

ADDENDUM I

MICROGRID FEASIBILITY STUDY

QUESTIONS

THE ANSWERS BELOW EACH QUESTION ARE IN **RED**

1. Would the awardee of this contract be prohibited in any way from constructing (bidding on the construction) the project that may come from this study?
 - a. **No.**
2. The evaluation factors listed in **B. Proposal Scoring Methodology (page 8)** are not entirely aligned with the **Proposal Contents/Requirements (page 7)** – some are shared (**Experience/Cost Proposal**) and some are missing (**Technical Approach/Timeline**). Could you please clarify where these evaluation elements should be included in the proposal or if a specific structure is expected?
 - a. **Please share your technical approach in the format that you see fit while also including the specified criteria in B. Proposal Scoring Methodology.**
3. Will Cherokee Nation provide detailed electrical load profiles, outage history, and utility interconnection requirements for the three selected sites?
 - a. **Cherokee Nation will provide monthly energy consumption, outage history and a standard interconnection application for each facility.**
4. Are there specific renewable energy mix expectations beyond what is stated in the Strategic Energy Plan?
 - a. **There are no specific mix expectations and Cherokee Nation is open to proposals of microgrid designs that best fit the needs of each location.**
5. Will existing backup generators or solar installations be integrated into the microgrid design?
 - a. **Yes, many of the buildings already have generators which should be integrated into the design.**
6. Is there a defined budget range for Phase II, and will federal or tribal grants be leveraged? If so, can you share the budget?
 - a. **Phase I and Phase II reflected in this RFP will be awarded together under a Federal grant budget. Bidders are encouraged to submit proposals with cost breakdowns that could allow for partial award should the full project scope**

surpass available funding, and/or to indicate the possibility of reduction in scope and willingness to negotiate should the full bid surpass available funding.

- b. The budget is an internal process, and we cannot give that information out.
- 7. Is there a defined budget for the entire program (construction of the three microgrids)? If so, can you share the budget?
 - a. Currently, there is not a publicly available defined budget for the construction of the three microgrids. This RFP is for the development of feasibility studies.
- 8. Is there a timeline you are targeting for these three microgrids to be operational after feasibility studies?
 - a. Currently, there is not a publicly available timeline for the construction of the three microgrids. This RFP is for the development of feasibility studies.
- 9. We did not find a requested format for the cost. Do you have a format you prefer our proposal to follow for the cost?
 - a. No. Contractors can propose a budget in the format of their choice. Bidders are encouraged to provide budget information in a format that lends itself to breakout of costs should reduction in scope be negotiated to keep the project within the available budget.
 - b. Cost and budgets are a internal process and that information cannot be given out.
- 10. What level of engagement with local utilities is expected, and will Cherokee Nation facilitate these discussions?
 - a. Cherokee Nation will facilitate preliminary discussions with utility providers, as necessary, to ensure feasibility of a microgrid at the location.
- 11. Are there tribal-specific standards or codes we must comply with beyond state and federal regulations?
 - a. No.
- 12. Should the feasibility study include outreach or education components for Cherokee citizens?
 - a. No. This will be handled by Cherokee Nation Natural Resources.
- 13. Should the feasibility study integrate recommendations for centralized energy data management as outlined in the Strategic Energy Plan?

- a. Data recommendations for the proposed microgrids and integration of this data into our systems are welcome but overall recommendations for centralized energy data management are not an expectation of this contract.

14. Are there specific templates or reporting standards required for Phase II deliverables?

- a. No.

15. The Feasibility Study is highly aligned with the Cherokee Nation Strategic Energy Plan, will the plan be made available to review prior to proposal submission, to help develop proposal submissions?

- a. Yes. The Plan is public. You can find it here at this link: [2025-04-21-choerokee-nation-strategic-energy-plan-final.pdf](#)

16. Are CADD and/or GIS available for each proposed site? Desktop study purposes. Prior site knowledge assists onsite assessment.

- a. Building drawings (pdf files) will be available for sites. There is a Cherokee Nation GeoData Center with which the Natural Resources Division can facilitate communication, if needed.

17. Are CADD drawings of existing utility lines available? Desktop study purposes. Prior site knowledge assists onsite assessment.

- a. This will not be provided by Cherokee Nation.

18. Are utilization projections available for Health Clinics, for assessment during Phase II?

- a. This will not be provided by Cherokee Nation.