

- 1 Q. What is the purpose of asking developers for input on the RFP? What kind of input are you seeking?
 - A. The Commission's Framework for Competitive Bidding provides for steps leading to the distribution of the RFP. Those steps include filing a Draft RFP and supporting documentation with the Commission, holding a technical conference with the interested parties, and allowing interested parties to submit comments.

- 2 Q. When will the RFP actually go out or is this just a dry run to see what interest is out there?
 - A. As noted in the preliminary schedule set forth in Section D., page 18, of the SOI, the anticipated draft RFP to follow this SOI would be submitted to the Commission for consideration and made available to interested parties for review and comment on or about year-end 2007 with the final RFP targeted for release by April 2008. These milestone dates, however, are preliminary and subject to change. As stated on page 1 of the SOI, the purpose of this SOI is to preliminarily determine the interest in responding to the planned RFP and identify and obtain background information from potential suppliers. Among the objectives of issuing this SOI are to stimulate and expand the prospective bidder market by providing advance notice of a planned RFP issuance, and provide an opportunity for bidders to comment on the anticipated preliminary RFP scope and desired resource characteristics.

- 3 Q. How much time will be given to interested parties to prepare the proposal?
 - A. See Section D of the SOI for a high-level schedule of milestones.

- 4 Q. Is this RFP going to be considered in the IRP-4 process? If so, why was it not mentioned previously in those meetings?
 - A. This proposed RFP was identified in HECO's IRP-3 Evaluation Report filed in May 2007. This proposed RFP will be considered in the HECO IRP-4 process to the extent that the long-term resource planning process inherently requires the consideration of those resources that are already existing and in the process of being added (e.g., being pursued through this proposed RFP) to the system when planning for additional future resources to be acquired over the 20-year planning period. As indicated in the SOI on page 4, HECO recognizes that the acquisition of a second block of renewable energy is likely to be a desired objective of the HECO IRP-4 planning process presently underway.

- 5 Q. Are there going to be any meetings for interested parties prior to the RFP release to garner more information about the process and

expectations of the resulting proposals?

- A. In accordance with the Commission's Competitive Bidding Framework, bidders are allowed an opportunity to comment on the draft RFP. A high-level schedule showing the tentative plan for the Bidders Conference is provided in Section D of the SOI.
- 6 Q. How do we express our interest in being included on the "list" of potential RFP recipients?
- A. Interested parties are asked to kindly submit a Notice of Interest as provided in Section E of the SOI.