

2025 DAC-GT RFO | Frequently Asked Questions

No.	Question	Response
1	Do you have any insight on when the next RFO might be? We have two large rooftops that could be good candidates.	SCE expects to launch some time on or after September 1, 2025.
2	In addition to the WDAT IX process, [do] projects have to register in the CAISO market and be market participants to access the DAC-GT program?	If, by “to access the DAC-GT program”, you mean participating in SCE’s upcoming DAC-GT RFO, then no, there is no requirement to register with the CAISO to participate in our DAC-GT RFO. However, if your offer is selected in the DAC-GT RFO and we both execute the DAC-GT RFO Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), you will need to comply with certain CAISO-related obligations as outlined in the PPA. This includes registering and onboarding your project as a CAISO resource to become a CAISO market participant.
3	Any insight you could offer into the program and how to best try to move forward is greatly appreciated. It would be great to schedule a call with you to discuss the best path forward for the site that we have in your territory. There is a large amount of solar capacity and an eager real estate owner.	<p>As a normal course of our DAC-GT RFO process, we unfortunately do not hold individual meetings with prospective Offerors before a DAC-GT RFO. This includes discussing sites and other developer aspects apart from our RFO solicitation process. As far as RFO process, we invite you to review the 2021 DAC RFO Instructions still posted at https://www.sce.com/procurement/solicitations/dac.</p> <p>These RFO Instructions contain much of the information that may apply to the upcoming solicitation that can help you move forward in anticipation of submitting your DAC-GT RFO offer. Lastly, should you have interconnection-related questions, SCE’s general email for interconnection questions/issues is interconnectionQA@sce.com.</p>
4	Could you kindly provide more specific and in-depth information about the steps we need to take to prepare our projects for submission? What are the exact actions we should follow?	<p>The information you are requesting will available once we launch our DAC-GT RFO later this year. In the meantime, you can visit our 2021 DAC RFO website at https://www.sce.com/procurement/solicitations/dac to access the DAC RFO Instructions from our previous 2021 DAC solicitation. These RFO Instructions contain much of the information that may apply to the upcoming solicitation.</p>

5	I wonder if you can share how much available capacity remains under the DAC-GT program, and a ballpark estimate of how much capacity the 2025 RFO will solicit?	SCE's remaining unprocured DAC-GT program capacity is currently at 68.13 MW. The volume of capacity SCE will procure in 2025 will be based on the competitiveness of the RFO-compliant offers received and SCE's least-cost-best-fit selection process.
6	It looks like we need to register in the GIPT portal, but I'm having some trouble. We don't have a CSLB Number to register for the 3rd party developer portal because we don't do construction in-house. I tried registering by entering a random sequence of numbers in the CSLB field but when I click Verify Email in the Activate Account email I received from Okta, it takes me to a 404 Page Not Found error message. Are you able to help with this issue?	Hello. We are on the energy procurement side of SCE; nothing to do with interconnections. The best I can do is to refer you to our general email for interconnection questions/issues: interconnectionQA@sce.com
7	We have several questions concerning a [X] MW solar project we are developing in [XXX], CA. First, is [XXX] considered a DAC?	<p>In order to make a certain determination as to whether or not your project qualifies as a DAC-located project and is eligible for participation in a DAC RFO, you will need to wait for SCE (or any other relevant DAC RFO program administrator) to publish the RFO materials, upon which you would then submit the required paperwork, and, finally, the respective RFO program administrator will screen your offer(s) to make the final DAC-eligibility determination.</p> <p>For now, we can impart some limited information: Several factors will define an eligible DAC area for a given project. One of several such factors is if your project lies within an area (or within 5 miles within of that area) that scores at or above the 75th percentile (i.e., scoring in the top 25 percent statewide) in the California Environmental Protection Agency's ("CalEPA's") CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile, then it may qualify in a DAC RFO. CalEnviroScreen 4.0 interactive map can be found using an internet search.</p>
8	When is the next DAC-GT solicitation?	SCE expects to launch on or after September 1, 2025. Other load-serving entities with their own DAC programs have different schedules for initiating their own DAC RFOs.

9	<p>We would appreciate any details SCE can provide regarding the most current interconnection process requirements, including the expected turnaround timeline and associated costs</p>	<p>We are currently finalizing the interconnection requirements for the 2025 DAC-GT RFO, which SCE expects to launch in the second half of this year. In the meantime, you can review the Fall 2021 DAC-GT RFO documents available on our SCE DAC website for reference. While I anticipate the interconnection requirements for the 2025 RFO will be similar to those from Fall 2021, I cannot confirm this with absolute certainty.</p> <p>As far as turnaround time, all timeframes with respect to DAC-GT RFO required submittals will be included in our upcoming 2025 RFO Instructions and website(s) upon launch time.</p> <p>Last, unfortunately, I am not in the position to answer questions around associated costs with interconnection since I am on the energy procurement side of SCE. Interconnection questions should be submitted to our interconnection group at interconnectionQA@sce.com.</p>
10	<p>We are interested in understanding the criteria for projects to qualify for the fast-tracked or expedited process. Given that SCE serves as the program administrator, we would also like to confirm whether applications are currently being accepted.</p>	<p>Similar to our response to your previous question, all fast-track or other interconnection processes should be directed to our interconnection group's general email (interconnectionQA@sce.com). Applications related to interconnection will adhere to the interconnection timelines, independent of the DAC-GT RFO schedules. Please note that upon the RFO launch, there will be approximately one month between the launch date and the submission deadline for required RFO materials, including interconnection-related requirements. Depending on the interconnection process relevant to your DAC project(s), you may need to begin (or have already begun) prior to the RFO launch.</p>
11	<p>Will SCE be allowing solar + energy storage projects for the DAC-GT solicitation</p>	<p>At this time, SCE does not intend to allow storage, including storage linked to hybrid solar/storage projects or solar and storage co-located projects, in the forthcoming 2025 DAC-GT RFO.</p>

