

Attachment B – Signature and Acceptance Form

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NCDEQ)

STATE ENERGY OFFICE (NCSEO)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

“POWER UP” - BIL 40101(D) PREVENTING OUTAGES AND ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC GRID IN NORTH CAROLINA

The undersigned is a duly Authorized Representative of the Applicant Entity named below. The undersigned has read and understands the RFP requirements and acknowledges and agrees that all the terms and conditions of the RFP are mandatory.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that (i) all materials submitted as part of the application are subject to disclosure under the North Carolina Public Records Law; (ii) that the NC State Energy Office (NCSEO) has no obligation, and retains the sole discretion (subject to requisite U.S. Department of Energy approval) to fund or choose not to fund the application set forth herein; (iii) that NCSEO’s receipt of the application does not imply any promise of funding at any time; and (iv) that any guidance and technical assistance provided by NCSEO staff in support of the Applicant completing the application does not in any way obligate the NCSEO to fund the project.

By executing this proposal, the undersigned understands that false certification is a Class I felony and certifies that:

- this proposal is submitted competitively and without collusion (G.S. 143-54),
- none of its officers, directors, or owners of an unincorporated business entity has been convicted of any violations of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes, the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (G.S. 143-59.2), and
- it is not an ineligible Vendor as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1.

Furthermore, by executing this proposal, the undersigned certifies to the best of Applicant’s knowledge and belief, that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal or State department or agency.

As required by G.S. 143-48.5, the undersigned Applicant certifies that it, and each of its sub-Contractors for any Contract awarded as a result of this RFP, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system.

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As required by Executive Order 24 (2017), the undersigned Applicant certifies it will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and that it does not and will not discriminate, harass, or retaliate against any employee in connection with performance of any Contract arising from this solicitation.

G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order 24 (2009) prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee associated with the preparing plans, specifications, estimates for public contracts; or awarding or administering public contracts; or inspecting or supervising delivery of the public contract of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of this response to the RFP, the undersigned certifies, for Applicant’s entire organization and its employees or agents, that the Applicant is not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

The undersigned understands that, if the Application is selected by NCSEO pursuant to this RFP, the Applicant Organization will execute and deliver an agreement to be provided by NCSEO that shall set forth the terms and conditions, together with the respective roles and responsibilities of the Application Team and NCSEO with respect to the project described in the RFP. Further, the undersigned understand that a fully executed agreement is the only indication that any work on the project can begin.

COMPLETE/FORMAL NAME OF THE ENTITY:		
STREET ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX:	ZIP:
CITY & STATE & ZIP:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	WEBSITE:
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:		
PRINT NAME & TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF ENTITY:		
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	DATE:	EMAIL: