Solicitation FAQ

Version: 1.0 published November 6, 2026

Solicitation: IFB: 2026-05b

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to: RFP@lcecnet.com no later than: **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. MT.**

Responses to questions will be posted in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document available on LCEC's website as they are answered. Bidders are responsible for reviewing the FAQ and any formal addenda prior to submitting their bids.

To maintain a fair, open, and competitive procurement process, internal administrative details including internal project naming, project numbers, grant award dates, funding schedules, and individual partner identities are not disclosed during the active solicitation. Bidders must formulate competitive proposals based strictly on the technical specifications, delivery milestones, and commercial requirements set forth in the solicitation documents.

Delivery

Q. Whose responsibility is pole storage and delivery?

A. The successful bidder is responsible for manufacturing, storing, and delivering in accordance with the solicitation. Materials must be stored at the vendor's and/or manufacturer's facility until requested by LCEC, with deliveries occurring in multiple shipments over a period of up to two years.

Qualifications

Q. Which BABA statute?

A. Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted under Public Law 117-58 and implemented through 2 CFR Part 184, applies to this procurement.

Q. What PO number should be referenced for BABA certification?

A. A purchase order has not yet been issued for this solicitation. Manufacturers should reference IFB 2026-05b, "BABA Compliant Non-Wood Poles," and specifically identify the materials being offered. Certification requirements are provided on page 6 of the solicitation.

Q. What federal agency and financial assistance program apply to this procurement?

A. This procurement involves federal financial assistance under the oversight of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Deployment Office (GDO), Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 81.254, Grid Infrastructure Deployment Resilience.