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American Electric Power Service Corporation

as agent for

Southwestern Electric Power Company

**Request for Proposals for up to 300 MW
of Solar Energy Resources**

The Solar Resources requested via this RFP will be acquired via Purchase and Sale Agreements (“PSA”) for purchase of 100% of the equity interest of the Project’s limited liability company at Mechanical Completion.

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RFP Proposals Due: August 12, 2021

RFP Web Address: www.swepco.com/rfp

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1. Background

Southwestern Electric Power Company (“SWEPCO” or the “Company”) is pursuing additional generation resources via three Request for Proposals (“RFPs”) to support the terms of the Joint Settlement (LPSC Docket U-35324) associated with an RFP for Solar generation resources located within the SWEPCO service territory.

This **Solar PSA RFP** seeks up to 300 MW of Solar Resources via multiple purchase and sale agreements (“PSA”) for purchase of 100% equity interest in the project companies selected.

The Wind PSA RFP and SPP Capacity RFP may be found at www.swepco.com/rfp.

The Company will evaluate each of the RFPs, individually and collectively, to determine the portfolio of projects that it elects to move forward with.

RFP SUMMARY

Resource	Solar	Wind	Short-Term Capacity
Volume	up to 300 MW	up to 3,000 MW	- up to 200 MW in 2023/2024 - up to 250 MW in 2025/2026/2027
Size (minimum)	50 MW	100 MW	50 MW Blocks
Battery Storage Option	Yes	N/A	N/A
Contact Type	Purchase & Sale Agreement	Purchase & Sale Agreement	Power Purchase Agreement
RTO / Location	Must interconnect to SPP <u>and</u> be located in the SWEPCO Service Territory	Must interconnect to SPP <u>and</u> be located in AR, LA, TX, OK, KS, or MO	SPP
In-Service Date	by 12/15/2024 or 12/15/2025	by 12/15/2024 or 12/15/2025	N/A (Existing Resources)

2. Introduction

American Electric Power Service Corporation (“AEPSC”) and SWEPCO are subsidiaries of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (“AEP”).

AEPSC is administering this RFP on behalf of SWEPCO who is seeking competitively priced solar energy resources (each a “Project” and collectively the “Projects”) solely on a turnkey basis through its acquisition of the ownership interests in one or more projects.

Affiliates of the Company will not participate as Bidders in this RFP.

AEP is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million regulated retail customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 224,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 26,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also supplies approximately 4,300 megawatts of renewable energy to customers. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, PSO and SWEPCO (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters is in Columbus, Ohio. More information about AEP can be accessed by visiting www.aep.com.

SWEPCO serves 543,000 customers in northwestern and central Louisiana, western Arkansas, East Texas and the panhandle of North Texas. Its headquarters is in Shreveport, with regulatory and external affairs offices in Shreveport and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Austin, Texas.

SWEPCO has 5,349 MW of generating capacity, including the Sundance Wind Facility, and has executed long-term renewable energy purchase agreements (“REPA”) with wind generation resources totaling 469 MW. In addition, SWEPCO has over 4,000 miles of transmission and 25,000 miles of distribution lines. Additional information regarding SWEPCO can be accessed by visiting www.SWEPCO.com.

3. RFP Overview

3.1. Background: SWEPCO is pursuing up to 300 MW of additional solar resources as required by the terms of the Joint Settlement (LPSC Docket U-35324) associated with the request for proposals for up to 200 MW of solar generation resources located within the SWEPCO service territory. SWEPCO is also seeking to satisfy the need for additional generation resources as a result of recent announced retirements by the Company. This need will be reflected in the Company’s draft Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) to be shared with stakeholders in upcoming IRP stakeholder processes.

3.2. PSA Proposals. SWEPCO is only seeking Projects on a turnkey basis in which it will acquire all of the equity interests in the project company whose assets are comprised solely of the Project. Proposals that do not meet these criteria, including proposals for renewable energy power purchase agreements, will not be considered by the Company.

