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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Request for Proposals

NARUC International Issues RFP (**NARUC-2021-RFP124-SL1185**)

Technical Assistance to Analyze Competition in the Central American Regional Electricity Market (MER) from 2017-2020 and Recommend Corrective Measures

Target Region: Central America

Expressions of Interest (EOI) due by January 3, 2022

Proposal due date is January 17, 2022 by 5PM Eastern Time

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) seeks to empower the global community of regulators to drive meaningful change in their energy sectors. Working in partnership with U.S. and international officials, NARUC supports real improvements in the quality and effectiveness of regulation in foreign countries through dialogue and collaboration.

With funding support from the Power Sector Program of the Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) at the U.S. Department of State and under the auspices of the Support Utility Reform and Governance III (SURGe III) cooperative agreement, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) will conduct a short term technical assistance for the Regional Electricity Interconnection Commission (Comisión Regional de Interconexión Eléctrica, CRIE) to develop an **Analysis of Competition in the Central American Regional Electricity Market (MER) from 2017-2020 and Recommendations for Corrective Measures** (herein referred to as *Analysis* and *Recommendations*).

To support CRIE's role in overseeing competition in power trade in Central America, the *Analysis* and *Recommendations* will provide a report analyzing and identifying anti-competitive practices

during the years 2017-2020 and suggest corrective revisions. The deliverables will assist the CRIE in identifying crucial considerations governing non-discriminatory third-party access to electricity transmission and distribution networks, thus creating robust, open, and effective competition in electricity sector markets to promote investment. Furthermore, the analytical work will address any other situation that could affect competition in the regional electricity market and outline relevant corrective measures.

This project is estimated to last from February 2022 to July 2022.

[The full RFP and other pertinent information can be found here.](#)

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All questions, submissions, and communications should be sent via email to:

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Please limit your narrative addressing the proposed treatment of the project tasks and sub-tasks to 6-8 pages. Responses shall fully address the following:

- Cover Letter (including SAM registration number and expiration date)
 - Proposed approach and proposed treatment of the tasks and sub-tasks with a view toward expected deliverables
 - Identify the short-term outcomes and long-term impacts that will support the project beneficiaries in moving from their current status towards the intended goals and results
 - Description of relevant experience in energy regulatory commissions, outlining specific experience in or related to:
 - Developing country contexts
 - Regional power trade and regional power market development, including ensuring equal third-party access to transmission and distribution
 - Design of regulatory frameworks for promotion of competition in power markets and analysis of anti-competitive practices in power markets, preferably in relation with regional power markets
 - Analyzing institutional and regulatory barriers to regional market competition
 - Resume
 - Budget (**Attached in Microsoft Excel not saved as a PDF—template provided by NARUC. See Annex 1.7**)
 - Rationale for Proposed Salary (See Annex 1.5)
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- Budget Instructions & Daily Rate Calculations (See Annex 1.6)
- Proposed Schedule of Work with Estimated Due Dates by Task (See Annex 1.8)

Please feel free to circulate this notice to other parties who may be interested in these opportunities.
