

BANCRO Request for Proposals RFP Number: RFP-FS-2023-06-JP RFP Title: Statewide On-Site Solar and Battery Energy Storage Program ATTACHMENT 5 (Answers to Questions 12-21-23)				
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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	The interconnection application does not account for future loads at 01-H1. 791kW AC listed in the interconnection application is the combined AC system size of the new system with the existing 225kW AC system. The production goal should be achieved by the 566kW AC new portion of the new solar system installed by the contractor.
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.
3		All	Are the submitted interconnection applications for PV and BESS in one application or for PV only?	The submitted interconnection applications under the NEM 2.0 program are for PV and BESS with the specifics listed in the Attachment C1 Series on the Site Data Tab under the "IA System Sizes (PV+BESS)" header. Sites without data here do not have interconnection applications filed.
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5		All	To be grandfathered into NEM-2.0, final building permits need to be submitted to the utility before April 15th, 2026: a. Is JCC a self-permitting agency? If so, what are typical timelines for receiving permits? b. Who will review plan sets? c. Is DSA required to review any part of the project? d. Does JCC foresee any issues if certain sites require crossing streets/easements?	a. The Judicial Council is the Building Official for buildings owned by the Judicial Council. Plan review can take a few weeks prior to issuance of building permit. For the purpose of this solicitation, assume six (6) weeks duration. With an additional two (2) weeks for plan revisions. The California State Fire Marshal is the Fire Official for Judicial Council-owned properties. The Division of the State Architect is the authority having jurisdiction for ADA compliance. b. Plans will be reviewed by Judicial Council Quality Assurance, or an external third party plan reviewer contracted by the Judicial Council. c. See response to "a" above. d. No known street/easement crossings in BANCRO region.
6	Attachment-O6-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.
8		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.
9	Attachment-O5-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)?	Judicial Council will allow the use of UL 3741 per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1).
10		All	Please confirm which site's interconnection applications are submitted under NEM-2.0.	The submitted interconnection applications under the NEM 2.0 program are for PV and BESS with the specifics listed in the Attachment C1 Series on the Site Data Tab under the "IA System Sizes (PV+BESS)" header. Sites without data here do not have interconnection applications filed.
11		All	In order to submit final building permits by April 15th, 2026 to the IOUs, would JCC accept removing BESS from the interconnection applications since BESS can be added after while still maintaining NEM-2.0 for PV since this is an aggressive deadline?	Per Table F.1 of Rule 21 removal of a BESS or reduction by more than 20% will be considered a material modification and require resubmittal. This has been confirmed with utility staff. For this reason the Judicial Council is not considering this option as it would cause the loss of NEM 2.0 grandfathering.
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?	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.
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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?	The new roof was completed in September 2023.
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)?	Judicial Council will allow the use of UL 3741 per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1).
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19	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 18/24, section 13.7 & Attachment Q	All	Section 13.7 of Addendum 1 states all documentation required must be submitted in the format of the file provided. However, the format shown in Attachment Q for several files differs from what the Judicial Council provided. For example, Attachment Q's Submittal Item/Format column indicates Attachment B1 should be submitted as "A Single PDF File", but the Judicial Council provided Attachment B1 in Word format. Please confirm if the Judicial Council requires submitted files to be in the format that was originally provided or if we should follow the prescribed format for items as defined in Attachment Q.	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 13.SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS {REVISED} , 13.7.
20	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 18/24, section 13.7	All	Section 13.7 of Addendum 1 states all documentation required must be submitted in the format of the file provided. Due to the inability to combine various file formats into a single proposal, creating a comprehensive table of contents might lose its effectiveness. Is it the Judicial Council's intention for proposers to submit individual attachments separately, or should they merge files into a unified document format that allows for an accurate table of contents?	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 13.SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS {REVISED} , 13.7.
21	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 19/24, section 14.1.3 & Attachment B1, page 3, Section 5. Client References	All	Section 14.1.3 of Addendum 1 states "The Proposer shall provide five (5) client references that must be projects completed in the last five years" while the requirement in Section 3 of Attachment B1 states "Proposer shall provide three (3) client references that must be from the past five (5) years. Please confirm the number of client references the Judicial Council requires.	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 14.PROPOSAL CONTENTS (REVISED), 14.1.3.

22	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 20/24, section 14.1.12 & Attachment Q	All	Section 14.1.12 of Addendum 1 indicates Attachment L, Internal Background Check Policy is a required document for proposers to complete but is not listed in Attachment Q, RFP Response Completion Checklist as a required document. As this document doesn't impose any response requirements on proposers, please confirm if the Judicial Council mandates the inclusion of this document in proposal submissions?	Attachment L is included in the RFP for information purposes and is not a required document to be completed by the vendor at the time of proposal submission.
23	Attachment-B2-NCRO-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Technical-Expertise-Form, question 2.5	All	Does the Judicial Council anticipate using internal inspectors or is the expectation to use our inspectors?	The Judicial Council will use its inspectors of record.
24	Attachment-B2-NCRO-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Technical-Expertise-Form, question 2.5	All	Will the DSA be the inspection entity?	Inspections will be undertaken by three different authorities having jurisdiction: 1) The Judicial Council's Building Official is the authority having jurisdiction for implementation of the California Building Code; 2) the California State Fire Marshal is the authority having jurisdiction for fire life safety concerns; and 3) the Division of the State Architect is the authority having jurisdiction for matters involving ADA access.

