



Notice of Information Session for RFI Bidders

Energy Trust of Oregon Equity Metrics House Bill 3141 Implementation

OPUC Staff (Staff) is seeking a third-party consultant to help design and implement a process for outreach and data collection from a diverse stakeholder group to inform development of equity metrics in 2022, as required by House Bill 3141. Staff has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for these services.

To respond to the RFI, please register on OregonBuys at <https://oregonbuys.gov/bs/> and look for RFI# S-86000-00001999 to see the most up-to-date solicitation and submit a response by March 24, 2022.

Staff is hosting an optional information session to provide background and answer questions on the RFI. Staff invites potential bidders to attend this public session on **Thursday, March 3, 11:30-Noon**. OPUC Staff wishes to provide additional context to introduce potential bidders to the agency and relevant background that will help in responding to the RFI.

Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022
Time: 11:30 – Noon Pacific Time
Access: Join the [Zoom meeting online](#) OR

Join by phone:

Call (971) 247-1195

Enter Meeting ID: 890 6982 5609

Enter Passcode: PWA43N&hnD

One tap mobile +19712471195,,89069825609#,,,,*3267801078#

Agenda

In this meeting, Staff will provide a brief overview of the Oregon Public Utility Commission and its relationship to Energy Trust of Oregon. Staff will then answer questions from the audience.

Background

House Bill 3141¹, Section 11, requires the OPUC to establish and update, no less than every four years, equity metrics to assess, address, and create accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure and investment of funds provided to a non-governmental entity to acquire energy efficiency and small-scale renewables. The bill defines “environmental justice” as “the equal treatment, protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful involvement of environmental justice communities in the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and policies that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn, practice spirituality and play.”

¹ HB 3141 found at:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3141/B-Engrossed>

Notice of Information Session

Energy Trust of Oregon is the non-governmental entity that invests these funds on behalf of the utility customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, Avista Utilities, Cascade Natural Gas, and Northwest Natural. Energy Trust has a robust internal program that has been working for several years to implement diversity, equity, and inclusion principles throughout its organization.

The equity metrics established by the OPUC must reflect feedback gathered through a public process that, at a minimum, includes representatives of environmental justice communities. These communities include communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including but not limited to seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.

Staff Contacts

If you have questions or comments please contact Anna Kim anna.kim@puc.oregon.gov (971) 239-2887, or Ezell Watson III ezell.watson@puc.oregon.gov, (971) 218 – 1150.