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WISPREE_T07 **Renewable Energy Wheeling Services.**

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1	Fri 06 Nov 2026 15:24	1. Does participation in the RFI guarantee entry into the eventual RFP, or are the two processes entirely separate?	**Participation in the RFI does not guarantee automatic inclusion in, or an invitation to, a subsequent procurement process. As stated in the RFI, the information submitted will be used to identify suitably qualified and experienced service providers for potential participation in a subsequent closed procurement process, should the University elect to proceed. Respondents must meet the mandatory requirements set out in the RFI to be considered for shortlisting.**	
		2. May we submit the NDA before submitting our RFI response? We are unable to provide the commercially sensitive information requested in the RFI until the protections contemplated in the NDA are in place.	**The University acknowledges the request and will liaise with its Legal Department to establish whether the NDA can be reviewed and executed separately, prior to the submission of the RFI response. Feedback will be communicated to the respondent once the necessary arrangements have been confirmed.**	No
		3. When can we expect responses to our clarification questions?	**The University will review the clarification questions received and issue responses to all known respondents where the enquiries are considered broadly applicable and relevant to the RFI process. Enquiries relating specifically to an individual respondent will not be published. Applicable clarification responses will also be uploaded to the University's tender portal.**	
		4. Will all clarification questions and responses be shared with prospective RFI participants, or will they instead be made available on the tender portal?	**The University will review the clarification questions received and share responses with all known respondents where the enquiries are considered broadly applicable and relevant to the RFI process. Enquiries relating specifically to an individual respondent will not be published. Applicable clarification responses will also be uploaded to the University's tender portal. The clarification register will not disclose the names or identities of the respondents who submitted the questions.**	
2	Fri 06 Nov 2026 15:32	**Assignment implementation timeline**		
		Kindly clarify the expected timeline for implementation and successful operationalisation of the renewable energy wheeling arrangement.	**The RFI does not prescribe a fixed implementation or operationalisation date. Respondents are requested to provide an indicative implementation programme, including key activities, milestones, regulatory approvals, municipal requirements and dependencies that would influence the commencement of wheeling services.**	
Sections 1.4 and R4		**Recognition of regulatory advisory experience**		
		The successful implementation of a wheeling arrangement depends significantly on an in-depth understanding of the South African electricity regulatory ecosystem, including applicable NERSA, Eskom, City Power, City of Johannesburg and Electricity Regulation Act requirements.	**The current RFI requires a minimum of three relevant client references for wheeling services successfully delivered within the last three years. It also requests evidence of regulatory registrations, licences, approvals and relevant statutory requirements. Regulatory advisory and electricity-market experience may be included as additional supporting experience; however, the mandatory reference requirement remains as stated in the RFI unless the University approves an amendment.**	
M2, M4, R2 and Section 2.3		We therefore request Wits to consider relevant South African regulatory advisory, electricity-market, energy-procurement and municipal-electricity assignments as qualifying credentials, in addition to assignments involving operational wheeling services.		
