

ARTICLE 4 BIDDER QUALIFICATION

4.1 Overview of Bidder Qualification Process

- 4.1.1 The purpose of the Bidder Qualification process is to determine the applicant's eligibility to bid. An applicant is qualified to bid in a given solicitation if, by the Cure Deficiency Deadline of that solicitation, it satisfactorily completes or updates the following: 1) submits an Expression of Interest Form; 2) executes the Confidentiality Agreement; 3) submits the Credit Application and, if applicable, associated financial information requested in Section 4.4 (Credit Application and Financial Information); and 4) submits an executed copy of the Binding Bid Agreement provided as Appendix 7. With the submission of a Bid Proposal, qualified RFP Bidders will be required to post Bid Assurance Collateral in an amount directly proportional to the number of tranches bid upon. The Bid Assurance Collateral will be returned to the RFP Bidder subsequent to contract execution ~~and delivery of AECs~~ or the rejection of its bid(s), as described in Section 5.3 (Bid Assurance Collateral).
- 4.1.2 The exclusive method of responding to Bidder Qualifications is through the Proposal Submission Website as further explained in Section 6.1.2 and the electronic signature of a party to a form or document required as part of Bidder Qualifications shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind such party as further explained in Section 6.2.4.
- 4.1.3 Applicants are urged to provide the materials necessary to establish eligibility through PPL Electric's Proposal Submission Website as soon as practicable. PPL Electric will, exercising reasonable efforts, notify applicants of any deficiencies in their submittals in accordance with Section 7.2 no later than forty-eight hours before the Cure Deficiency Deadline for the appropriate solicitation as indicated in an RFP Schedule developed subject to Section 2.2. If an applicant is notified of any deficiencies, such applicant is required to respond to the deficiency notice by the deadline specified in the deficiency notice in accordance with Section 7.2.2. However, PPL Electric does not bear any responsibility for failure to notify applicants of deficiencies prior to the Cure Deficiency Deadline as indicated in an RFP Schedule developed subject to Section 2.2, and PPL Electric assumes no liability or obligation for a defective submission or for notifying any RFP Bidder of a defective submission. Early submittal of materials will provide the greatest flexibility to correct deficiencies prior to the Cure Deficiency Deadline and applicants are encouraged to submit Bidder Qualifications as soon as possible following the issuance of the RFP, or RFP Addendum. PPL Electric will notify applicants whether or not they have qualified by noon of the Qualified Bidders Notified Date.