



Fossil Gas Related Technical Assistance - Request For Proposals (RFP)

Pre-bid Conference (RFP-26-801)



Fuels Analysis Branch, Energy Assessments Division (EAD)
September 04, 2026



Housekeeping

➤ Request For Proposal webpage:

- [RFP-26-801 - Fossil Gas Related Technical Assistance](#)
- Workshop recording will be posted

➤ Virtual participation through Zoom

- Raise hand or Q&A feature
- Telephone participants dial *9 to raise your hand

➤ Written questions to Commission Agreement Officer:

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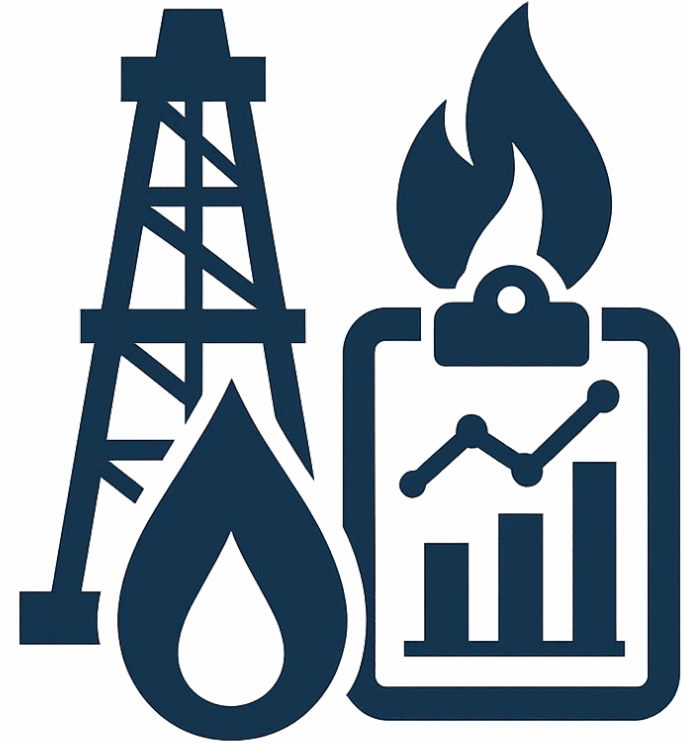
Subject: RFP-26-801 Pre-bid conference

Deadline: September 04, 2026, by 5:00 PM



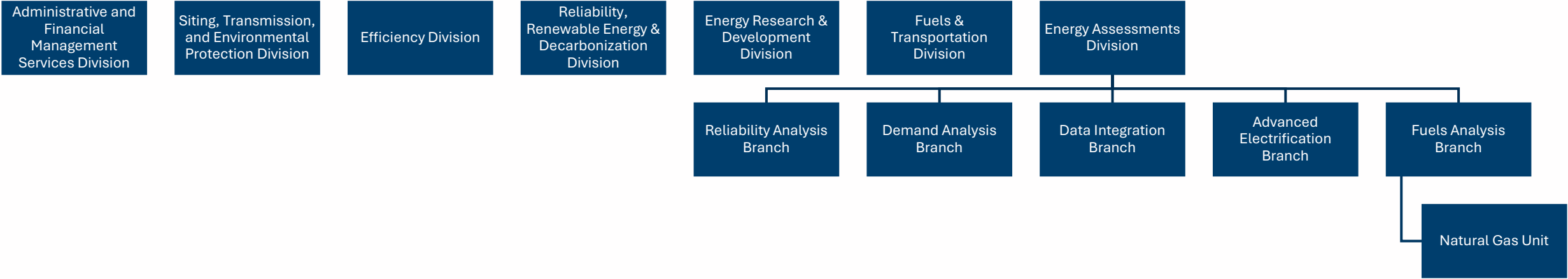
Background

- The CEC's Natural Gas Unit paves the way for California's reliable, affordable, and low-carbon energy future by providing transparent, data-driven, and actionable insights into the natural gas market and system.
- Natural Gas Unit focus:
 - Gas Supply and Demand Forecasting
 - Gas Pricing Forecasting
 - Gas Reliability
 - Gas Decarbonization
 - Electrification and/or Pipeline Decommissioning