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8		15-D1 Delano/North Kern Court	Can we have this site's single line diagram?	No single line diagram is available for this site.
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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?	There are no additional areas to place solar.
14		19-AP1 Santa Monica	Are there electrical as-built drawings available?	There are no electrical as built drawings for this site.
15		19-AP1 Santa Monica	Please confirm if trees immediately south of rooftops can be removed to reduce shading on PV	The trees immediately south of the western edge of the building have not been evaluated by environmental for protected status. At this time, please assume they cannot be removed.

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.	Area C1 is no longer available for canopies. 09/28/2023: The updated layout has now been uploaded to the RFP website: 19-C1 JCC Site Drawing 2023-09-28 v5.PDF
17		19-C1 Torrance Courthouse	Are there any additional as-built electrical drawings available?	There are no additional as-built electrical drawings available for this site.
18		19-C1 Torrance Courthouse	Please confirm if there are any lighting circuits in the north lot (where C1-C5 are)	Area C1 is no longer available for canopies. Updated layout will be forthcoming. We have not drawings indicating the presence of lighting circuits. It is the contractor's responsibility to assess site conditions during the site walks.
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?	A system size greater than 80% of the NEM2 system size does appear possible using both canopy and rooftop area.
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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.	Meter matches the now provided additional photos of the switchboard, meter, and related equipment located on the exterior of the building as indicated in the Attachment P4 SRO-2 Site Specific Series.
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.
3		All	Are the submitted interconnection applications for PV and BESS in one application or for PV only?	The submitted interconnection applications under the NEM 2.0 program are for PV and BESS with the specifics listed in the Attachment C1 Series on the Site Data Tab under the "IA System Sizes (PV+BESS)" header. Sites without data here do not have interconnection applications filed.
4		All	Have any modifications been made to interconnection applications? If so, which sites? (Limited to one (1) modification per interconnection request)	No modifications have been made to any of the applications since completing their utility review.
5		All	To be grandfathered into NEM-2.0, final building permits need to be submitted to the utility before April 15th, 2026: a. Is JCC a self-permitting agency? If so, what are typical timelines for receiving permits? b. Who will review plan sets? c. Is DSA required to review any part of the project? d. Does JCC for see any issues if certain sites require crossing streets/easements?	a. The Judicial Council is the Building Official for buildings owned by the Judicial Council. Plan review can take a few weeks prior to issuance of building permit. For the purpose of this solicitation, assume six (6) weeks duration. With and additional two (2) weeks for plan revisions. The California State Fire Marshal is the Fire Official for Judicial Council-owned properties. The Division of the State Architect is the authority having jurisdiction for ADA compliance. b. Plans will be reviewed by Judicial Council Quality Assurance, or an external third party plan reviewer contracted by the Judicial Council. c. See response to "a" above. d. No known street/easement crossings in SRO2 region.
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.
8		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.
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)?	Judicial Council will allow the use of UL 3741 per CEC 690.12(B)(2)(1).
10		All	Please confirm which site's interconnection applications are submitted under NEM-2.0.	The submitted interconnection applications under the NEM 2.0 program are for PV and BESS with the specifics listed in the Attachment C1 Series on the Site Data Tab under the "IA System Sizes (PV+BESS)" header. Sites without data here do not have interconnection applications filed.
11		All	In order to submit final building permits by April 15th, 2026 to the IOUs, would JCC accept removing BESS from the interconnection applications since BESS can be added after while still maintaining NEM-2.0 for PV since this is an aggressive deadline?	Per Table F.1 of Rule 21 removal of a BESS or reduction by more than 20% will be considered a material modification and require resubmittal. This has been confirmed with utility staff. For this reason the Judicial Council is not considering this option as it would cause the loss of NEM 2.0 grandfathering.
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		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.	Allowable area for Canopy C2 will be modified to prevent obstruction to the parking lot entrance with bollards. 09/28/2023 : The updated layout has now been uploaded to the RFP website: 37-11 JCC Site Drawing 2023-09-28 v2.PDF
14		37-11 East County Regional Center	Are there any additional as-built electrical drawings available?	There are no additional as-built electrical drawings available for this site.
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	The previously identified protected tree has been removed. An updated layout is forthcoming.
16		13-A1 Imperial Courthouse	Please provide as-built electrical drawings	Electrical as-built drawings are not available for this site.
17		37-C1 Kearny Mesa Court	Are there additional as-built electrical drawings available?	There are no additional as-built electrical drawings available for this site.
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	The anchors referenced are not in use for window washing. No additional setback around them is needed, but they cannot be removed. Please see the additional roof drawing set being provided.
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?	Interconnection Applications (IAs) were not submitted for these sites so there is no data in these fields. Sizing of BESS is to achieve Minimum BESS Capacity Reserved for Resiliency (kWh) and any additional size to achieve savings to the Judicial Council.
20	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.
21	48 17 13 BESS 2.03 C	ALL	Please clarify that it is acceptable to assume that the customer will send a notification of a tariff change, after which the vendor has 24 hours to update the system configuration	Yes, it is agreed that the Judicial Council is responsible for notifying Proposer of a tariff change so that the Proposer may reconfigure the BESS operation.
22	48 17 13 BESS 2.03 F 2	ALL	The ability of a 3rd party platform to charge / discharge the BESS may conflict with project grid-tied optimization in some technologies. Please verify that the interaction with the JC API is to be treated as a manual override event (where grid-tied optimization is suspended).	The BESS Battery Management System should adhere to 48 17 13 BESS 2.03 F 2, for future Judicial Council implementation of additional statewide monitoring and optimization of distributed energy resources. Under certain conditions, such as demand response, the Judicial Council will remotely exercise the manual override of the Proposer's installed BESS Battery Management System for a defined period before the Battery Management System would return to standard operation.
23	01 13 00 Supplementary Criteria 2.10 B	ALL	3. Some sites will likely require electrical equipment modernization (retrofit, new section) to achieve the project tie in concept. Would the project team consider facility maintenance funding outside of the PPA structure to achieve a better long-term rate? Ex. BANCRO, 43-B1 Downtown Superior Court, San Jose 01 13 00 Supplementary Criteria 2.10 B	Proposervto include electrical equipment upgrades in PPA rate. Proposer shall reference the proposed upgrades in the site specific project approach in Attachment B2.
24	01 13 00 Supplementary Criteria 2.10 B	ALL	4. An outdoor "utility intercept" model of tie in might be a less risky default design, as it doesn't affect existing equipment. Would the project team consider this approach	A "utility intercept" model of tie-in is acceptable. Contractor is still responsible for maintaining NEM2 interconnection status. If utilized, the Proposer shall document this in the site specific project approach in Attachment B2.
25	General Question	ALL	We understand a number of top Tier Energy as a Service / PPA providers have dropped out of this solicitation process. Is there a chance that the project will be delayed again?	The Judicial Council anticipates maintaining the estimated contract start date of April 2024. Changes to the solicitation event schedule or proposal due date, if any, will be posted in an updated timeline on the RFP website.

