

BANCRO
Request for Proposals
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1	Attachment-C1-Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_BANCRO	01-H1 Fremont Hall of Justice	Does submitted IA account for any future load at the site? The IA system size of 791 kW AC corresponds to almost double the site's annual usage	
2	JCC RFP - RFP-FS-2023-06-JP	All	If NEM 2.0 applications cannot be maintained for some sites, is JCC okay with NEM 3.0 (Net Billing Tariff)? Utilities only allow up to a 20% decrease in system size from submitted applications, if our proposed systems are decreased more than 20% due to hitting the production target or space constrained, we cannot maintain the NEM 2.0 grandfathering.	Please see the RFP, Attachment D, Solar Power Purchase Agreement for Photovoltaic System, Section 3.3.1.
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6	Attachment-06-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-260000-General-Electric-Spec_230608	All	Is JCC open to using aluminum instead of copper for AC conductors?	Please refer to the CA Trial Court Facility Standards (CTCFS) 15.B.3 for clarification on material allowances: All wire #8 and larger shall be stranded copper or aluminum. All wire #10 and smaller shall be solid copper.
7		All	Are there any Geotech reports?	No Geotech reports are available for the project sites per Section 12 of Attachment B2 Series.
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9	Attachment-05-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-059004-Solar-PV-Roof-Mount-Spec_230608 pg. 6, S.	Rooftop Sites	Per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1), can UL 3741 listed system be used instead of including module level power electronics (MLPE)?	
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12		All	Of the interconnection applications submitted, do any require utility upgrades? If so, what are the associated costs that the customer is responsible for?	No applications have yet identified utility upgrades.

13	JCC RFP - RFP-FS-2023-06-JP	Section 7.6 Section 3.3.1 (SPPA)	NEM 2.0 Grandfathering has a 3-yr expiration from the date the IAs were submitted. This expiration date is approximately April 2026. Supply chains for major equipment continue to be impacted and utility delays on renewable projects, especially for sites with battery storage/microgrids can be lengthy. Will JCC allow relief for missing the NEM 2.0 completion deadline for delays due to forces outside the proposer's control?	The Judicial Council will not be making any changes to Section 3.3.1 in the SPPA.
14	Request for Proposals, Page 8, Section 9.4.1	All	Contractor is an EPC. We typically act as a contractor to do engineering, procurement, and construction for a developer. What does it mean that the proposer and contracting entity must be the same? Would Contractor as an EPC be required to attend site walks, mandatory meetings, and submit a proposal?	<p>1. What does it mean that the proposer and contracting entity must be the same? The name of the entity that submits the proposal must be the same name as the entity entering into the contract. 2. Would Contractor as an EPC be required to attend site walks, mandatory meetings, and submit a proposal? No, see section 12.2 of the RFP, which states that "Each Proposer will be required to provide a unique identifier of a representative who attended this session." Accordingly, the Proposer may have a representative attend mandatory session(s) in its place.</p>

