



GEA-ADVISORY NO. 01

TO : RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENT TO GEA-4 NOTICE OF AUCTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

DATE : MAY 28 2025

In line with the overall thrust of Republic Act No. 9513 or the Renewable Energy Act (RE Act) of 2008 and consistent with the objective of the Green Energy Auction Program (GEAP) to facilitate immediate and timely investments in new or additional RE capacities and promote the growth of the RE industry, the Department of Energy (DOE) hereby issues this Advisory to clarify, supplement and/or modify the GEA-4 Terms of Reference (TOR), as follows:

1. The unit of MWp for all installation targets for Solar and Solar with Energy Storage System (ESS) cited in both Notice of Auction (NOA) and TOR is hereby amended to  $MW_{AC}$  ( $P_{max}$ ) or maximum stable load of the RE facility. Accordingly, Section 1.2 of the TOR is hereby revised as:

*"1.2. Installation Target (MW)<sup>1</sup>"*

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***"<sup>1</sup>The capacity to be offered in the bid shall refer to the  $MW_{AC}$  ( $P_{max}$ ) or the maximum stable load of the RE facility."***

2. Section 2.2.2 of the TOR is hereby revised as:

*"2.2.2 For the avoidance of doubt, Qualified Suppliers are those RE Developers/Generators awarded with RE Contract or issued Certificate of Authority pursuant to relevant Guidelines."*

***"Without prejudice to Section 2.2.2.2 below, any Solar Energy Developer deemed a 'Qualified Supplier' based on an RE Contract or Certificate of Authority may register the subject existing solar facility or proposed solar project as (a) a Solar Project, or (b) a Solar Project with Energy Storage System (ESS), regardless of the scheme of development under its RE Contract/Certificate of Authority, Work Program, or other relevant documents, and without need for prior approval of the DOE on such scheme of development: Provided, That not later than the last day for submission of Bid Bond, such Qualified Supplier shall notify the DOE through [gea.4@doe.gov.ph](mailto:gea.4@doe.gov.ph) on the lot***

***under which the subject facility or project will be offered: Provided, further, That should the Qualified Supplier wish to offer the same Solar Project under Solar lot and Solar + ESS lot, it shall be required to submit the corresponding Bid Bond for each lot: Provided, finally, That should bids covering the same RE Project be included in the ranking of bids for either Solar lot or Solar + ESS lot, the earliest submitted bid based on time-stamp shall be considered while the other bid shall not be considered.***

*"In addition:*

*"2.2.2.1 xxx;*

*"2.2.2.2 For integrated solar and ESS, only new RE facilities, i.e., not yet commercially operating, may be registered: Provided, That an existing solar facility may be registered if its current operation is curtailed: Provided, Further, That no approval on the capacity of the ESS shall be required at the time of registration;*

*"2.2.2.3 Solar Projects that are commercially operating must have a valid and existing Provisional Authority to Operate or Certificate of Compliance at the time of registration."*

3. Section 5.1.4 of the TOR is hereby revised as:

***"5.1.4 GEAC-TWG Evaluation of Proof of Posting of Bid Bond"***

***"Within three (3) working days from the lapse of the period for Submission of Proof of Posting of Bid Bond, the GEAC-TWG shall issue user-specific IDs to the respective authorized representatives of Qualified Bidders whose proof of posting of Bid Bond was duly validated, through email: Provided, That Qualified Suppliers whose existing solar facility or proposed solar project is registered either as a Solar Project or as a Solar with ESS shall be issued user-specific IDs only if, according to the GEAC-TWG validation, the said Qualified Suppliers gave notice to the DOE on the lot under which their facilities or projects will be offered within the period prescribed in Section 2.2.2, par. 2 hereof.***

*"5.1.4.1. xxx."*

4. Section 5.4.1 of the TOR is hereby revised as:

***"5.4.1 Qualified Bidders may offer the capacity of RE Facilities that are compliant with Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of the GEAP Guidelines.***

**"5.4.1.1 xxx;**

**"5.4.1.2 The Offered Capacity for Integrated Solar and ESS shall be the  $MW_{AC}$  of the solar alone, subject to Section 1.5.1.2 above, where both the energy capacity (MWh) and power capacity (MW) of the ESS shall be declared: *Provided, That Winning Bidders shall amend their scheme of development in accordance with Section 10.2 below.*"**

5. Section 10 of the TOR is hereby revised as:

**"10. CERTIFICATE OF AWARD (COA)"**

**"10.1. The DOE shall issue a Certificate of Award to each Winning Bidder that timely submits the post-auction documents mentioned in Section 9 hereof within thirty (30) working days from the date the GEAC affirms that the post-auction documents are in order. For this purpose, the GEAC shall act on the post-auction documents at ten (10)-working-day intervals.**

**"10.2. A COA shall be issued to a Winning Bidder even if, per RE Contract, Certificate of Authority, Work Program or other relevant document, the scheme of development for its existing solar facility or proposed solar project does not match the scheme of development indicated in the COA (e.g., the scheme of development of the facility/project is Solar, while the Bidder won under the Solar + ESS lot, or vice versa). However, not later than thirty (30) working days from receipt of the COA, such Winning Bidder shall submit a detailed project design of the facility or project matching the scheme of development indicated in the COA and reflect the approved ESS in the said project design, as applicable.**

**"10.2.1 In addition to the above, a Winning Bidder under a lot for Solar + ESS shall, not later than thirty (30) working days from receipt of the COA, procure a new System Impact Study/Distribution Impact Study based upon the detailed project design incorporating the ESS component."**

6. Clause B.1.10, Annex B of the TOR is hereby revised as:

**"B.1.10. Bid Bond Calculation. The Bid Bond shall be at the rate of PhP1,000,000.00 per  $MW_{AC}$  for solar and MW for wind: *Provided, That the Bid Bond for Solar + ESS shall be calculated based solely on the capacity of the solar component, regardless of the lot under which existing solar facility or proposed solar project is registered.* If the offered capacity is one (1)  $MW_{AC}$  for**

solar or one (1) MW for wind and below, the Bid Bond shall be fixed at PhP1,000,000.00.”

7. The revised “Instruction to the Bidders” is attached as Annex C.
8. The revised “Registration Form” for GEA-4 is attached as Annex D.1.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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