

#### **CPUC Supply-side Procurement Processes**



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- Commission authorizes an amount to be procured by the IOUs

   Resource Adequacy, Renewable Portfolio Standards,
   Combined Heat and Power, Demand Response Auction
   Mechanism, Energy Storage
- ➤ IOU assembles Request for Offer (RFO) documents, consults with the Procurement Review Group (PRG) on evaluation criteria
- > IOU issues the RFO
- IOU conducts a bidder's conference and answers bidders' questions
- > IOU receives bids and performs conformance checks





➤ IOU ranks the bids using quantitative and qualitative evaluation methodologies, shortlists the bids and consults with the PRG on the shortlisted bids





#### ➤ Quantitative Evaluation

- Least Cost Best Fit Methodology Methodology for taking into account both the cost of offers received from bidders and the extent to which the offers provide energy or other attributes needed by the buyer.
- Net Present Value analysis = Present Value of the Contract Benefits –
   Present Value of the Contract Cost
- Contract Benefits: Energy and Ancillary Services Benefit, Resource
   Adequacy Capacity Benefit
- Contract Cost: Dispatch and Energy Costs, Capacity Payment,
   Transmission Cost, GHG Cost, etc.





- ➤ Qualitative Evaluation
  - Permitting and interconnection
  - Project financing status
  - Project development experience
  - Site control
  - Reasonableness of commercial operation date
  - Portfolio fit of energy, capacity, and term





- ➤ IOU negotiates with the shortlisted bidders on contract terms
- > IOU executes contracts with bidders
- ➤ IOU files Application or Advice Letter with the contracts to the CPUC for approval





#### Procurement Review Group

- ➤ Ordered by Commission Decision to review current procurement activities, proposed contracts, and provide feedback to an IOU *prior to* a filing.
- > The PRG consultation process is advisory and non-binding.
- The IOUs are required to consult with the PRG for contracts longer than 90 days in duration.
- Non-market participants Energy Division, ORA, TURN, Sierra Club, etc.



# Independent Evaluators

- Consultants who help Energy Division oversee the IOUs' RFOs (for contracts >= 2 years) to ensure that they are fair and transparent
- ➤ IEs are involved in the entire RFO process, they brief the PRG on the results of the RFO, produces a report on the RFO
- ➤ Each IOU must maintain a pool of at least three independent evaluators
- ➤ Independent evaluators are re-evaluated every three years by the PRG and IOUs to remain in the pool





#### Thank you! For Additional Information:

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