposers should, at least, provide the following documentation, as applicable: (1) Proposer's or its consultant's experience with cultural resource impacts on past projects; (2) the status of their cultural impact plan. Proposals will be evaluated on the extent to which their cultural impact plan has been developed, and preference will be given to Proposals

that are further along in the process, including but not limited to, whether a mitigation/action plan has been provided that addresses any identified cultural resource issues, or a date for when such a plan will be available has been identified, or any portions of such plan have been completed.

4.5 Selection of the Final Award Group

At the conclusion of both the price and non-price analysis, a total score will be calculated for each Eligible Proposal using the 60% price-related criteria/ 40% non-price-related criteria weighting outlined above. The price and non-price analysis, and the summation of both price and non-price scores described above, will result in a ranking of Proposals.

Based on the results of this Evaluation and review with the Independent Observer, the Company will select a Proposal to the Final Award Group from which to begin contract negotiations. All Proposers will be notified at this stage of the evaluation process whether their Proposal is included in the Final Award Group.

Selection to the Final Award Group and/or entering into contract negotiations does not guarantee execution of a PPA.

Further, if at any time during the evaluation process it is discovered that a Proposer's Proposal contains incorrect or misrepresented information that has a material effect on any of the evaluation processes, including selection of the Final Award Group, the Company reserves the right, at any time prior to submission of the PPA application with the PUC, in consultation with the Independent Observer, to disqualify the Proposer from the RFP. If discovery of the incorrect or misrepresented information is made after the Company has filed its PUC application for approval of the PPA with the Proposer, the Company will disclose the incorrect or misrepresented information to the PUC for evaluation and decision as to whether such Proposer should be disqualified and the Company's application dismissed.

Following any removal of a Proposal from the Final Award Group, either by disqualification noted immediately above, or via any other removal or withdrawal of a Proposal, including failure to reach agreement on the PPA, the Company, taking into consideration the timing of such removal and the current status of the Company's needs under the RFP, in consultation with and concurrence from the Independent Observer, will determine if another Proposal should be added to the Final Award Group.

Chapter 5: Post Evaluation Process

5.1 Interconnection Requirements Study Process

A summary of the model requirements and impact study scope can be found in Appendix B, Attachment 6.

A complete package of Project Interconnection Data Request worksheets, Project single line and three line diagrams, models for equipment and controls, list(s) to clearly identify the components and respective files (for inverters and power plant controller), and complete documentation with instructions, shall be submitted for each Proposal within 30 days after selection to a Final Award Group (see Section 2.11 of Appendix B).

PSSE Generic models, PSSE User models, and ASPEN models shall be configured to represent all of the functional equipment with settings in place to comply with the Company's performance requirements. These must be checked for functionality by the Proposer or its vendors and consultants prior to submission to the Company. Similarly, fully accurate PSCAD models shall be submitted in a condition that complies with the PSCAD modeling guidelines provided by the Company. PSSE generic models shall be provided promptly after the PSSE user models have been approved by the Company.

After proposals and models are submitted, the Company will inspect the data packages for general completeness. For any incomplete submissions, a list of missing or non-functional items will be provided. Proposers will be given 15 Days to resolve data and modeling deficiencies. The Company, in consultation with the Independent Observer, may remove Proposals from being selected to the Final Award Group or may terminate PPA negotiations or executed PPAs, if their submission requirements are deemed incomplete for the lack of requested models. Proposals that are complete will be considered for further evaluation. A formal, technical model checkout will be deferred until a later date when IRS Agreements and deposits are in place, so that the expert subject matter work can be provided by the Company's IRS consultant(s).

Upon notification of selection to the Final Award Group, the Company will provide a draft IRS Agreement for the selected Project, with a statement of required deposit for individual and prorated work as part of an IRS Scope for a System Impact Study that will involve (a) technical model checkout for the project and (b) any considerations that are specific to the particular project and location. Interconnection cost and schedule, including cost of any required system upgrades, will be determined in a subsequent Facility Study.