12	About the upcoming DAC program, has it been possible for two projects to co-locate underneath the program?	It is SCE’s interpretation that the latest DAC decision (Decision 24-05-065) does not contemplate a ‘co-located’ project configuration which is a design wherein a solar project is distinct from, and for the most part operates separately from, a storage project – even though both projects are physically close together and may share certain infrastructure (eg a gen-tie) and a Point of Interconnection. Instead, the DAC program does make it possible, at the discretion of each DAC RFO’s Program Administrator (PA), for solar-storage ‘hybrid’ projects – which is a single project combining solar panels with batteries to operate as a single resource – to participate in a given DAC-RFO. Regarding SCE’s upcoming 2025 DAC-GT RFO, at this time SCE does not intend to allow storage, including storage linked to hybrid solar/storage projects or solar and storage co-located projects, in the forthcoming 2025 DAC-GT RFO.
13	I searched through the documents but didn't see any specific language on Co-location.	SCE confirms there is no mention or contemplation of co-located projects in Decision 24-05-065 with respect to DAC-GT.
14	If they are in the same site but below 20 MW cumulatively, does this change the outcome as well?	If SCE, as it’s DAC-RFO PA, does allow paired (i.e., hybrid) resources to bid into a future DAC-GT RFO, the capacity only of the hybrid solar portion of the hybrid project would be measured against the 20 MW project size cap. However, at this point in time, SCE does not intend to allow storage, including storage linked to hybrid solar/storage projects or solar and storage co-located projects, in the forthcoming 2025 DAC-GT RFO.
15	What specific permits were required to show proof of the applications being “deemed complete” in SCE’s 2021 RFO?	In past SCE DAC RFO Instructions, the requirement for each Project was a copy of the letter (the “Environmental Review Letter”) from the lead land use permitting agency documenting that the land use permit application for the Project has been “deemed complete” to begin the permitting review process. Further, this Environmental Review Letter mustn’t contradict any information regarding Permits as provided in the Sellers Proposal Letter which is another required submittal in SCE’s DAC RFO. The forthcoming 2025 DAC-GT RFO Instructions will likely contain the same, or similar, requirements.
16	In the 2021 RFO, if a bidder offered a project term of 10 years in the DAC-GT program, could the project operate as a merchant generator in CA after this term?	We have no prohibitions around how the generator is managed after the term of our PPA.

17	<p>In the 2021 RFO, were renewable technologies able to be paired with battery storage?</p> <p>If so, are there any rules about use cases for batteries?</p>	<p>To your first question, no, they were not. The DAC Decision at that time did not allow the pairing of energy storage.</p> <p>To your second question, N/A.</p>
18	<p>Does SCE expect to release a solicitation this year for its allocation under the DAC-GT Program?</p>	<p>Yes, we expect to launch on or after September 1, 2025.</p>
19	<p>We understand that many LSEs are accepting supply contracts that contain language wherein the parties to agree renegotiate in good faith, in the event of “change in tax law and/or tariff impacts to supply chain economics”. Do you know if this approach is something that has been encouraged or supported by the CPUC?</p>	<p>We are currently unsure if the CPUC has a stance on changes in tax law or tariffs. Please note that before launching our RFO, we submit all related materials, including our DAC-GT pro forma PPA, to the CPUC for approval. Additionally, the DAC-GT pro forma PPA we submit will not include any language or provisions for renegotiation openers, and the DAC-GT PPA is non-negotiable.</p>

20	<p>Does the Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP) provide for grant adjustments in the event of a post contract change in tax law, i.e., a reduction in the available ITC?</p>	<p>No, the MIP agreements do not provide for any grant adjustments upon changes in law. The maximum total Incentive Award payable by SCE to Awardee for development of the Community Microgrid Project is the amount identified in the approved Application Incentive Request (AIR). Any costs that exceed the maximum Incentive Award, including, a reduction in the available ITC, shall be the Awardee's responsibility. The only exceptions to this would be if SCE and Awardee mutually agree to amend the Incentive Award, or the CPUC directs SCE to amend the Incentive Award.</p> <p>Eligible Project Costs include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs for purchasing IFOM CMG Resources and their grid-forming and grid-following inverters and generator resources. To be eligible, none of these resources can be part of an Interconnection Agreement with SCE executed before the close of the application window used for the MIP application. • The costs for purchasing IFOM CMG Resource's controller, protection, and communications equipment. • Permitting and licensing expenses incurred for IFOM CMG Resource(s) and CMG Balance of System prior to the CMG Commercial Operation Date. • Expenses related to reconfiguring behind-the-meter (BTM) electric service equipment so specific customer or facility loads can be isolated and served when the microgrid is in Island Mode. • Project management costs, including costs related to engineering, system integration, and construction activities for IFOM CMG Resource and CMG Balance of System, including site preparation, civil, electrical, and mechanical work. • Expenses associated with purchasing or leasing property for the IFOM CMG Resources and CMG Balance of Systems. Leasing property expenses should reflect the present value of the lease for the property needed for the IFOM CMG Resources and CMG Balance of System. • Costs related to community outreach activities conducted for the microgrid and costs associated with developing a microgrid proposal and MIP application, to the extent not covered in the optional MIP Application Development Grant. • Taxes to the extent applicable on any of the above
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