

## Microgrid SmartConnect Program Q&A

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1. Will MBCP be the owner of the microgrid(s)? **Yes**
  - a. If yes, how will the agency pay? **The agency is positioned to use its balance sheet for funding projects under consideration.**
  - b. If yes, then the contracting for design/build is with the agency? **No, the contracting design/build will be the contract awarded after the "Site Host" has been selected and the Engineering-Procurement-Construction (Design/Build) Contractor lump sum proposal has been accepted.**
2. Since you are in a agricultural area, what other options for generation is he agency considering? **The agency is considering all forms of energy to supply the needed demand of the site. There is a necessary component of renewable energy that has to be incorporated. An optimized solution with multiple components will be preferred in the selection process.**
3. As the grids also support commercial operations, are you looking for 24/7 grid service availability? **This will be dependent on facility need however the Microgrid will be designed to facilitate 24/7 power plus redundant supply.**
4. Are you seeking the single best qualified contractor, or are you seeking to pool eligible contractors, who will then propose on identified projects? **We are seeking to pool eligible contractors who will then propose on identified projects.**
5. Will the agency be handling the ongoing M&O for the microgrid? **Yes, MBCP is assuming ownership including the O&M contracting for the facility.**
6. June 7<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated RFQ release date, when is it due? **The deadline for the Microgrid Project Proposal is July 26, 2019.**
7. What is the anticipated selection, contract negotiation and mobilization for construction timeframes? **Selection of proposed project will be made in August; contract negotiation will be completed in the August-Sept. timeframe and mobilization or Notice to Proceed will be upon successful completion of contract negotiation planned for Sept.-Oct.**