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Question 007:

In the joint February 23, 2015 Advice Letter on the WE&T Program Implementation Plan Addendum (PG&E Advice 3567-G/4592-E; SDG&E Advice 3179-E; SCE Advice 3179-E; SoCalGas Advice 4765-G), the IOUs stated that they would add “workforce inclusion as a factor in ranking proposals by third-party contractors.”

- (a) Has “workforce inclusion” been added as a factor in ranking proposals by third-party contractors?
- (b) If yes, to what proposals does this requirement apply, what workforce inclusion information is required to be included in proposals, and how is it assessed in ranking proposals?
- (c) Will workforce inclusion be included as a factor in ranking proposals by third-party contractors under the 2018-2025 Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Business Plan? If yes, how does the Business Plan ensure this will occur?

Response to Question 007:

Question 7 appears to incorrectly interpret the joint advice letter by stating the investor-owned utilities “would add workforce inclusion as a factor in ranking proposals by third-party contractors.” The joint IOU advice letter actually stated:

“In 2015 in conjunction with the Resource Programs, the IOUs will assess the feasibility of adding “workforce inclusion” as a factor in ranking proposals for implementation work by third party contractors for selected Resource Programs. Prior to broader program adoption, it will be necessary to test this methodology to better understand the implications of such an initiative. Some of the necessary criteria that need to be explored include legal and regulatory requirements in introducing such standards into awarding contracts to third party contractors.” [1]

[1] Statewide WE&T PIP addendum at 4

- (a) Workforce inclusion has not explicitly been added as a specific factor in ranking proposals by third-party contractors. However, as stated in SCE’s response to Question 1, each supplier’s commitment to supporting SCE in achieving its G.O. 156 goals is considered as a part of the overall evaluation criteria in SCE’s competitive Request for Proposals (RFP’s) and contracting process.

(b) SCE's G.O. 156 goals are considered in all of SCE's procurement activity, not just energy efficiency.

(c) Workforce inclusion will not explicitly be included as a factor in ranking EE proposals, however, SCE will continue to consider a third party's ability to help SCE achieve its G.O. 156 goals when considering proposals.