- 3.3. Base Proposal. A Proposal for a solar energy resource (Base Proposal) is required by Bidders to participate in this RFP. Bidders may include an alternate Proposal for a solar energy resource with a battery energy storage system (BESS Option). Standalone BESS proposals will not be accepted in this RFP.
- 3.4. ITC Value. SWEPCO is seeking Solar Projects that will qualify for the Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC). While qualifying for these Federal Tax credits is not an Eligibility and Threshold Requirement (§9.1) for participating in the RFP, the value brought to the Proposals in buying down the cost of energy by utilization of these tax credits is significant, and is included in the Company's Economic Analysis (§9.2.1) and ranking of each of the respective Proposals.
- 3.5. Timing. The time period between the receipt of Proposals and the time required for the Company's evaluation, due diligence, selection, negotiation and the execution of definitive agreements is anticipated to be seven months (see Section 6.1). The Company anticipates filing for regulatory approval in each of its operating jurisdictions (Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas) in Q1-2022 and receiving regulatory approvals by the end of Q1-2023.
- 3.6. Regulatory Approvals. The Company's decisions regarding the results of this RFP will be subject to its receipt of regulatory approvals from the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Definitive agreements between the Company and Bidders for selected Projects will be conditioned upon (a) the Company receiving the regulatory approvals described in the preceding sentence that are in form and substance satisfactory to the Company in its sole discretion. The Company plans to submit a portfolio of Projects to the regulatory commissions described above for approval. In the event the entire portfolio is not approved, the Company may reduce the size of the portfolio accordingly by eliminating Project(s) from the portfolio.
- 3.7. Notice to Proceed. Upon obtaining regulatory approvals for the Projects selected by the Company as described in Section 3.6, the Company would issue a Notice To Proceed ("NTP") for the Bidders to proceed with the construction of selected Projects that are not already in commercial operation. The Form Purchase Sale Agreement (PSA) (Appendix D) contains additional information regarding the conditions and timing for NTP issuance. The Company may issue NTP for selected Projects that it prefers over other selected Projects if some, but not all, approvals are received.
- 3.8. Reservation of Rights. The Company reserves the right, without qualification, to select or reject any or all Proposals and to waive any formality, technicality, requirement, or irregularity in the Proposals. In addition, the Company reserves the right to utilize a Bidder's completed Appendices and any supplemental information submitted by the Bidder in any of its regulatory filings.

3.9. Non-Binding. This RFP is not a commitment by the Company to acquire any Project and it does not bind the Company or its affiliates in any manner. The Company in its sole discretion will determine which Bidders, if any, it wishes to engage in negotiations with that may lead to definitive agreements for the acquisition of a selected Project.

3.10. RFP Questions. All questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by email to:

SWEPCO2021RFP@aep.com

Questions and answers that are determined to be pertinent to Bidders will be posted to the RFP webpage. All questions must be submitted by August 6, 2021.

4. Product Description and Requirements

4.1. Completed Project. Each Project must be a complete, commercially operable, integrated solar-powered electric generating plant, including all facilities that are necessary to generate and deliver energy into SPP.

4.2. Commercial Operation Deadline. The Company is pursuing Projects that can achieve the Commercial Operation Deadline of December 15, 2024, or alternatively, December 15, 2025.

4.3. Size. This RFP is seeking a total of up to 300 MW nameplate rated Solar Generation Resources. The minimum acceptable Project size is 50 MW.

4.4. Interconnection. Each Project must be interconnected to the SPP.

4.5. Solar Project Location. Solar Projects must be located in the SWEPCO service territory.

4.6. Project Development.

4.6.1. Site Control. Bidder must have established site control of the proposed Project. Site control must be in the form of direct ownership, land lease, land lease option or easement for at least 35 years. A letter of intent will not be an acceptable form of demonstrated site control.

4.6.2. AEP Solar Generation Facility Standards. Each Project must satisfy the requirements of the AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard (see Appendix E). The AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard requires a minimum facility design life of 30 years and includes listings of approved module and inverter manufacturers. Proposals with non-approved solar panels and/or inverters will not meet the Eligibility and Threshold Requirements set forth in this RFP.