26	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 18/24, section 13.7 & Attachment Q	All	Section 13.7 of Addendum 1 states all documentation required must be submitted in the format of the file provided. However, the format shown in Attachment Q for several files differs from what the Judicial Council provided. For example, Attachment Q's Submittal Item/Format column indicates Attachment B1 should be submitted as "A Single PDF File", but the Judicial Council provided Attachment B1 in Word format. Please confirm if the Judicial Council requires submitted files to be in the format that was originally provided or if we should follow the prescribed format for items as defined in Attachment Q.	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 13.SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS (REVISED), 13.7.
27	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 18/24, section 13.7	All	Section 13.7 of Addendum 1 states all documentation required must be submitted in the format of the file provided. Due to the inability to combine various file formats into a single proposal, creating a comprehensive table of contents might lose its effectiveness. Is it the Judicial Council's intention for proposers to submit individual attachments separately, or should they merge files into a unified document format that allows for an accurate table of contents?	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 13.SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS (REVISED), 13.7.
28	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 19/24, section 14.1.3 & Attachment B1, page 3, Section 5. Client References	All	Section 14.1.3 of Addendum 1 states "The Proposer shall provide five (5) client references that must be projects completed in the last five years" while the requirement in Section 3 of Attachment B1 states "Proposer shall provide three (3) client references that must be from the past five (5) years. Please confirm the number of client references the Judicial Council requires.	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Addendum 2 Revised, Section 14.PROPOSAL CONTENTS (REVISED), 14.1.3.
29	RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Addendum-1-11-06-23, page 20/24, section 14.1.12 & Attachment Q	All	Section 14.1.12 of Addendum 1 indicates Attachment L, Internal Background Check Policy is a required document for proposers to complete but is not listed in Attachment Q, RFP Response Completion Checklist as a required document. As this document doesn't impose any response requirements on proposers, please confirm if the Judicial Council mandates the inclusion of this document in proposal submissions?	Attachment L is included in the RFP for information purposes and is not a required document to be completed by the vendor at the time of proposal submission.
30	Attachment-B2-NCRO-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Technical-Expertise-Form, question 2.5	All	Does the Judicial Council anticipate using internal inspectors or is the expectation to use our inspectors?	The Judicial Council will use its inspectors of record.
31	Attachment-B2-NCRO-RFP-FS-2023-06-JP-Technical-Expertise-Form, question 2.5	All	Will the DSA be the inspection entity?	Inspections will be undertaken by three different authorities having jurisdiction: 1) The Judicial Council's Building Official is the authority having jurisdiction for implementation of the California Building Code; 2) the California State Fire Marshal is the authority having jurisdiction for fire life safety concerns; and 3) the Division of the State Architect is the authority having jurisdiction for matters involving ADA access.