

**Americans for a Clean Energy Grid Request for Proposals:  
FERC Legal and Policy Assistance  
November 15, 2024**

## **Overview**

Americans for a Clean Energy Grid (“ACEG”) is a diverse, multi-stakeholder, public interest education and advocacy 501(c)(3) organization focused on the need to expand, modernize, and integrate the high-capacity transmission grid to achieve greater security, reliability, affordability, and sustainability of electric power service in the United States. Our work involves collaboration with utilities, transmission developers, renewable developers, environmental and environmental justice organizations, and policymakers to advocate for regulatory and policy reforms to support the development of smart transmission.

In May 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order No. 1920—a transformative transmission planning and cost allocation rule that directs planning regions to engage in proactive and comprehensive long-term regional planning and to file revised tariffs to comply with the new requirements. FERC is also considering additional action on transmission-related policies on interregional planning and transfer capability requirements. ACEG seeks the assistance of one or more expert legal or policy consultant(s) who can support ACEG’s engagement in FERC matters and strategize additional FERC advocacy efforts that can advance transmission expansion and modernization.

## **Statement of Work**

The selected consultant will be responsible for:

- Assisting with ensuring strong regional compliance with Order No. 1920 by tracking regional efforts to comply with the Order and drafting comments on regional compliance plans.
- Advancing policies on interregional transmission and a minimum transfer capability requirement at FERC.
- Monitoring and providing ACEG with regular updates and analyses of FERC filings, court opinions, and rulemakings with implications for transmission development and policy.

- Identifying opportunities for ACEG to engage in docketed proceedings and technical conferences at FERC.
- Offering detailed, digestible explanations of technical, legal, and regulatory materials to the ACEG team.
- Support ACEG in participating in FERC rulemakings and other proceedings that involve transmission issues, including for example by drafting comments for formal proceedings, FERC workshops, and technical conferences, and proposing talking points for ACEG-nominated workshop/conference participants.
- Contributing to internal ACEG strategy discussions by providing a regulatory perspective on transmission-related policies.
- Helping plan ACEG's monthly FERC Committee meeting.

During this contract, ACEG's consultant will not participate or intervene on behalf of ACEG, in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office to an extent that would disqualify ACEG from its tax exemption status.

### **Background on ACEG's FERC Work**

ACEG has been deeply engaged in advocating for improved transmission planning and cost allocation through FERC, with a notable focus on Order No. 1920, finalized in May 2024. This landmark rule represents a major advancement in regional transmission planning, and ACEG has played a central role by mobilizing diverse stakeholders, hosting educational sessions, and ensuring broad-based support.

Leading up to and following the rule's issuance, ACEG organized pre-briefings, webinars, and detailed discussions at each of the five regional NARUC conferences to educate stakeholders and promote strong regional compliance. ACEG also worked with a consultant to develop a comprehensive summary of Order No. 1920 and analyses of the current transmission planning and cost allocation practices of all the transmission planning regions and how they compare to the requirements of Order No. 1920.

ACEG continues to drive Order No. 1920's momentum through ongoing advocacy during compliance filings and rehearing processes. This involves producing resources, including an interim report card in October 2024 to evaluate regional planning practices, highlighting the early progress and continued challenges related to the Order.

In addition to this work, ACEG engages in all transmission-related actions at FERC. For example, ACEG engaged in FERC's Interconnection workshop, submitting comments to the docket that advocated for policies that would expedite the interconnection process and address the backlog in project queues. ACEG has also shared its priorities for interregional transmission with FERC and regularly submits comments on transmission-related dockets at FERC.

## **Eligible Offerors**

Eligible offerors must demonstrate experience to perform the duties described under the scope of work, including but not limited to:

- Extensive experience advocating at FERC in both formal proceedings and informal contexts such as workshops and technical conferences.
- A strong background in transmission planning, development, and cost allocation.
- Creativity and strong critical thinking, research, writing, and analytical skills.
- Extensive experience providing strategic advice and identifying opportunities to advance an organization's mission.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines.
- Experience in multiple Order No. 1000 regions and in reviewing regional transmission planning processes and analyzing transmission tariffs (preferred).

## **Submission Requirements**

**To Apply:** Please submit an electronic proposal to [Applications@cleanenergygrid.org](mailto:Applications@cleanenergygrid.org) by 5 pm ET on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, and include "ACEG FERC Support" in the subject line. Proposals should include:

- An executive summary consisting of a brief overview of the Consultant's experience and the planned scope of work.
- A statement of firm qualifications that addresses the required experience listed under "Eligible Offerors".
- A proposed work plan, including a proposed approach and timeline.
- The names of the persons who will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of work, and bios or resumes of each proposed team member.
- A budget that proposes either a monthly retainer or a total budget with hourly rates for team members.

- A list of two to three references who were provided with services similar to those described in the scope of work.
- A statement disclosing any potential conflicts for this work, and an explanation of actions, if any, that can be taken to minimize or eliminate such conflicts.

### **Consultant Selection**

All expenses related to responding to this RFP shall be borne by the bidders. ACEG retains the right to award a portion, or all, of this contract to one or more offerors that best meet the requirements of this RFP, or to withdraw the RFP with no advance notice. Activities will commence after a contract has been executed.

ACEG is committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. We believe that diverse perspectives are essential to achieving our mission of expanding and modernizing the electric grid to benefit all communities. ACEG is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other protected characteristic. Please provide a brief explanation of the efforts, if any, the Offeror has taken to foster diversity and inclusion in its employee hiring and retention processes.

### **Timing:**

**Application Deadline:** November 26, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. ET

**Planned Selection Deadline:** December 20, 2024

**Start Date:** April 1, 2025

**End Date:** March 31, 2026