- 4.6.3. Solar Resource Analysis/Study. Bidders are required to submit all required Solar Resource Information (Appendix H).
- 4.6.4. BESS Option. Bidders may include in their proposals, as an option, a Bid Price for a solar energy resource with a battery energy storage system (BESS). The optional BESS must be 1) no larger (MW) than 40% of the nameplate rating (MWac) of the solar energy resource and, 2) for 4 and/or 8 hours of capacity. Battery Energy Storage systems must satisfy the AEP Battery Energy Storage System Technical Specification and Design Criteria (Specification Number GEN-4570) and AEP Design Criteria for Battery Energy Storage Systems Fire Safety (Document Number: DC-FP-BATT) (See Section 6.4 for instructions to obtain these documents).
- 4.6.5. AEP Requirements for Connection of Facilities. Project substation and interconnection facilities must conform to the AEP Requirements for Connection of Facilities (Appendix F).
- 4.6.6. Small and Diverse Suppliers. Bidder and/or its EPC-BOP contractor shall use reasonable efforts to utilize and adopt a subcontracting plan to use small and diverse suppliers as subcontractors for work.
- 4.7. Interconnection / Delivery Point
- 4.7.1. The Proposal must identify the Project's proposed transmission interconnection point(s) within SPP, including any studies, applications, line extensions and system upgrades identified as part of the interconnection approval process.
- 4.7.2. The Bidder is responsible during the Project start-up period for following the established SPP, NERC, and transmission operator policies and procedures that are in effect regarding facility interconnection and operation associated with a utility's transmission system.
- 4.7.3. Each Project must be active in SPP Queue 2018-002 or earlier. Projects in later queues will not be able to participate in this RFP. An electronic copy of SPP applications confirming the Project's queue status and any completed SPP studies must be included with Bidder's Proposal.
- 4.8. Congestion / Deliverability: The Company is seeking Projects in locations that are not currently experiencing, or anticipated by the Company to experience, significant congestion or deliverability constraints which are likely to result in adverse Project economics.

5. Bid Price and Structure

- 5.1. Proposal pricing must be for the Company’s acquisition of a turnkey Project that is a complete and commercially operable integrated solar-powered electric generating plant designed for a minimum of a 30-year life. The Project shall include, but is not limited to, solar modules, tracking system, balance of plant equipment, operations and maintenance facilities (if applicable¹), SCADA and all facilities required to deliver energy into SPP. In addition, pricing must include costs associated with ALTA/title insurance and construction financing.
- 5.2. In addition to Section 5.1, Proposal pricing must include the costs associated with the following:
- a minimum of two-year comprehensive warranty from a creditworthy entity for all equipment including design, labor and materials, and fitness for purpose;
 - post-commercial operation testing activities and associated costs; and
 - transmission and interconnection facilities required for the Project, including system or network upgrades, as required by SPP for the Project to interconnect to SPP.

6. RFP Schedule and Proposal Submission

- 6.1. The following schedule and deadlines apply to this RFP. The Company reserves the right to revise this schedule at any time in its sole discretion.

RFP Timeline	
Draft RFP Posted Online	April 28, 2021
Bidders Technical Conference	May 26, 2021
RFP Issued	June 28, 2021
Notice of Intent	July 16, 2021
Q&A Deadline	August 6, 2021
Proposal Due Date	August 12, 2021
Final Project Selection and Negotiation	October 15, 2021
Execute Definitive Agreements	March 11, 2022
File for Regulatory Approvals	March 26, 2022
Required Regulatory Approvals	No later than March 27, 2023
Notice to Proceed	No later than April 28, 2023
Commercial Operation Date	No later than December 15, 2024
Alternative Commercial Operation Date	No later than December 15, 2025

¹ The AEP Solar Generation Facility Standards (Appendix E) provides details regarding operations and maintenance facilities’ requirements.

- 6.2. Bidder Technical Conference: A Bidder Technical Conference (teleconference) will be held on May 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. EST (1:00 p.m. CST). Prospective Bidders may request details and sign up for the pre-bid conference by sending an email request to:

SWEPCO2021RFP@aep.com

Include the name of your company, email address, company representative name(s), and the following in the subject line of your email: **SWEPCO BIDDER TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**. AEPSC will use this information to communicate any updates regarding this RFP to potential Bidders. In addition, any updates regarding the RFP will be posted at the RFP website.

