

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
RFP FOR UTILITY ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANT
JUNE 9, 2014

	Question	Answer
1	The RFP lists several areas for which the commission seeks to qualify consultants for future specific projects. Is it necessary to bid on all areas of expertise, or can bidders submit qualifications on only some of the areas listed?	Bidders may submit qualifications on a subset of the areas listed.
2	The RFP asks for three references for similar type of work. Does the RFP require three references for each area of expertise listed in the RFP, or just three references? Can a reference apply to more than one area?	Only three references in total are required. A reference may apply to more than one area.
3	What is meant by the phrase “Analysis and review of utility design”? Does this refer to the organizational and management structure of the utility? If not, please explain what this area of expertise is.	“Analysis and review of utility design” refers to the planning and operation of the utility’s systems, whether that entails distribution, transmission or generation.
4	What is meant by “condemnation actions”? Is this a taking of property by a utility via eminent domain? If not, please explain what this area of expertise is.	Condemnation actions entail the authorized taking of property by eminent domain for use by the utility where necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public. (See NH RSA 371.)
5	Could the Commission provide a list of consultants it has or continues to utilize for these types of services?	In the most recent past, the Commission has hired The Liberty Consulting Group, Accion Group, Inc. and Jacobs Consultancy, Inc. to provide these types of services.
6	Does the Commission expect to contract with more than one consulting firm to fulfill requirements for these services?	A decision on how many contracts are required to fulfill the Commission’s needs will be made after review of responses received.