

Question Number	RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	Commission Response
1.	Contractor Duties Section I. Conflict of Interest	22	Will the state consider a conflict of interest (OCI) a business relationship or an audit relationship that exists between the bidder and a public utility?	Any relationship by the bidder with either Black Hills Energy or NorthWestern Energy would be a clear conflict of interest. Beyond that, the bidder is urged to follow the requirements in the RFP and identify the facts presenting a possible conflict, and then propose a mitigation plan. The Commission will look at the totality of the situation, in detail, and make a determination at that point.
1a.	Contractor Duties Section I. Conflict of Interest	22	To enable the state to receive broader participation to this RFP, may an OCI mitigation plan or a 'team firewall' be considered once an award is made to a bidder?	The elements of any potential mitigation plan are entirely up to the bidder.