- 6.3. Proposals must be complete in all material respects and be received no later than 4:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. CST) on the Proposal Due Date at AEPSC's Columbus, Ohio location as defined in Section 7 of this RFP.
- 6.4. Bidders will be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement ("CA") prior to receiving the following documents:
- Form PSA (Appendix D)
 - AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard (Appendix E)
 - SolarEnergyInputSheet_2021.xls (Appendix G)
 - Project Land Lease & Decommissioning Cost spreadsheet (Appendix H)
 - AEP Battery Energy Storage System Technical Specification and Design Criteria (Specification Number GEN-4570) (Section 4.6.4)
 - AEP Design Criteria for Battery Energy Storage Systems Fire Safety (Document Number: DC-FP-BATT) (Section 4.6.4)
- 6.5. Bidders should request SWEPCO's Form Confidentiality Agreement by emailing (SWEPCO2021RFP@aep.com) and including the following documentation:
- Supporting documentation of Bidder's experience in developing, engineering, procuring equipment, constructing and commissioning solar powered electric generation facilities (> Project bid size) in the United States or any portion of Canada and/or otherwise have demonstrated appropriate experience, and
 - Documentation that the Project is active in SPP Queue 2018-002 or earlier.
- 6.6. The Company reserves the right to solicit additional information or Proposals and the right to request additional information from Bidders during the Proposal evaluation process.
- 6.7. Proposals and Bid Pricing must be valid for at least 180 days after the Proposal Due Date at which time Proposals shall expire unless the Bidder has been notified that its Proposal has been included in Final Project Selection.

6.8. A Proposal should be as comprehensive as possible to enable the Company to make a definitive and final evaluation of the Proposal's benefits to its customers without further contact with the Bidder.

7. Proposal Submittal

One hard copy of Bidder's Executive Summary and Appendix A and two electronic thumb drive copies of the Bidder's complete Proposal shall be submitted by the Proposal Due Date to:

American Electric Power Service Corporation
Attn: SWEPCO Solar Energy 2021 RFP Manager
1 Riverside Plaza (25th Floor)
Columbus, OH 43215

8. Proposal Content

Bidders must submit the following information for Proposals for new Projects or expansion of existing projects. All electronic versions of the Appendices shall be individual files.

- 8.1. A completed Appendix J (Proposal Content Check Sheet).
- 8.2. An executive summary of the Project's characteristics and timeline, including any unique aspects and benefits.
- 8.3. Summary documentation demonstrating how the Project will qualify for the ITC for Solar Projects under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Bidder shall provide a detailed plan regarding the steps taken to date and future actions required to satisfy IRS start of construction requirements.
- 8.4. A completed Appendix A (Solar Project Summary).
- 8.5. Detailed information regarding equipment (e.g. solar module, inverter, and BESS (if applicable)) warranty offerings including parts and labor coverage.
- 8.6. The identity of all persons and entities that have a direct or indirect ownership interest in the Project.
- 8.7. A completed Appendix B (Bidder's Credit-Related Information).
- 8.8. A completed Appendix C (Bidder Profile). Bidders must provide a general description of its (including its affiliates) background and experience in the development and construction of at least three large-scale solar projects similar to the Projects sought by the Company in this RFP. In addition, Bidders should provide at least three third-party references for such projects.

- 8.9. Any exceptions to the terms and conditions contained in the Form PSA (Appendix D).
- 8.10. Any exceptions to the AEP Solar Generation Facility Standards (Appendix E).
- 8.11. All required Solar Resource Analysis / Study information (Appendix G).
- 8.12. Bidder's Proposal shall include expected Land Lease Costs by year for at least a 35-year operating period (See Appendix H). The Land Lease costs will be used in the Economic Analysis (Section 9.2.1).
- 8.13. Bidder shall provide estimated decommissioning costs (including salvage value) and any associated studies as available (See Appendix H)
- 8.14. Bidder and/or its EPC-BOP contractor shall provide its plan to use reasonable efforts to utilize and adopt a subcontracting plan to use small and diverse suppliers as subcontractors for work (Section 4.6.6).
- 8.15. OPTIONAL: Bidders may provide a separate O&M services proposal (Appendix I).
- 8.16. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Option: Bidder's providing an alternate Proposal for a solar energy resource with a BESS shall provide this option separate from the base solar energy resource only Proposal. This optional Proposal shall include all applicable information from this Section 8 in addition to technical, operating, performance, and warranty details associated with the BESS.