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5	Attachment-06-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-260000-General-Electric-Spec_230608	All	Is JCC open to using aluminum instead of copper for AC conductors?	Please refer to the CA Trial Court Facility Standards (CTCFS) 15.B.3 for clarification on material allowances: All wire #8 and larger shall be stranded copper or aluminum. All wire #10 and smaller shall be solid copper.
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7		All	Does JCC have any title reports, easement maps, or any other survey information that would better define boundaries and or utility easements on site?	Anything that is available is provided in the Region specific P-Series.
8	Attachment-C1-Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_NCRO	10-01 B.F. Sisk Courthouse	As noted in Attachment-C1, is the re-roofing by JCC completed? If not, when does JCC intend to complete the re-roofing?	
9	Attachment-05-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-059004-Solar-PV-Roof-Mount-Spec_230608 pg. 6, 5.	Rooftop Sites	Per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1), can UL 3741 listed system be used instead of including module level power electronics (MLPE)?	
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SRO1 Request for Proposals RFP Number: RFP-FS-2023-06-JP RFP Title: Statewide On-Site Solar and Battery Energy Storage Program ATTACHMENT 5 (Answers 09-14-23)				
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8		15-D1 Delano/North Kern Court	Can we have this site's single line diagram?	
9	Attachment-05-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-059004-Solar-PV-Roof-Mount-Spec_230608 pg. 6, S.	Rooftop Sites	Per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1), can UL 3741 listed system be used instead of including module level power electronics (MLPE)?	
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13		19-AP1 Santa Monica	Site walks determined that the middle/center rooftop at Santa Monica Courthouse lacked sufficient space for a PV system due to the existing rooftop equipment and storage rooms. Are there additional areas to place solar to meet NEM2.0 IA system size?	
14		19-AP1 Santa Monica	Are there electrical as-built drawings available?	
15		19-AP1 Santa Monica	Please confirm if trees immediately south of rooftops can be removed to reduce shading on PV	
16		19-C1 Torrance Courthouse	Solar-powered light poles seen at proposed C1 canopy area. Light poles look relatively new. Please confirm if these light poles can be removed for the solar canopy placement.	
17		19-C1 Torrance Courthouse	Are there any additional as-built electrical drawings available?	
18		19-C1 Torrance Courthouse	Please confirm if there are any lighting circuits in the north lot (where C1-C5 are)	
19	Attachment-C1-Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_SRO-1	19-N1 Monrovia Training Center	Due to space constraint at the site, maintaining NEM 2.0 IA does not appear possible. The available roof/parking lot space would not allow a system large enough to stay within 20% acceptable deviation from the originally submitted system size. Considering that: 1. Are there additional areas to place solar to meet NEM2.0 IA system size? 2. If not, would NEM 3.0 be acceptable?	
20	Attachment-C1-Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_SRO-1	19-Q1 Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court	Due to space constraint at the site, maintaining NEM 2.0 IA does not appear possible. The available roof/parking lot space would not allow a system large enough to stay within 20% acceptable deviation from the originally submitted system size. Considering that: 1. Are there additional areas to place solar to meet NEM2.0 IA system size? 2. If not, would NEM 3.0 be acceptable?	
21	Attachment-C1-Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_SRO-1	19-C1 19-H1 19-S1 19-AX2	IA BESS kW/kWh site data is not available/missing?	
22	JCC RFP - RFP-FS-2023-06-JP	Section 7.6 Section 3.3.1 (SPPA)	NEM 2.0 Grandfathering has a 3-yr expiration from the date the IAs were submitted. This expiration date is approximately April 2026. Supply chains for major equipment continue to be impacted and utility delays on renewable projects, especially for sites with battery storage/microgrids can be lengthy. Will JCC allow relief for missing the NEM 2.0 completion deadline for delays due to forces outside the proposer's control?	The Judicial Council will not be making any changes to Section 3.3.1 in the SPPA.

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1		13-A1 Imperial Courthouse	There was a different meter ID provided in response to question #81 from the previous RFP. This meter was not seen at any of the areas visited during the site walk. Please provide photos/information/SLD (SWBD ampacity, voltage, main breaker ampacity, etc.) for the service switchboard associated with this meter.	
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13		37-11 East County Regional Center	Canopy C2 on the provided Sage layout spans a parking lot entrance. There were removable bollards closing this entrance off seen on the site walk. Please confirm if this entrance be closed off permanently? Depending on canopy column spacing, a carport column may need to be placed in this entrance.	
14		37-11 East County Regional Center	Are there any additional as-built electrical drawings available?	
15		37-11 East County Regional Center	Please provide location of protected tree mentioned on 8/17 meeting. The protected tree shown on the Sage preliminary layout looked to have been removed when site was walked	
16		13-A1 Imperial Courthouse	Please provide as-built electrical drawings	
17		37-C1 Kearny Mesa Court	Are there additional as-built electrical drawings available?	
18		64-E1 Santa Ana Courthouse	To coordinate window washing procedures with the proposed PV system, can more information be provided about the window washing at Santa Ana? There are anchors 20' in from the roof parapets, are there any other rigs involved in the washing process? Assuming personnel move laterally when washing to get to every window column, how much space is needed in front of/adjacent each anchor? This is a site constraint that is creating difficulty in attaining the listed NEM2.0 IA system size	
19	Attachment-C1_Proposed_Equipment_Form_2023-08-01_SRO-2	13-A1 33-G4	IA BESS kW/kWh site data is not available/missing?	
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