		Extension of credential look-back period		
		Considering that municipal wheeling remains an evolving market and that a three-year reference period may restrict participation by otherwise qualified respondents, we request Wits to extend the look-back period for relevant client references from three years to at least seven years.	**The RFI currently specifies a minimum of three relevant client references for wheeling services successfully delivered within the last three years. This is a stated mandatory requirement for consideration in the subsequent closed procurement process. Any change to the reference period would require the University's approval and formal communication to all respondents.**	
M2		**Flexibility in the wheeling model**		
		Kindly clarify whether Wits has already identified or finalised a preferred renewable energy wheeling and procurement model, or whether respondents may assess and recommend alternative models based on technical, regulatory, commercial and risk considerations.	**Wits has not prescribed a final wheeling or procurement model in the RFI. The purpose of the exercise is to obtain market information to assist the University in determining the appropriate solution, scope and procurement strategy. Respondents are therefore encouraged to propose suitable models and explain their technical, regulatory, commercial and risk implications.**	

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Sections 1.1, 1.4, R1 and R3		**Demand and load-profile information**		
		The RFI provides annual consumption and maximum-demand information for five campuses. Kindly confirm whether interval-level electricity-consumption data, preferably half-hourly or hourly for the latest 12 to 24 months, will be shared with shortlisted respondents for generation profile matching and commercial modelling.	**The University has interval-level consumption data for the five campus sites. This information will be taken into consideration and may be made available to respondents should the University proceed to the RFP stage, subject to the applicable confidentiality arrangements.**	
R1 and Table 1		**Grid capacity and wheeling feasibility**		
		Kindly clarify whether any preliminary grid-capacity, network-impact, connection-point or wheeling-feasibility assessment has been undertaken with City Power or the City of Johannesburg. If available, may the relevant findings and correspondence be shared with respondents?	**The City of Johannesburg / City Power distribution network is the intended operating environment for the virtual wheeling services. As this is a virtual wheeling arrangement, physical grid requirements are not applicable. Tenderers are expected to facilitate all necessary arrangements with and/or through the City of Johannesburg / City Power to implement the virtual wheeling services.**	
R1 and R2		**Commercial evaluation basis**		
		Kindly clarify the University's principal commercial objective and evaluation benchmark, such as absolute tariff savings, savings against the prevailing City Power tariff, price certainty, renewable-energy percentage, emissions reduction, budget stability, or a combination of these outcomes.	**The RFI requests respondents to provide indicative pricing models, fee structures, wheeling tariff assumptions, savings or benefit mechanisms, escalation mechanisms and material commercial risks. The purpose of this exercise is to inform the University's requirements and future procurement strategy. A final commercial evaluation benchmark has not been specified in the RFI. Respondents are encouraged to explain the potential commercial benefits and trade-offs of their proposed solutions.**	
		Technology neutrality		
		Kindly confirm whether respondents may propose solar PV, wind, hydro, battery energy storage, or a blended generation portfolio, provided that the solution meets Wits' consumption-profile, renewable-energy and commercial requirements.	**The RFI requests respondents to provide details of their generation sourcing strategy, technology type, location and the proposed matching of generation profiles against the University's demand. It does not prescribe a specific generation technology. Respondents may therefore outline suitable generation technologies or a combination of technologies, together with the associated technical, operational and commercial considerations.**	
R1 and R3		**Consortium Partner/Sub-contractor**		
		Kindly confirm whether respondents are permitted to participate through a consortium, joint venture or subcontracting arrangement.	**Respondents may submit a joint venture (JV) or consortium response; however, the assessment will consider the JV's track record as a collective entity and not necessarily the individual track records of the participating companies. Respondents must demonstrate an established history of collaboration and a proven track record of working together, rather than presenting a newly formed partnership without demonstrated experience of working together.**	
		RE Wheeling and Captive generation		
		Kindly clarify whether the scope is limited to electricity procurement from renewable energy generators through wheeling, or whether on-campus installations and off-campus captive generation with wheeling may also be considered. Assessing these options through a techno-economic evaluation will help consultants recommend the best-fit solution based on land, capital and other resource availability.	**The scope of the RFI is limited to virtual wheeling services only. On-campus installations and off-campus captive generation opportunities are excluded from this RFI and will be considered separately by the University.**	
4	Mon 09 Nov 2026 10:58	Clarification is requested on the intellectual property provision in Part 1, Section 1 of the RFI, specifically regarding the retention of ownership of respondents' pre-existing and independently developed intellectual property, with Wits retaining only the rights necessary to evaluate and administer the RFI. Clarification is also requested on whether an existing mutual NDA will remain applicable to protect both parties' confidential information and take precedence over the NDA included in the RFI in the event of any inconsistencies.	**We wil not claim ownership of any IP used to prepare the submission. We only need access to the info to evaluate.** **No issues with NDA provided one can be concluded timeously during this tender submission stage.**	
5	Tue 10 Nov 2026 11:02	Request for a five-working-day extension to the current submission deadline of Friday, 13 November 2026	**The University agrees to extend the submission deadline by two calendar weeks. The revised closing date will be Friday, 27 November 2026.**	