

Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) - Implementation Committee (IC)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 20-10

Legal Services

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In March 2020, the Alaska Legislature passed SB 123, a bill that will establish an electric reliability organization (ERO) for the Railbelt electric grid, which serves roughly 75% of Alaskans. The ERO will define and enforce electric reliability standards, coordinate joint planning through an integrated resource planning process and ensure consistent, non-discriminatory interconnection protocols for utilities, independent power producers, and others who would like to use the grid. After Governor Dunleavy signed the bill into law in April, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) began a rulemaking process to develop rules to implement the legislation. Those regulations must be finalized by July 1, 2021, so that applicants to become the ERO can submit applications to the RCA by October 2021.

The RRC is a voluntary effort of the six Railbelt utilities and other stakeholders to develop an application to become the ERO. The 14-person RRC Implementation Committee (IC) is responsible for developing the organizational documents and formally establishing the RRC as a viable organization before it submits its ERO application. The Implementation Committee held its kickoff meeting on July 23 and now meets every week. The Committee is committed to an open and transparent process and has prioritized the development of open meeting procedures and communication. The Implementation Committee is seeking legal services to help guide its work over the next 12 months.

Legal Services Sought:

- Assist IC in drafting RRC Bylaws.
- Assist IC in drafting RRC Articles of Incorporation.
- Assist IC in drafting RRC Code of Conduct.

Submittals: Parties interested in providing legal services shall submit a letter of interest which includes a person or firm's qualifications and experience, billing rates, and identification of any potential conflicts with any of the IC members listed on the included spreadsheet. Submittals should be emailed to Ron_vecera@chugachelectric.com no later than September 14, 2020.