9. Proposal Evaluation & Selection

The evaluation process will be conducted in three phases:

- Section 9.1 Eligibility and Threshold Requirements
- Section 9.2 Detailed Analysis
- Section 9.3 Final Project Selection

9.1. Eligibility and Threshold Requirements. A preliminary screening of each Proposal will be undertaken by the Company to determine if the Proposal is eligible to proceed to the Detailed Analysis phase. Bidders and their associated Proposals Projects must satisfy the following Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:

9.1.1. Project must have demonstrated a clear path toward constructability (land rights, permits, etc.) and be capable of achieving commercial operation by the Commercial Operation Deadline (December 15, 2024 or alternatively December 15, 2025) (§4.2);

9.1.2. Project's minimum name-plate rating is 50 MW (§4.3);

- 9.1.3. Project must be interconnected to SPP (§4.4), be active in SPP Queue 2018-002 or earlier (§4.7.3), and remain active in the queue process with the demonstrated ability to achieve commercial operation of any interconnection for the full output of the Project by the Commercial Operation Deadline;
- 9.1.4. Project must be physically located in SWEPCO's service territory (§4.5);
- 9.1.5. Bidder has substantial Project site control (§4.6.1);
- 9.1.6. Project must have a minimum design life of at least 30 years (§4.6.2);
- 9.1.7. Project's module and inverter manufacturers must be included in the AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard (§4.6.2);
- 9.1.8. Bidder must have completed the development, construction, financing, and commissioning of a similar-sized solar project in the United States or Canada and/or otherwise have demonstrated appropriate experience;
- 9.1.9. Bidder's exceptions to the Form PSA, considered individually or in the aggregate, are minimally acceptable to the Company as a basis for further discussions.

The Company reserves the right to reject any Proposal which proceeded to the Detailed Analysis phase but which is subsequently determined by the Company not to satisfy the Eligibility and Threshold Requirements.

- 9.2. Detailed Analysis. Proposals meeting the Eligibility and Threshold Requirements in Section 9.1 will move to the Detailed Analysis phase which is comprised of the Economic Analysis and the Non-Price Factor Analysis set forth below. The Economic Analysis will constitute 90% and the Non-Price Factor Analysis 10% of the overall evaluated value of each Proposal.

The Company's evaluation and Final Project Selection (§9.3) will be based on the Solar Base Proposals without the BESS option.

- 9.2.1. Economic Analysis. The Economic Analysis will result in a Levelized Net Revenue Requirement, which will constitute 90% of the overall evaluated value of the Proposal in its Final Project Selection. The Levelized Net Revenue Requirement will be calculated as follows:
 - 9.2.1.1. The Company will first determine a Levelized Adjusted Cost of Energy ("LACOE") by adding together (a) the Levelized Cost of Energy ("LCOE") associated with each Proposal as calculated by the Company and (b) the value of Transmission Congestion as

determined by the Company's Transmission Congestion Screening Analysis. The Transmission Congestion Screening Analysis will evaluate (i) cost of transmission congestion and losses to the AEP West load zone and/or (ii) cost of deliverability / curtailment risk mitigation that the Company calculates to ensure that the resources can be designated as firm resources to meet Company's Capacity requirements.

9.2.1.2. The Company will then calculate the Levelized Net Revenue Requirement by taking the difference between (a) the levelized expected SPP revenues for the Proposal's energy in the SPP market and (b) the LACOE for each Proposal.

9.2.2. Non-Price Factor Analysis. The Non-Price Factor Analysis, which will constitute 10% of the overall evaluated value of the Proposal will be comprised of the following factors:

9.2.2.1. Project's (including associated transmission and interconnection facilities) impact on wildlife, the environment and identified cultural resources;

9.2.2.2. Project's (including associated transmission and interconnection facilities) location on or proximity to tribal or government lands;

9.2.2.3. Bidder's exceptions to the AEP Solar Generation Facility Standards (Appendix E);

9.2.2.4. Bidder's exceptions to the Form PSA (Appendix D);

9.2.2.5. Development status of the Project including, but not limited to, permitting, transmission and interconnection facilities and constructability;

9.3. Final Project Selection. Based upon the results of the Economic Analysis and the Non-Price Factor Analysis described above, the Company will determine which Projects will be included in the final selection. The Company will notify Bidders whether or not their Proposal has been selected and negotiation of definitive agreements will commence with Bidders whose Proposals have been selected.

