APPENDIX D

RFP TIMELINE

DATES	ACTIVITIES
August 1, 2025 – September 17, 2025	Prepare the draft RFP.
August 14, 2025	Advise the OCC an RFP is anticipated (at least 30 calendar days prior to issuing the RFP).
September 17, 2025 – February 6, 2026	Potential for the OCC to engage an Independent Evaluator.
September 17, 2025	Provide the draft RFP to the OCC/AG/IE and post on the AEP website (issue the draft RFP).
October 2, 2025	Hold Technical Conference (at least 15 calendar days following the draft RFP).
October 2, 2025 – October 16, 2025	OCC/AG/IE/interested persons to formulate and provide comments on the draft RFP.
October 9, 2025	 Post questions and answers from the technical conference on the AEP website.
October 17, 2025	 Notice provided to AEPSC of intent to bid and submission of credit requirements.
October 22, 2025	 Send out the final RFP to qualified bidders. Send copy of the final RFP to the OCC, IE, and AG. Post the final RFP on the AEP website.
By 5:00 PM EST, December 4, 2025	Bidder submission of proposals.
By 5:00 PM EST, December 5, 2025	Open Bids/Evaluate Proposals.
By 5:00 PM EST, January 20, 2026	Determine winning bidder(s).
By 5:00 PM EST, January 21, 2026	Advise successful bidder(s) of selection.
By 5:00 PM EST, January 22, 2026	Advise the OCC, IE, and AG of successful bidder(s) and contact unsuccessful bidders.
February 6, 2026	Deadline for any challenge of awarded business (15 calendar days following successful bidder(s) submission).
By 5:00 PM EST, February 13, 2026	• Final contract to winning bidder(s) for partial execution.
By 5:00 PM EST, February 20, 2026	 Contract fully executed and justification routed.