



# **Inflation Reduction Act Eligibility and Tax Credit Advisory Services Questions and Answers**

Date: 7/28/2025

1. Please confirm the estimated beginning of construction dates for the Byllesby Dam Project and EV Charging stations.  
Answer: Byllesby Dam: 2014 Design phases, 2019 Procurement, 2020 Demo, 2021 construction  
EV Charging Stations: 2025
2. Please confirm the preferred format of the proposal (word or PowerPoint presentation, which would be converted to .pdf)  
Answer: Word or PDF is preferred
3. Please confirm whether there are defined phases or sub-projects within the overall Byllesby Dam project scope?  
Answer:  
No – on the scope of the RFP there are no defined phases or sub-projects.
4. Please confirm if the 10 years of invoice records categorized by expense type?  
Answer: Invoices can be sorted by supplier or by expense categories (chart of accounts).
5. In relation to (v), we noted that construction began in October 2020 according to the project's official website. Could you please clarify how there are 10 years of invoices and expenditures available for review? Does this include planning, design, or other pre-construction activities prior to 2020?  
Answer: Yes, included planning/design/procurement.  
See answer 1.
6. Could you please confirm whether the project is financed with tax-exempt bonds, grants, or any other funding sources that may impact ITC eligibility or require a basis reduction?  
Answer:  
Approximately 12 Million with State Grant , 27.7 Million with ARPA, 11.3 Million County funding
7. Can we understand what kind of assistance/ co-ordination is required "Coordinate with the County's existing accounting firm for filing of 990-T and supporting tax forms". This will assist with preparing the proposed fees.  
Answer: There is another firm that has been contracted by the County to complete a similar project for "Solar Panels". That project already has been completed and the detailed forms 3468 and 3800 have been completed. The firm that is awarded this contract will complete similar tax forms and will coordinate filing one 990-T for the projects in this RFP and "Solar Panel" project.
8. What is Dakota County's anticipated timeline for receiving project deliverables from us?

Answer: eligibility determination for projects will be completed in September so that the projects can be registered in October (prior to completion of the Dam), and then completion of tax forms timely after 12/31/2025 year end.

9. We understand that pre-filing registration cannot occur before the placed-in-service date. Could you clarify your expectation to complete pre-file registration prior to the estimated in-service date of October 1, 2025?

Answer: Complete as timely as possible in conjunction with in-service date.

10. Did the charging projects comply with prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements?

Answer: Yes.

11. Did the County verify the charging projects are in eligible tracts for the credit?

Answer: We would seek proposers input on this as part of proposal

12. The RFP asks for a fixed-fee proposal and hourly work costs. To clarify the hourly work costs – is this referring to a rate card (position and hourly rate) or is a breakdown of the fixed fee proposal by task/hours/rate required?

Answer: Preferred is “breakdown of fixed fee proposed by task/hour/rate”

13. Can you please provide the estimate total nameplate capacity for the Byllesby Dam Project?

Answer: 4.4 MW (between 2 generators)

14. With regard to the Lake Byllesby Dam Project, can you provide details on the renewable energy types and equipment that is to be deployed, comprising that \$50m of spend? Drawings/schematics and such would be very helpful and allow for a full and thorough level of diligence in qualifying all aspects of the spend.

Answer:

Byllesby Dam renewable energy type - Hydropower. Equipment - complete replacement of energy producing equipment (generators, turbines, switchgear, etc.

Drawings/schematics can be provided to selected consultant as the information is considered critical energy infrastructure.

15. Charging Stations: When did construction begin on the charging stations?

Answer: 2025

16. Charging Stations: When are the charging stations anticipated to be placed in service or when were they placed in service?

Answer: 2025

17. Charging Stations: Please provide a listing of locations for the charging stations

Answer:

Lebanon Hills Park - 740 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN 55123

two dual CPF50 chargers

two dual CT4000 chargers

Wescott Library - 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan, MN 55123

one dual CPF50 charger

Empire Facility - 2800 160th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

one dual CPF50 charger

Crisis and Recover Center - 2025 Livingston Avenue, West St Paul, MN 55118  
two dual CT4000 chargers

18. Are you able to substantiate that the charging stations met the IRA prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements?  
Answer: Yes
19. Please provide the cost information for the charging station projects?  
Answer: Total approximately \$150,000
20. Lake Byllesby Dam Project : Please provide the cost and development timeline for the project  
Answer: Project Cost: 50 million, see question 1 for development timeline
21. Lake Byllesby Dam Project : What is the generation capacity?  
Answer: See question 13
22. Lake Byllesby Dam Project : Is there an increase in the hydropower energy generation?  
Answer: Yes
23. Lake Byllesby Dam Project : Was the dam project to replace existing hydropower assets?  
Answer: Yes
24. Lake Byllesby Dam Project: Can you provide an estimated nameplate capacity of the project?  
Answer: See question 13
25. Lake Byllesby Dam Project: Timing
- a. It appears from the County website that construction began approximately in 2020. Did any related work begin before that time?  
Answer: Yes. See question 1
  - b. It also appears from the County website that major works and building construction was completed in 2024. Do you have a more precise date you can provide?  
Answer: No. Building and major structural work was completed in 2024. For building (roof) warranty purposes, we used the date of 12/31/2024. The major equipment was also installed by that date though we are waiting on the testing/commissioning because it requires the electrical connection to the local substation be complete first.
  - c. Also, for clarification, the RFP states “Complete Pre-file registration prior to respective in-service dates, estimated October 1, 2025.” Is October 2025 the expected grid connection or expected timing for pre-filing registration?  
Answer: Yes.
26. Lake Byllesby Dam Project: Technology information and project specifics
- a. Were any of the existing turbines or major equipment retained, or is this a complete replacement?  
Answer: Within the powerhouse, none of the existing (previous) turbines and related electrical equipment were kept. The turbines, generators, and related equipment are entirely new. The intake gates to the powerhouse were also replaced

- b. Domestic content: does the County anticipate to meet the domestic content requirements related to this project?

Answer: Selected contractor will determine the feasibility of this. Will provide information on material sourcing upon contract execution. Primary equipment was purchased from Voith Hydro, which is an international company with US offices. However, the turbines were made by their small-hydro facility in Austria and the generators were made by a subcontracted company called TDPS in India. Materials procured under the main construction contract with Boldt may be domestic materials.

27. Lake Byllesby Dam Project: Funding: Per the County website it appears that the County received \$6M in bonding from the State to fund the project. How else was this project funded? Did the County receive (or expect to) any grants or other rebate/incentive programs?

Answer: The County does not expect an additional rebate or incentive programs. In regards to funding see question 6

28. EV Charging Station Projects: Did the EV charging station projects meet the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements?

Answer: Yes

29. EV Charging Station Projects: If so, were wages and apprentice hours tracked throughout the installation/ construction of the projects?

Answer: Unable to confirm if hours were tracked.

30. Has the County claimed any credits through direct pay previously?

Answer: No.

31. What is the County's tax year end?

Answer: 12/31

32. Would a phased approach with fixed fees for each phase be acceptable? By phasing our scope, we can assess the eligibility of a project first, in order to minimize fees in the event that a credit may not be attainable.

Answer: Yes, that would be acceptable.