10. Confidentiality

The Company will take reasonable precautions and use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the Proposals. Bidders should clearly identify each page of information considered to be confidential or proprietary. The Company reserves the right to release any Proposals to agents or consultants for purposes of Proposal evaluation. The

Company's disclosure policies and standards will be binding upon its agents and consultants. Regardless of such confidentiality, all such information may be subject to review by the appropriate state authority or any other governmental authority or judicial body with jurisdiction relating to these matters and may be subject to legal discovery. Under such circumstances, the Company will make all reasonable efforts to protect Bidder's confidential information.

11. Bidder's Responsibilities

- 11.1. It is the Bidder's responsibility to comply with the deadlines specified in this RFP.
- 11.2. Bidders are responsible for the timely completion of the Project by the Commercial Operation Deadline and are required to submit proof of their financial and technical wherewithal to ensure the successful completion of the Project.
- 11.3. Bidders are responsible for costs incurred by them in the preparation of their Proposal.

12. Reservation of Rights

A Proposal will be deemed accepted only when the Company and the successful Bidder have executed definitive agreements for the Company's acquisition of the Project. The Company has no obligation to accept any Proposal, whether or not the stated price in such Proposal is the lowest price offered, and the Company may reject any Proposal in its sole discretion and without any obligation to disclose the reason or reasons for rejection.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE RFP PROCESS, EACH BIDDER AGREES THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RFP IS PROVIDED WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE USEFULNESS, ACCURACY, OR COMPLETENESS OF SUCH INFORMATION, AND NEITHER THE COMPANY NOR ITS AFFILIATES NOR ANY OF THEIR PERSONNEL OR REPRESENTATIVES SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY BIDDER OR ITS PERSONNEL OR REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM THE USE OF OR RELIANCE UPON ANY SUCH INFORMATION OR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS THEREIN.

The Company reserves the right to modify or withdraw this RFP, to negotiate with any and all qualified Bidders to resolve any and all technical or contractual issues, or to reject any or all Proposals and to terminate negotiations with any Bidder at any time in its sole discretion. The Company reserves the right, at any time and from time to time, without prior notice and without specifying any reason and, in its sole discretion, to (a) cancel, modify or withdraw this RFP, reject any and all Proposals, and terminate negotiations at any time during the RFP process; (b) discuss with a Bidder and its advisors the terms of any Proposal and obtain clarification from the Bidder and its advisors concerning the

Proposal; (c) consider all Proposals to be the property of the Company, subject to the provisions of this RFP relating to confidentiality and any confidentiality agreement executed in connection with this RFP, and destroy or archive any information or materials developed by or submitted to the Company in this RFP; (d) request from a Bidder information that is not explicitly detailed in this RFP, but which may be useful for evaluation of that Bidder's Proposal; (e) determine which Proposals to accept, favor, pursue or reject; (f) reject any Proposals that are not complete or contain irregularities, or waive irregularities in any Proposal that is submitted; (g) accept Proposals that do not provide the lowest evaluated cost; (h) determine which Bidders are allowed to participate in the RFP, including disqualifying a Bidder due to a change in the qualifications of the Bidder or in the event that the Company determines that the Bidder's participation in the RFP has failed to conform to the requirements of the RFP; (i) conduct negotiations with any or all Bidders or other persons or with no Bidders or other persons; and (j) execute one or more definitive agreements with any Bidder.

13. Contacts

All correspondence and questions regarding this RFP should be directed to:

SWEPCO2021RFP@aep.com

Appendix A

Solar Project Summary

Company Information

Bidder (Company):		
Contact Name:		
Contact Title:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address:		
Is the Proposal being submitted through a partnership, joint venture, consortium, or other association? _____ If so, please identify all partners, joint ventures, members, or other entities or persons comprising same.		

