



## ***Energy Trading & Risk Management Consultant RFP: Q&A***

**Can you please provide an anticipated start date for the vendor selection? Also, is there a target date for implementation start and for system go-live?**

The ETRM Advisory project start is expected to start in or around mid-May 2022, assuming successful conclusion of contract negotiations. The results of the Advisory project and bids received in any ETRM RFP process, if applicable, will be among the factors CCCE considers when deciding whether to license and deploy an ETRM system. ETRM decisioning and deployment start is currently planned as a Calendar Year 2022 initiative. However, any ETRM System go-live date will be dependent on a wide range of factors – contracting time, system complexity, CCCE staffing and resourcing, vendor staffing and resourcing, successful configuration and testing etc. CCCE reserves the right to modify or cancel any schedules or decisions in its sole discretion.

**In Section 6 of the RFP, it states that the term of the services is expected to be for a period of 6 months. We believe the selection can be completed in a more accelerated timeframe. Is the expectation that we provide an approach and estimate for additional services related to contract negotiation support, implementation planning, and implementation delivery?**

CCCE welcomes project management that balances efficiency and speed with comprehensive, thoughtful, rigorous, and detail-oriented execution. Respondents are free to submit any project timeline they wish. The six-month engagement is intended to give respondents the flexibility to propose a wide range of optional services if they wish. CCCE reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any submissions.

**How many anticipated users will be leveraging the ETRM and ISO Bid2Bill solutions?**

At this time, CCCE anticipates up to 10 users. However, this number may change in the future.

**Could you provide the most critical reasons for considering both an ETRM and ISO Bid2Bill solution at this time?**

CCCE is institutionalizing processes and systems as part of its natural evolution from a startup. Foundational processes such as position management, risk management, budgeting, forecasting, settlements, and accounting require robust underlying systems of record. Automation, reporting, and analytics are necessary to efficiently execute on CCCE's mission. CCCE is evaluating whether an ETRM could be a core part of the solution for these needs. Separately, CCCE will be managing solar and storage PPAs over the next 20 years and may deploy increasingly complex hedging strategies. ETRM and Bid2Bill solutions would support those initiatives.

**Are any functions across the trade lifecycle currently outsourced to another entity? If so, will any of those functions be brought in-house as part of this initiative?**

Daily and short-term position management are currently handled by outside vendors, acting under CCCE's supervision. A variety of settlement and accounting processes rely on outside vendors for inputs and execution. CCCE is considering bringing some of these functions in house.

**Does CCCE act as its own Schedule Coordinator / Tagging Entity, or is that outsourced to a 3rd party?**

CCCE currently utilizes an outside vendor for the SC role.

**Lastly, is it correct to assume that the actual RFP due date is April 20<sup>th</sup> based on Section 3 of the RFP as the cover of the RFP actually states that "Proposals are due by 11:59 PM (PST) on April 15, 2022"?**

The RFP submission date is April 20. The error in the original RFP was corrected on April 8, 2020. Please see the Solicitations section of the website for the updated RFP.