

Request for Proposal Notice – Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study (AESC Study)

To be Issued by Eversource, on behalf of New Hampshire
Study Sponsors

This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is being released on behalf of the New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut electric and natural gas utilities and Study Sponsors who administer energy efficiency and demand-side management programs, collectively (the “program administrators”). The program administrators in the six-state region are soliciting bids from consulting firms to provide projections of avoided energy supply costs to support their program planning and regulatory filings over the next three years. The program administrators, in collaboration with state agencies, non-utility parties, and their consultants, constitute the Study Group. The Study Group is responsible for selecting the Contractor to conduct the study, reviewing study methodologies and draft work products, monitoring progress of the study, and ensuring the results satisfy the study goals.

The Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study (AESC Study) is conducted every three years to update and enhance the results of prior AESC Studies. Maintaining continuity with prior AESC studies facilitates consistent application of study results to energy efficiency programs. At the same time, this AESC Study seeks to refine the methods from previous iterations and explore new benefits where markets or programs have evolved to require additional research. Ultimately, the study will culminate in a set of forecast tables by state for each avoided energy supply cost component and a report detailing the associated methodologies.

The forecasts include:

1. Natural Gas Markets
2. Fuel Oil and Other Fuel Markets
3. Electric Capacity, Energy, and Clean Electricity Policy Markets
4. Electric Transmission and Distribution
5. Electric Reliability and Resilience
6. Demand Reduction Induced Price Effects (DRIPE)
7. Valuation of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions

Eversource will be conducting this RFP on behalf of the Program Administrators through an ARIBA e-sourcing platform. If you would like to participate, please email galina.grisan@eversource.com and EE_EV_ADR_Procurement@eversource.com to be sent an invitation.

In ARIBA, you will find all the information necessary to navigate through the tool and respond to the RFP. The RFP timeline and assessment process are stated below:

RFP issued to Vendors: January 16, 2026

Deadline to Ask Questions via ARIBA: January 29, 2026

Final Proposal Submission: February 6, 2026

Please note that all questions relating to this RFP must be submitted through the ARIBA Sourcing tool using the Messages function to ensure accurate information is provided to all project team members and suppliers, as well as to ensure process consistency. Eversource will ONLY provide information related to this RFP via the Message function. No other communication vehicles will be allowed.