Background *(Continued)*





RFP Timeline

ACTIVITY	ACTION DATE
RFP Release	August 24, 2026
Deadline for Written Questions by 5:00 p.m.*	September 4, 2026
Pre-Bid Conference * September 4, 2026	September 4, 2026
Distribute Questions/Answers and Addenda (if any) to RFP	September 11, 2026
Deadline to Submit Proposals by 11:59 p.m. *	September 25, 2026
Notice of Proposed Award	October 23, 2026
Commission Business Meeting	December 16, 2026
Contract Start Date	December 30, 2026
Contract Termination Date	September 30, 2029



RFP Purpose

- The Natural Gas Unit is seeking qualified technical consultants to assist our team with tasks on an as-needed basis. It is envisioned that the consultant would work with the Natural Gas Unit to scope and price a work authorization associated with the relevant task, which would be billed on a time and materials basis.
- Tasks may be related to the following topics: scenario modeling for clean fuels (RNG, hydrogen), scenario modeling for fossil gas pipeline decommissioning, gas supply and demand forecasting, gas rate modeling and forecasting, gas revenue requirement modeling, hydraulic modeling, or other relevant topics.



RFP Elements

➤ **Submission**

- Proposal Format, Required Documents, and Delivery (starts on page 9)

➤ **Proposal Evaluation (2 steps)**

- 1) Administrative and completeness screening
- 2) Technical and cost evaluation of proposals (scoring scale is outlined in the RFP)

➤ **Task 1 – General Requirements or Goals and Objectives**

- Includes kick-off meeting, invoicing, progress reports, subcontractor management, and work authorizations



Scope of Work

- **Task 2: Scenario modeling for clean fuels and fossil gas pipeline decommissioning**
 - Provide expertise and analysis on the potential for fossil gas pipeline decommissioning opportunities driven by cost-effectiveness, equity, electrification propensity, feasibility, risk, and/or other factors.
 - Provide expertise and analysis on pathways for serving “hard-to-electrify” customers with low carbon fuels (clean and renewable hydrogen and fuels derived from biomass).



Evaluation Criteria

- The Maximum Points Available under this RFP are 100
- Minimum Passing Score is 70 (70%)



Scoring Scale

- Approach to Tasks in Scope of Work - 40 Points
- Organizational Structure - 10 Points
- Previous Work Products - 20 Points
- Total Expected Labor Cost - 30 Points



Submitting Proposals

- Proposal format, required documents, and delivery are found in Section III (starts on page 9) of this RFP (RFP-26-801)
- The method of delivery for this solicitation is the Energy Commission Grant Solicitation System, available at <https://gss.energy.ca.gov/>. This online tool allows applicants to submit their electronic documents to the CEC prior to the date and time specified in this solicitation
- Deadline to Submit Proposals by 11:59 p.m. on September 25, 2026



Grounds to Reject a Proposal

- Grounds to reject a proposal can be found on pages 31-32 of solicitation manual



Confidential Information

- No confidential information should be submitted (page 28 of solicitation manual)



Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

- Participation is required
 - Subject to a mandatory certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation of at least 3% of the total contract
- Participation above 3% of contract will merit DVBE incentive points, added to sum of non-cost points during scoring phase
- Additional information found on pages 18-22 in the solicitation manual



Small Business/Microbusiness

- Bidders who qualify as State of California-certified small business receive 5% preference points
- To qualify, bidders must submit
 - Copy of Small Business Certification
 - Contractor Status Form
 - Small Business Preference Claim
- Additional information found on pages 22-25 in the solicitation manual



Submitting Questions

- During the RFP process, clarifying questions about this RFP must be directed to Commission Agreement Officer
 - Enrico Palo, Enrico.Palo@energy.ca.gov
- You may submit written questions via mail or electronic mail. All questions must be received by 5:00 pm on September 4, 2026
- The questions and answers will be posted on the Commission's website at: CEC Solicitations Webpage. [RFP-26-801 - Fossil Gas Related Technical Assistance](#)
- Any verbal communication with a Commission employee concerning this RFP is not binding on the State and shall in no way alter a specification, term, or condition of the RFP. Therefore, all communication should be directed in writing to Enrico Palo, Commission Agreement Officer



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Questions?