

PUBLIC RFP CLARIFICATION – Posted November 17, 2025

Assessment of Existing Electrical Infrastructure – Duck Valley Indian Reservation

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes – Office of Renewable Resources

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The following general clarifications apply to all proposers. These responses are consistent with the published scope and requirements of the RFP and are issued to maintain equal access to information in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and BIA procurement guidelines.

1. Known concerns or issues with the current electrical infrastructure

The Tribe is seeking a comprehensive, professional assessment to establish a full baseline understanding of existing electrical infrastructure. Specific issues will be identified through the contractor's evaluation.

2. Scope of breaker assessment

The scope includes utility-level distribution components as described in the RFP. Building-level distribution panels are not included unless they directly relate to metering or utility interconnections.

3. Undocumented or legacy assets

The extent of undocumented or legacy assets is not fully known. Identification and verification of such assets is a required deliverable of this project.

4. Quantity of substations, miles of line, and transformers

The Duck Valley Indian Reservation spans approximately 450 square miles. Contractors should propose an approach suitable for a system of this size. A complete and verified inventory will be developed as part of the assessment.

5. Availability of one-line drawings or maps

Some materials exist in varying formats. Any available information will be provided to the successful contractor after award.

6. Availability of GIS data, asset inventories, or utility records

Limited GIS or asset information exists. The Tribe will provide available materials post-award and will support coordination with external utility providers as needed.

7. Availability of historical load data or utility bills

Relevant tribal utility data will be shared after award. External utility data may require coordination with the utility companies.

8. Access to interconnection agreements or metering data

Available tribal metering or interconnection information will be provided after award. External agreements may be limited.

9. Key stakeholders

Stakeholder coordination will occur with the successful contractor and may include Tribal Council, tribal departments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and external utility partners.

10. Tribal staff assistance with field access

Field access will be coordinated by tribal staff as appropriate to the project work plan.

11. Applicable codes, standards, or tribal policies

Contractors should apply standard industry practices and all relevant codes, including NEC and applicable IEEE standards, as part of their methodology.

12. Environmental or cultural considerations

Contractors should incorporate appropriate due-diligence practices. Site-specific considerations will be addressed during field planning, in coordination with the Tribe's cultural resource protocols.

13. Preferred report format or printing requirements

Required deliverables are listed in the RFP. Contractors may propose additional formats if they believe they would enhance clarity or usability.

14. Renewable energy, microgrid, or electrification planning

Long-term planning is underway. Contractors should limit recommendations to what is supported by their assessment findings.

15. Funding strategy or grant support

This is not required. Contractors may include optional recommendations related to future funding programs in their proposals.

16. Parallel assessments (water, broadband, etc.)

Contractors should base their proposals solely on the electrical assessment scope. Coordination—if appropriate—will be facilitated after award.

17. GIS spatial accuracy requirements

Contractors may propose the GPS/GIS accuracy level they deem appropriate for an assessment of this type, consistent with the deliverable requirements in the RFP.

End of Clarifications

These clarifications apply to all proposers. No additional detail beyond what is published here and within the RFP will be provided before award.