General Project Information

Project Name:	
Project site located (County, State):	
Percentage of Federal Investment Tax Credit that the Project will qualify for:	
SPP Queue #:	
Expected Commercial Operation Date:	
Module Manufacturer / Model:	Annual Degradation (%):
Configuration (Fixed Tilt / Single Axis):	Design Life (years):
Inverter Manufacturer / Model:	
Solar Project Nameplate (MWac): Solar Project Nameplate (MWdc): Battery Energy Storage System (MWac) (optional):	Expected Annual Availability (%):
<i>Bidder must identify its choice in Approved Module Manufacturer and Approved Inverter Manufacturer associated with the bid and provide the applicable production data (Expected Annual Energy, Capacity Factor. Bidder shall attach module and inverter warranty information with its proposal.</i>	

Proposal Bid Pricing (Base Proposal)

Expected COD by	Module Mfg.	Expected Annual Energy	Capacity Factor	Bid Price, \$M
12/15/24				
12/15/25				
Does Bid Price take into consideration the AEP Requirements for Connection of Facilities (Appendix G)				(Y/N):

If Bidder has not finalized Module Manufacturer, they must identify the module (& inverter) options and provide the applicable design information including layout, production data (Expected Annual Energy, Capacity Factor) for each module / inverter mfg. Bidder shall attach module warranty information with its proposal.

Proposal Bid Pricing (Base Proposal with BESS Option)

Expected COD by	Module Mfg.	Expected Annual Energy	Capacity Factor	Bid Price, \$M
12/15/24				
12/15/25				

Interconnection (SPP)

SPP Queue #:	Substation Name / Voltage:
System Impact Study Complete (Y/N):	System Impact Study Report Date:
Point of Interconnection with :	
SPP Interconnection Status (describe):	
<i>Please attach a copy of all interconnection studies and/or the expected completion date(s).</i>	

BESS (If applicable)

Use Case:	Integrator:
Battery Manufacturer:	Type of Battery:
Battery Model Number:	Cycles per Day:
Nameplate (MWac):	Ramp Rate:
Nameplate (MWdc):	Charge Time:
Duration (hours):	Maximum Charge Rate:
Energy (MWh):	Round Trip Efficiency:
Aux Load:	Aux Power Source:
Overbuild (MW):	Overbuild Years:
PCS Unit Power (kW):	PCS Minimum Voltage:
Qty PCS:	PCS Maximum Voltage:
Inverter Manufacturer / Model:	
Fire Suppression System (wet / pre-action):	
EMS Manufacturer / Model:	

Site Information

Site Legal Description:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
County	Longitude:	Latitude:
Site Control (lease, own, site purchase pending, etc.):		
Site Acres:		
Is there potential for expansion (Y / N):	If Yes; acres available:	

Permits

Have you contacted all required permitting agencies regarding this project and identified all necessary permits?

City (Y / N):

County (Y / N):

State (Y / N):

Federal (Y / N):

USF&W (Y / N):

Other (Y / N)

On an additional sheet, list and describe all city, county, state and federal permits required for this project. Include: status, duration, planned steps, critical milestones and timeline.

Preliminary Site Questions¹ (Y/N)

Has the site been assessed for any environmental contamination? Describe any known environmental issues. If necessary, please describe on a separate attachments	
Are there any Tribal Lands or Tribal mineral ownership rights within Project boundary or vicinity?	
Are there any Federally or State owned or controlled lands within Project boundary or vicinity?	
Is the site adjacent or near an Environmental Justice or Fenceline community?	
Has TNC or any other non-governmental organizations been engaged?	
Are there CRP, WRP or other conservation easements within the Project boundary or vicinity?	

