

Transmission Competitive Solicitation Questions Log
Question / Answer Matrix
2024/2025 TPP – Phase 3

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1	What does it mean to formally express interest in collaborating under Section 5.3.3.1?	Section 24.5.2.1. Collaboration means if a Project Sponsor desires to partner with another entity to finance, own, construct, operate, and maintain a Regional Transmission Facility. Once notified, the ISO will post the list of any entities who are interested in soliciting partners to the ISO website.	Transmission Assets
2	If we express interest in collaborating, are we obligated to follow through with a partnership?	Expressing interest to collaborate does not bind a Project Sponsor to collaborate with any entity.	Transmission Assets
3	If we do not express interest by the deadline, will we be excluded from any form of future collaboration (e.g., as a co-developer, subcontractor, or service provider)?	No. a Project Sponsor may submit an application, including a joint application, to finance, own, construct, operate, and maintain a Regional Transmission Facility under Section 24.5. All Project Sponsors, including collaborating Project Sponsors, must submit an application prior to the close of the competitive solicitation window.	Transmission Assets
4	Can collaboration only occur during the bid window, or are there scenarios where collaboration can occur after submission (e.g., during project execution)?	Collaboration with entities must be defined in the proposal when submitted.	Transmission Assets
5	Is this collaboration opportunity intended primarily for preparing and submitting a joint bid, or could it also include shared ownership, financing, construction, etc.?	An entity can collaborate with another entity “to finance, own, construct, operate, and maintain a Regional Transmission Facility”.	Transmission Assets
6	Is collaboration intended only between developers and utilities, or can other types of entities (e.g., EPCs, financial investors, technology providers, community groups) participate?	Collaboration can occur between multiple types or entities. It is not limited to developers and utilities.	Transmission Assets
7	Can you provide examples or a list of eligible entities with whom collaboration is permitted?	Examples are found in previous competitive solicitation reports and qualified project sponsors lists posted on CAISO.com. The ISO does not have a prequalified list of eligible entities with whom	Transmission Assets

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		collaboration is permitted. Submitted entities are evaluated as part of the competitive solicitation process defined in ISO Tariff section 24.5 and the ISO Transmission Planning Business Practice Manual section 5.4	
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8	Are there limits on the number of entities that can jointly collaborate on a single bid?	No.	Transmission Assets
9	Is there a specific format, template, or submission form required to express interest in collaborating?	The ISO does not specify a format but all requests at a minimum shall include entity name, and contact information. Other details may be included as requested	Transmission Assets
10	Will the list of interested collaborators, including contact details, be publicly posted? If so, who has access to it?	Yes, the information will be posted on CAISO public website.	Transmission Assets
11	Can an entity specify the type of collaboration or partner they are seeking (e.g., financial co-sponsor, construction partner)?	Yes, this information can be included, if identified by the requesting entity, in list of entities interested in collaboration posted to the ISO website.	Transmission Assets
12	Will CAISO facilitate introductions between interested entities, or is outreach left to the listed parties?	No, outreach is left to the entities interested in collaboration.	Transmission Assets
13	If two or more entities submit a joint bid, how will CAISO evaluate the division of responsibilities (e.g., ownership, operation, permitting)?	ISO does not define the terms of the joint bid. It's up to the Project Sponsors to define their partnership and responsibilities.	Transmission Assets
14	Are there any advantages or disadvantages in how joint submissions are scored compared to individual bids?	No, all proposals are evaluated on the merits of the information provided as identified in Section 24.5 of the ISO tariff.	Transmission Assets

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15	Can an entity that did not express interest by the deadline still participate in a project indirectly (e.g., as a subcontractor, service provider, or post-award partner)?	Yes, if they are approved by the ISO post award as a substitute to the identified subcontractor, or service provider.	Transmission Assets
16	The presentation indicates that the series compensation level for the Manning-Metcalf 500 kV line is 70%, but the project model posted to the secured ISO Market Participant Portal shows a different line compensation level of 75% for this line. Please confirm which series compensation level is intended for this line.	The board approved Planning Process states that the compensation level is 70%. During the meeting, it was confirmed by Planning that the compensation level is 70%. The project model on the secured ISO Market Participant Portal is updated to reflect the correct compensation of 70%.	Planning
17	The CAISO TPP approved projects include a fourth 500/230 kV transformer at Metcalf Substation (“Metcalf Substation 500/230 kV Transformer Bank Addition” project), but this new transformer’s 500 kV connection is not shown on Figure I.1.3 in Appendix I and Page 32 of this presentation. Please confirm that the intended 500 kV connection for this transformer is not the position shown as the location for connecting the Manning-Metcalf 500 kV line.	PG&E confirmed that the addition of the fourth 500/230 kV transformer at Metcalf as part of the “Metcalf Substation 500/230 kV Transformer Bank Addition” project, does not impact the intended 500 kV connection location for the Manning – Metcalf 500 kV line project shown in the functional specification.	Planning
18	The Functional Specifications for the Manning-Metcalf 500 kV line contemplate fixed series compensation of 35% on each end of the future circuit (totaling 70%). Would CAISO consider a proposal which utilizes midpoint compensation as opposed to end point compensation?	Yes. CAISO accepts midpoint compensation of 70%. If all the series compensation is at midpoint, it should be implemented in 4 equally sized blocks with a breaker for each block as detailed in the functional specification.	Planning
19	For the Manning-Metcalf 500 kV line can series compensation be used to meet the Approximate Line Impedance set out in Appendix I of “0.00000728 + j0.000264 pu/mile (500 kV, 100 MVA base),	The impedance needs to be met without series compensation	Planning

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	±20%” or does this approximate impedance need to be met without series compensation?		
20	Is there any flexibility as to where the POCO is located? Appendix I specifies within 100 feet of the substation boundary however Figure I. 1-3 shows the Manning-Metcalf 500 kV line coming out parallel to Tesla-Metcalf line on the east side of the existing Metcalf substation. Will CAISO attribute additional value on placing the POCO on the east side of the existing Metcalf substation to lower interconnection costs?	The diagram in Figure I.1-3 was provided by the interconnecting PTO (PG&E). CAISO will continue to evaluate project proposals based on the assumption that the POCO will align with the location identified in the functional specification.	Grid Assets
21	On slide 11 of the June 25 th presentation it shows the approved project sponsors being posted on March 30, 2026 and April 20, 2026. However, the schedule on slide 35 shows April 6, 2026 and April 27, 2026. I've included screenshots of both below. Can you please clarify which is correct?	The CAISO has posted the schedule on the 2024 – 2025 Transmission planning process phase 3 Stakeholder recurring process page. The approved project sponsor will be posted for: - The Northern Receiving Station (NRS) I San Jose B 230kV kV Line: April 6 th , 2026 - The Manning – Metcalf 500kV line: April 27 th , 2026	Grid Assets
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