Financial & Billing Data Platform RFP: Q&A

Are there any existing systems/processes that import the required data from the IOU’s (PG&E and SCE)? Or will these data feeds be started from scratch for this project?

Please see Section 2.2 and 5.1(c) of the RFP. This is an entirely new platform and will import data from the Data Manager and multiple IOU platforms.

Section 5.1.h says data will be ingested from the data manager. However, no data manager datasets are specified in the Reporting List document. Do you have a list of what datasets are expected at this point from the data manager? Can you share data formats or known integration technologies?

Please see Section 2.2 of the RFP. The data manager imports data from the IOUs. Examples of the types of data imported were provided with the RFP. However, CCCE does not represent the examples constitute the entire catalog of Data Manager and IOU data. We are unable to share details on the Data Manager platform, formats, integration technologies, reports, and datasets at this time. The contractor chosen to build the platform will have full access to the Data Manager and IOU platforms. If respondents do not have experience with IOU data or the Data Manager, they are welcome to conduct their own research.

Calpine is the sole data manager as of October. Should we assume no data or integration is needed with the current non-Calpine data manager?

Yes.

Are there any real-time data/reporting needs from the data warehouse?

The data warehouse will be expected to have high availability, conceptually similar to the availability guarantees provided by AWS, Azure, GoogleCloud etc. Availability must contemplate scheduled reports – such as those run overnight - and on-demand reporting, such as ad hoc queries by end-users during business hours.

Two sections of the RFP mention we “may” submit redlines to the Standard Services Agreement. However, section 16.0 also states that submission of a bid is interpreted to mean acceptance of the sample agreement. Due to the short timeline for this RFP, we would prefer to only redline the sample agreement if selected to move forward in the process. Can bidders note an exception to Section 16.0 stating redlines will be provided if selected as a finalist?

Please see Section 3 of the RFP for the calendar. CCCE cannot advise bidders on RFP response strategy.
The proposed Standard Services Agreement appears to be geared towards hiring an independent contractor to perform professional services. Our offering is SaaS (Software-as-a-Service). Does 3CE have a different template Master Agreement that is intended for engaging with a SaaS or software vendor?

Respondents are welcome to propose an alternative agreement. CCCE reserves the right to accept or reject these in whole or in part in its sole discretion. CCCE may elect to negotiate proposed agreements to its satisfaction in its sole discretion.

In Section 12.2, the link to 3CE’s Local Preference Policy does not work. It is a SharePoint link that asks me to login using Microsoft credentials.

Please see the links below for CCCE’s Small and Local Preference Policy and to register as a Small and Local vendor if applicable.

Small-and-Local-Preference-Policy-2021.pdf (3cenergy.org)

Local Vendor Registry - 3CE (3cenergy.org)