

New England States  
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**Answer to Follow-Up Question Concerning Conflicts**

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NESCOE does not pre-judge questions of conflict or appearance of conflict for any particular consultant in connection with any RFP. NESCOE is interested in retaining independent consultants wherever possible. In reviewing proposals from consultants and assessing questions of conflict and/or appearance of conflict, NESCOE will consider factors such as the specific nature of the work consultant has performed and/or is performing for any NEPOOL market participant and/or for an RTO, and whether the work is historic and/or ongoing.

While a bidder may have performed work for any RTO or any NEPOOL Participant does not automatically indicate that NESCOE will determine that a conflict or an appearance of conflict exists, any consultant currently retained by any NEPOOL Participant or an RTO to perform services directly related to the subject matter of NESCOE's RFP will be more likely to be considered to present conflicts and/or appearance of conflicts.