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Current as of April 9, 2026 (updated as needed on a daily basis)

PIPP-1: Where can I find the calendar for the upcoming PIPP RFP?

A: The calendar for the 2026 PIPP RFP is available on the [PIPP RFP page](#) of the CBP website.

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PIPP-2: What is the Price-to-Beat?

A: The Price-to-Beat for the upcoming PIPP RFP is \$95.52/MWh, and a Bid that is at or above the Price-to-Beat will be automatically rejected. Please see Section III.2.8 of the PIPP Rules for additional information.

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PIPP-3: Can an electronic signature be used to complete the certification included within the Expression of Interest Form?

A: The Officer of the Bidder or a Representative named in the Expression of Interest Form must sign the certification within the Expression of Interest Form. The signed Expression of Interest must be submitted via electronic means to PIPP-RFP@nera.com and completed as follows:

- Printed, signed, scanned, and transmitted to the Auction Manager; or
- Completed with a digital signature, using commercially available software such as DocuSign, and transmitted to the Auction Manager with the accompanying document or information verifying the identity of the signatory; or
- Completed with an electronic signature and emailed to the Auction Manager by the signatory or with the signatory on copy.

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PIPP-4: What are the financial guarantees that are required to participate in the PIPP RFP and when are these due?

A: Financial Guarantees in the form of cash or a letter of credit are due by 12 PM on the Registration Due Date of Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The financial guarantees must be in the amount of the independent credit requirement ("ICR") due under the PIPP Agreement, which is calculated as the product of \$15,000/MW and the MW-measure of PIPP Load. The estimated MW-measure is 293.9 MW. Hence, the ICR required is \$4,408,500 (i.e., 293.9 x \$15,000).

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PIPP-5: Are all bidders required to provide financial guarantees to participate in the PIPP RFP or are financial guarantees required only from bidders that do not qualify for any unsecured credit line under the terms of the PIPP Agreement?

A: Regardless of the result of the creditworthiness evaluation, all bidders in the PIPP RFP must provide financial guarantees in an amount equal to the independent credit requirement due under the PIPP Agreement in the form of cash or a letter of credit. The letter of credit must be in the form of Attachment E to the PIPP Agreement. Such cash or letter of credit is due as part of the Registration Materials by 12 PM (noon) EPT on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

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PIPP-6: Is it a requirement that the Officer of the Bidder sign the Binding Bid Agreement included within the Bid Proposal Form or can another representative sign this certification? Additionally, can this certification be signed using an electronic signature?

A: It is not a requirement that only the Officer of the Bidder can sign the Binding Bid Agreement included as part of the Bid Proposal Form. The individual who signs the Binding Bid Agreement must either be the Officer of the Bidder or a Representative named in the Expression of Interest Form and must be authorized to submit the Bid.

An electronic signature may be used to sign the Binding Bid Agreement in the Bid Form. The Binding Bid Agreement must be submitted via electronic means and completed as follows:

- Printed, signed, scanned, and transmitted to the Auction Manager; or
- Completed with a digital signature, using commercially available software such as DocuSign, and transmitted to the Auction Manager with the accompanying document or information verifying the identity of the signatory; or
- Completed with an electronic signature and emailed to the Auction Manager by the signatory or with the signatory on copy.

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PIPP-7: Can we propose modifications to the PIPP Supplier Letter of Credit? Additionally, for a Bidder or Bidder's Guarantor that is granted an Independent Credit Threshold and Credit Limit under the PIPP Agreement, and that submits the Winning Bid in the PIPP RFP, will said Bidder's financial guarantees (submitted as part of the Registration Materials) be cancelled or returned following the RFP?

A: The Form of PIPP Supplier Letter of Credit, due with a Bidder's Registration Materials, must be in the form of Attachment E to the PIPP Agreement. There is not a process for Bidders to propose modifications to the standard form of the Form of PIPP Supplier Letter of Credit.

Section III.5 of the PIPP RFP Rules describes the post-bid process under the PIPP RFP. Should a bidder submit the Winning Bid in the PIPP RFP, AEP Ohio will communicate directly with the Winning Bidder for execution of the Confirmation (Attachment A to the PIPP

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Agreement) and, as applicable, for posting or replacement of financial guarantees under the terms of the PIPP Agreement. Article 5 of the Master PIPP Agreement describes the credit requirements of the PIPP Supplier and the Guarantor as applicable. Specifically, Article 5 describes the circumstances under which the PIPP Supplier is granted an Independent Credit Threshold to satisfy the Independent Credit Requirement as well as the circumstances under which the PIPP Supplier is granted a Credit Limit to satisfy the Total Exposure Amount. Please see Article 5 of the Master PIPP Agreement. For the Bidder with the Winning Bid, it is possible that based on AEP Ohio's determination of creditworthiness the Bidder, or its Guarantor, is not required to post Performance Security, in which case AEP Ohio will return the financial guarantees (either return the cash or cancel the letter of credit) posted with the Bidder Registration Materials.

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PIPP-8: Can a Bidder participate in the RFP as one entity and satisfy the requirements of the RFP rules and PIPP Agreement under another entity?

A: It is not possible to participate in the RFP as one entity and satisfy the requirements of the RFP and the PIPP Agreement under another entity. To become a Qualified Bidder in the PIPP RFP, an interested party must: (i) provide information required by the Expression of Interest Form, including evidence that it is certified by the Commission as a Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") provider and registered in AEP Ohio's territory; and (ii) provide information required by the Credit Application and submit to a creditworthiness evaluation under the terms of the PIPP Agreement. Only Qualified Bidders are eligible to submit a Bid Proposal in the PIPP RFP. A Bid Proposal includes a partially executed PIPP Agreement (signifying the bidder's agreement to the terms of the standard contract without modifications or exceptions), a Bid, a Binding Bid Agreement, and financial guarantees sufficient to support its Bid. Through its submission of any materials in response to the PIPP RFP, a bidder acknowledges and accepts all the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP and the PIPP Agreement.

If the Commission approves the results of the PIPP RFP, the Winning Bidder will proceed to the execution of the Confirmation under the PIPP Agreement with AEP Ohio within two (2) business days of Commission decision. A bidder that wins an auction under this RFP for which results are approved by the Commission becomes a "PIPP Supplier". A PIPP Supplier will assume all responsibilities of an LSE and is responsible for providing full requirements service to PIPP customers of AEP Ohio and to bear all costs that are associated with this responsibility.

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PIPP-9: Can the Auction Manager provide a list of banks that have previously issued a PIPP Supplier Letter of Credit?

A: The Auction Manager does not maintain a list of banks that have previously issued a PIPP Supplier Letter of Credit.

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PIPP-10: Can you provide the PIPP Agreement in Microsoft Word format?

A: AEP Ohio makes the PIPP Agreement available in PDF format to bidders so that each bidder can review the terms of the Agreement and accept such terms. AEP Ohio is solely responsible for the preparation of the PIPP Agreement and thus AEP Ohio does not make this document available in Microsoft Word Format.

We remind you that by providing the signed copy of the signature page to the PIPP Agreement with their Registration Materials, each Bidder agrees to the terms of the standard contract without modifications or exceptions. Through its submission of any materials in response to the PIPP RFP, a bidder acknowledges and accepts all the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP and the PIPP Agreement.

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