

2022 DAC-GT and CSGT RFO Questions

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Q&A Period #2

1. Based on our experience with community solar programs elsewhere in the country we are requesting more clarity on CPA's participation with respect to subscriber acquisition for CSGT. More specifically, given the nature of CPA's overlay with the Southern California Edison (SCE) subscriber base, we believe traditional methods of subscriber acquisition will be challenged by the necessary pre-sorting of customers into cohorts of either CPA or SCE customers, as we assume only CPA customers can subscribe to CSGT projects. Furthermore, the existence of the DAC-GT program could further challenge potential CSGT subscriber acquisition as CPA will be managing subscriber acquisition directly for the DAC-GT program which could divert attention away from CSGT projects. The published RFO materials mention some interaction with CPA's team, but we believe there is not sufficient information provided to refine critical assumptions that impact PPA pricing, and effectively plan the necessary resources to achieve 100% subscription for a CSGT project. We respectfully request that CPA host a call, meeting or separate webinar/Q&A session to discuss this matter in more depth.
 - CPA is using the external facing program Power Share to enroll CPA customers into the DAC-GT or CSGT tariff. Assigning them to the tariff will be conducted by CPA.
 - CPA will lead outreach efforts to enroll customers. Community sponsors will be assisting with enrolling customers into Power Share. Examples can include co-branded collateral and co-hosting events. CPA has a budget to support these activities and does not expect major costs to the community sponsor or solar developer.
 - CPA is looking for CSGT proposals to highlight who the community sponsor is, their connection to the community, and what strategies the community sponsor is willing to perform to help enroll residents in Power Share
2. What sort of multi-benefit does the NRCS salt-affected soils layer imply?
 - These lands are considered multi-benefit as the land is unlikely to otherwise be used for agriculture.
 - As stated in Exhibit A, the Evaluation Tool helps all bidders determine if a Project overlaps with certain environmental avoidance areas ("Avoidance Areas" in the Tool) or preferred renewable energy development and multi-benefit areas ("Renewable Energy Zones and Multi-benefit Areas" in the Tool). For information on a specific layer, click 'Show item details' on the selected layer to find a layer description and the source of the information.
3. Please clarify the reasoning behind the inclusion of RETI solar exclusion zones 1 and 2 as an avoidance area.
 - These are composite layers that pull from a variety of sources, the best explanation of these layers can be found at these links:
 - <https://databasin.org/datasets/2d657dab4bb94d6d8fdf50a193b40da5/>

- <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=158394c440df4f22918926b47c16e985>
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CPA will issue Addendum #2 to the RFO to reflect the information contained in this response.