

**Question 16: (translated from French):**

If we wish to propose more than one project of 25 MW located in the same area and all connected to a single point of delivery, how should we proceed to complete the request for an exploratory study?

**Answer 16:**

Under this call for tenders, the exploratory studies are not intended to assess the transmission cost for a grouping of several projects. The exploratory study is limited to the individual assessment of a project as it will be evaluated in step 2 for the ranking of bids. Only after the individual evaluation of bids in step 2 will Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie investigate whether transmission synergies can be achieved by combining together different offers.

Indeed, in step 3, Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie will carry out an interconnection study taking into account the possible groupings and characteristics of the transmission system. Thus, only at that time will Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie be able to generate a specific timetable for the studied grouping and with a more accurate cost, due to the evolution of the basic transmission system.

Note that the interested bidder must submit a separate bid for each project, whose size is limited to 25 MW. Bids are then individually evaluated in step 2 of the selection process. In any case, the main offer of a bid can not be conditional on the acceptance of another project or more. The interested bidder may submit a variant of the main bid, the difference could be, among other things, the price of electricity and the ability to share a same delivery point with other projects.