



Notice of Intent

Ameren Illinois Company

Notice of Intent to release three requests for proposal (RFPs)

Ameren Illinois Company (AIC) intends to release three RFPs as early as June 5, 2023. The RFPs are for services associated with the AIC 2023 – 2025 Beneficial Electrification Plan (BE Plan), filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission).

The BE Plan is the third document in this docket, Exhibit 10.1 available at <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2022-0431/documents/330542>. The plan is in the process of being updated based on Commission order, although material changes to scopes of programs are not expected. Updates to the plan will be posted around June 1st and the RFP will reflect any changes.

AIC anticipates contracting for RFPs in the Third Quarter (Q3) of 2023, followed by program stand-up and implementation through at least the end of the 2025 calendar year.

AIC is hosting pre-bid conference webinars during the first week of May to introduce the opportunity and answer preliminary questions. Attendance at the pre-bid conference webinars is optional for bidders, although the discussion will provide answers to basic questions that may help inform bidding and teaming strategies. A list of companies who attended the pre-bid conference and have expressed interest in teaming will be provided along with RFP documents.

AIC will entertain questions during the pre-bid conference and within the RFP Q&A period. Questions submitted outside of those periods of time will not be entertained.

The three RFPs to be released are listed below, along with a high-level summary for each:

- **Driver Education:** Electric vehicles (EVs) are increasingly common on the roads and play an important role in our sustainable energy future. To empower the next generation of drivers to contribute to this future, Ameren Illinois is launching a program for driver education courses offered at public high schools across its services territory. This driver education program aims to:
 - Improve access to information by creating and integrating driver education EV curriculum and materials;
 - Strengthen the network of allies who can support EV education and adoption (e.g., community service representatives, dealers, and other workers and allies);
 - Improve access to electrification benefits specifically for historically underserved communities (e.g., equity eligible and low-income); and
 - Lower barriers to adoption for qualifying schools through financial support to install charging equipment and purchase EVs.

There will be a pre-bid conference held on Monday, May 1, 2023 from 4-5pm CST.

Registration for the pre-bid conference may be found here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/94c5b977-8704-425c-a23c-01f3228aeac0@de4812b7-4418-47d0-bedc-6df76ffac877>

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- **Community Engagement and Consultation (CEC):** Communities across Ameren Illinois service territory are planning for a more sustainable energy future, which includes electrification of their transportation infrastructure. In support of this vision, and to help spread the benefits of electrification across entire communities, Ameren Illinois is launching its CEC program. The CEC program will enable communities to develop individualized plans for the future and to implement those plans using the many resources available, including direct support from Ameren Illinois for equity investment eligible and/or low-income communities. The CEC program aims to:
 - Give communities all the tools they need to develop plans through the use of an Ameren Illinois guidebook and associated templates;
 - Strengthen the planning and implementation process via a network of consultants; and
 - Lower financial barriers by providing financial resources to qualifying communities.

There will be a pre-bid conference held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 4-5pm CST.

Registration for the pre-bid conference may be found here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c081f163-8458-4a62-9f41-635675073816@de4812b7-4418-47d0-bedc-6df76ffac877>

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- **Trade Ally and Customer Service:** Electrification is one way that Ameren Illinois' customers and communities can support a sustainable energy future. But they don't have to go it alone—there are trades professionals already embedded across Ameren Illinois' service territory, who are ready to support this transition—specifically to electric vehicles (EVs). To harness the power of these trade allies, Ameren Illinois is standing-up a trade ally and customer service program that will create the Electric Vehicle Partner (EVP) Network and a selection of customer services that will facilitate and empower trade allies to help meet their customers' needs. The EVP Network will be a resource for all of Ameren Illinois customers, including residential, multifamily, educational, transit, fleet, and public charging facilities. This trade ally and customer service program will be a one-stop-shop that aims to:
 - Enhance customer confidence to kick off their electrification journey;
 - Facilitate customer transition to an EV by connecting them with vetted and qualified electrification experts;
 - Lower financial barriers through improved access to financial support (e.g., rebates, grants);
 - Improve access to electrification benefits specifically for historically underserved communities (e.g., equity eligible and low-income); and
 - Ensure a high-quality experience throughout the customers' electrification journey.

There will be a pre-bid conference held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 from 4-5pm CST.

Registration for the pre-bid conference may be found here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2855e4dd-2806-4f13-a605-269e7c9e52b9@de4812b7-4418-47d0-bedc-6df76ffac877>

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Vendor diversity

Ameren's commitment to vendor diversity reflects a belief that efforts to assist diverse businesses will enhance opportunities for success, while providing Ameren with needed materials and services at competitive prices. Ameren values diversity and believes in providing equal opportunity to all vendors, including diverse vendors owned, controlled, and operated by the following businesses: ethnic minority vendors, which include African American, Hispanic American, Asian Sub-Continent American, Asian Pacific American, Native American, and Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender owned businesses; women-owned businesses; veteran-owned businesses; and service-disabled veteran owned businesses.

Although these RFPs are not solicitations for subcontracted work, Ameren welcomes any recommendations of diverse vendors that could potentially assist with the vendor's scope of work in addition to any diverse vendors that could assist with any part of the entire project. Ameren also encourages bidders to consider teaming with diverse businesses. Diversity variables will be incorporated into the evaluation criteria of each bid.

AIQUEOUS

Ameren Illinois has contracted with AIQUEOUS to administer these RFPs. Based in Austin, Texas, AIQUEOUS provides software and services to utilities and utility sector service organizations.