Attachments Required

- **Site Layout:** Attach a diagram identifying anticipated placement of major equipment and other project facilities, including transmission layouts and Point of Delivery.
- **Leases:** Attach (electronic version only) a copy of all leases, easements or other ownership documentation.
- **Permit Matrix:** Attach a comprehensive permit matrix and status of all required permits, including, but not limited to Federal (USFWS, FAA), State, County, City, etc.
- **Environmental Report Summary:** The initial Proposals shall include a summary of all environmental and other reports associated with the site. (See Note 1 for reports to summarize)

Appendix B

Bidder's Credit-Related Information

Full Legal Name of the Bidder:
Type Bidder Entity (corporation, partnership, etc.):
Bidder's Percentage Ownership in Project:
Full Legal Name(s) of Parent Corporation: 1. 2. 3.
Entity Providing Credit Support on Behalf of Bidder (if applicable): Name: Address: City: Zip Code:
Type of Relationship:
Current Senior Unsecured Debt Rating: 1. S&P: 2. Moodys:
Bank References & Name of Institution:
Bank Contact: Name: Title: Address: City: Zip Code: Phone Number:
Legal Proceedings: As a separate attachment, please list all lawsuits, regulatory proceedings, or arbitration in which the Bidder or its affiliates or predecessors have been or are engaged that could affect the Bidder's performance of its bid. Identify the parties involved in such lawsuits, proceedings, or arbitration, and the final resolution or present status of such matters.
Financial Statements: Please provide copies of the Annual Reports for the three most recent fiscal years and quarterly reports for the most recent quarter ended, if available. If available electronically, please provide link:

Appendix C

Bidder Profile

Please list Bidder's affiliate companies:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Please attach a summary of Bidder's background and experience in Solar Energy projects.

References

1. Company
 - a. Contact Name:
 - b. Contact Number:
 - c. Project:

2. Company
 - a. Contact Name:
 - b. Contact Number:
 - c. Project:

3. Company
 - a. Contact Name:
 - b. Contact Number:
 - c. Project:

4. Company
 - a. Contact Name:
 - b. Contact Number:
 - c. Project:

Appendix D

Form Purchase and Sale Agreement

See Section 6.4 for instructions to obtain the applicable Form Purchase and Sale Agreement.

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Appendix E

AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard

See Section 6.4 for instructions to obtain the AEP Solar Generation Facility Standard.

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Appendix F

AEP Requirements for Connection of Facilities

Please follow the link below to access the AEP Requirements for Connection of Facilities (“Requirements for Connection of New Facilities or Changes to Existing Facilities Connected to the AEP Transmission System”).

https://www.aep.com/assets/docs/requiredpostings/TransmissionStudies/Requirements/AEP_Interconnection_Requirements_Rev2.pdf

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Appendix G

Solar Resource Information

See Section 6.4 for instructions to obtain any of the documents identified below:

1. Proposal must provide the source and basis of the solar irradiance data used in the development of energy projections for the Project. Explain all assumptions used in forecasted generation calculations.
2. Bidder must populate the data required in the Company's "SolarDataReviewForm_IM" spreadsheet.
3. Bidder must attach an 8760 calendar year hourly energy forecast, net of all losses using the Company's form spreadsheet (SolarEnergyInputSheet_2021.xls).

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Appendix H

Projected Land Lease Costs

See Section 6.4 for instructions to obtain the Land Lease Costs spreadsheet.

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Appendix I

O&M Services Scope of Work (OPTIONAL)

Bidders may request the O&M Services Scope of Work via email at:

SWEPCO2021RFP@aep.com

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Appendix J

Proposal Content Check Sheet

Section	Item	Completed
8.2	Executive Summary	
8.3	Documentation demonstrating Project will qualify for % ITC	
8.4	Appendix A (Solar Project Summary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company information - General Project Information - Proposal Bid Pricing - Interconnection - BESS Information (if applicable) - Site Information - Permits - Preliminary Site Questions - Solar Projects Completed 	
8.5	Manufacturer's warranty offerings	
8.6	Identity of all person and entities that have a direct or indirect ownership interest in the project.	
8.7	Appendix B (Bidder's Credit-Related Information)	
8.8	Appendix C (Bidder Profile)	
8.9	Appendix D (Form PSA exceptions (if any))	
8.10	Appendix E (exceptions to AEP Solar Generation Facility Std)	
8.11	Appendix G (required Solar Resource Analysis / Study Info)	
8.12	Land Lease cost for 35-year period.	
8.13	Decommissioning cost estimates and studies	
8.14	Bidder's plan to use small and diverse suppliers	
8.15	O&M Services Proposal (optional)	
8.16	BESS Option information	