The technical model checkouts will be conducted first. Upon identification of any functional problems or deficiencies, corrective action shall be taken immediately and on an interactive basis so that the problems or deficiencies can be resolved within 15 Days, including re-submission of data and updated models, or the Project shall be deemed withdrawn. At the discretion of the Company and provided that there is a demonstration of good faith action to minimize delay that would affect the schedule for IRS analyses, a second round of model checkout and problem solving may proceed. Thereafter any notice that a Project is deemed withdrawn for lack of completeness shall be final. Subject to consultation with the Independent Observer, failure to provide all requested material within the time(s) specified, or changes to the data provided after the due date(s), shall result in elimination from the Final Award Group.

Proposers shall be responsible for the cost of the IRS, under separate agreements for the System Impact Study and the Facility Study. The overall IRS will provide information

including, but not limited to, an estimated cost and schedule for the required Interconnection Facilities for a particular Project and any required mitigation measures. Proposers will be responsible for the actual final costs of all Seller-Owned Interconnection Facilities and Company-Owned Interconnection Facilities. Upon reviewing the results of the IRS, Proposers will have the opportunity to declare the PPA (see [Section 12.4](#)) null and void in the event that the estimated interconnection costs and schedule for the Project are higher than what was estimated in the Project Proposal.

5.2 Contract Negotiation Process

Within five (5) business days of being notified by the Company of its intent to enter into RDG PPA contract negotiations, the Proposer selected for the Final Award Group will be required to indicate, in writing to the Company's primary contact for this RFP, whether it intends to proceed with its Proposal. The awarded Proposer will be required to keep its Proposal valid through the award period. Contract negotiations will take place in parallel with the IRS process.

The Company intends to execute and file the PPA with the PUC for approval and later amend the PPA to include the results of the IRS.

5.3 Final Award Group Commitments

5.3.1 Community Outreach and Engagement / Cultural Resource Impacts

The public meeting and comment solicitation process described in this Section and [Section 29.21](#) of the RDG PPA (Community Outreach Plan) do not represent the only community outreach and engagement activities that can or should be performed by a Proposer.

The Company will publicly announce the Final Award Group no more than five (5) business days after the notification is given to Proposers who are selected to the Final Award Group. Selected Proposers shall not disclose their selection to the public before the Company publicly announces the Final Award Group selection.

On the next business day after the Company notifies a Proposer they were selected, the Proposer shall provide the Company with links to their Project website, which the Company will post on the Company's website. The Proposer will launch a Project website that will go-live on the day the Company publicly announces the Final Award Group selection. Information on what should be included on the Project website is identified in [Appendix B](#).

Within five (5) business days of notification of selection to the Final Award Group, Proposers must have provided the Company with an updated comprehensive Community Outreach Plan to work with and inform neighboring communities and stakeholders and to provide them timely information during all phases of the Project. The Community Outreach Plan shall include but not be limited to the following information: Project description, Project stakeholders, community concerns and Proposer's efforts to address such concerns, Project benefits, government approvals, Project schedule, and a

comprehensive communications plan. The Proposer's Community Outreach Plan shall be a public document identified on the Proposer's website for the term of the PPA and made available to the public upon request. As an option, Proposers may provide their updated Community Outreach Plan and website information to the Company for review and feedback. If provided at least 30 days prior to the dates required, the Company will endeavor to review such information and provide feedback on the information before it is made available to the public. Details on the Community Outreach Plan can be found in Appendix B, Attachments 4 and 5.

Prior to the execution date of the PPA, Proposers shall also provide reasonable advance notice and host a public meeting in the community where the proposed Project is to be located for community and neighborhood groups in and around the vicinity of the Project Site that provided the neighboring community, stakeholders and the general public with: (i) a reasonable opportunity to learn about the proposed Project; (ii) an opportunity to engage in a dialogue about concerns, mitigation measures, and potential community benefits of the proposed Project; and (iii) information concerning the process and/or intent for the public's input and engagement, including advising attendees that they will have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of said public meeting to submit written comments to Company and/or Proposer for inclusion in the Company's submission to the PUC of its application for a satisfactory PUC Approval Order. The Proposer shall collect all public comments, and then provide the Company copies of all comments received in their original, unedited form, along with copies of all comments with personal information redacted and ready for filing. If a PPA is executed by the Proposer and the Company, the Company may submit any and all public comments (presented in its original, unedited form) as part of its PUC application for this Project. Proposers shall notify the public at least three weeks in advance of the meeting. The Company shall be informed of the meeting. The Company has provided Proposers with detailed instructions regarding the community meeting requirement after the selection of the Final Award Group (Attachment 4 to Appendix B). (For example, notice will be published in county or regional newspapers/media, as well as media with statewide distribution. The Proposer will be directed to notify certain individuals and organizations. The Proposer will be provided templates to use for the public meeting notices, agenda, and presentation.) Proposers must also comply with any other requirement set forth in the PPA relating to Community Outreach.

Following the submission of the PUC application for the Project, and prior to the date when the Parties' statements of position are to be filed in the docketed PUC proceeding for the Project, the Proposer shall provide another opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Project.

The Proposer shall be responsible for community outreach and engagement for the Project, and that the public meeting and comment solicitation process described in this section do not represent the only community outreach and engagement activities that can or should be performed.

Within 5 Days of the start of PPA negotiations, the Proposer shall contract with a consultant to begin a cultural impact assessment for the Project. The consultant shall

identify (1) valued cultural, historical, or natural resources in the area in question, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the area; (2) the extent to which those resources – including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights – will be affected or impaired by the proposed action; and (3) the feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.

5.3.2 Ocular Impact Study

Due to the proximity to the Lāna‘i Airport, the Proposer shall complete an ocular impact study for review by the State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation and any other federal or state agency that may request such study. When designing the facility, the developer should take care to develop panel placement and select materials that will not result in glint and glare issues for air traffic at the Lāna‘i Airport.

5.4 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis

The Proposer whose Proposal is selected for the Final Award Group shall cooperate with and promptly provide to the Company and/or Company’s consultant(s) upon request, all information necessary, in the Company’s sole and exclusive discretion, for such consultant to prepare a greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions analysis and report in support of a PUC application for approval of the PPA for the project (the “GHG Review”). Proposers shall be responsible for the full cost of the GHG Review associated with their project under a Greenhouse Gas Analysis Letter Agreement between the Proposer and the Company. The GHG Review is anticipated to address whether the GHG emissions that would result from approval of the PPA and subsequent to addition of the Project to the Company’s system are greater than the GHG emissions that would result from the operations of the Company’s System without the addition of the Project, whether the cost for renewable, dispatchable generation, and/or energy storage services as applicable under the PPA is reasonable in light of the potential for GHG emissions, and whether the terms of the PPA are prudent and in the public interest in light of its potential hidden and long-term consequences.

5.5 PUC Approval of PPA

Any signed PPA resulting from this RFP is subject to PUC approval as described in the RDG PPA, including [Article 12](#) and [Section 29.20](#) thereof.

5.6 Facility In-Service

In order to facilitate the timely commissioning of the project selected through this RFP, the Company requires the following be included with the 60% design drawings: relay settings and protection coordination study, including fuse selection and ac/dc schematic trip scheme.

For the Company to test the Facility, coordination between the Company and Project is required. Drawings must be approved by the Company prior to testing. The entire Facility must be ready for testing to commence. Piecemeal testing will not be allowed.

Communication infrastructure and equipment must be tested by the Proposer and ready for operation prior to Company testing.

If approved drawings are not available, or if the Facility is otherwise not test ready as scheduled, the Project may lose its place in the queue, with the Company retaining the flexibility to adjust scheduling as it sees fit. If tests are not completed within the allotted scheduled testing time, the Project will be moved to the end of the Company's testing queue. The Proposer will be allowed to cure if successful testing is completed within the allotted scheduled time. No adjustments will be made to PPA milestones if tests are not completed within the original allotted time. Liquidated damages for missed milestones will be assessed pursuant to the PPA.