

Question 56:

Section 1.1 of the Call for tenders document discusses the maximum project size and nation limit for the 250 MW block resulting from Aboriginal projects. In particular, the Section states “Beyond 50 MW, an Aboriginal nation can receive one or more additional projects provided that at least one other Aboriginal nation is involved.” Please explain the implication of the statement. To be clear: if more than one Aboriginal nation is involved, is it acceptable to submit a 250 MW project?

Answer 56:

There is no limit as to the number of bids of 25 MW or less an Aboriginal nation can submit As stated in Section 1.1, for the 250 MW block resulting from Aboriginal projects:

- The maximum size of each project is 25 MW;

A bid can be submitted for projects of 25 MW or less of installed capacity. If a bid pertains to more than 25 MW of installed capacity, then it will be automatically rejected, as indicated in Section 3.17 of the Call for tenders document.

- Each Aboriginal nation is limited to 50 MW;

This means that there is no limit as to the number of project of 25 MW or less for which an Aboriginal nation may be awarded contracts, up to a cumulative installed capacity of 50 MW per Aboriginal nation.

- Beyond 50 MW, an Aboriginal nation may submit one or more additional projects provided that at least one other Aboriginal nation is involved.

If a bidder is constituted of at least two Aboriginal nations, then this bidder could be awarded contracts for projects of 25 MW or less, up to the requested quantity of 250 MW. For example, such a bidder could win 10 contracts of 25 MW each, totalling 250 MW of installed capacity.

However, as mentioned before, if a bidder submits a bid that pertains to more than 25 MW of installed capacity (such as one project of 250 MW), this bid will be automatically rejected.