



## RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

### RFQ EM-020-2024: HOME ENERGY SCORE PROVIDER

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**Q1: Does Efficiency Maine envision a connection between the Home Energy Score project described in the RFQ and the Inflation Reduction Act rebate programs? Does Efficiency Maine plan to integrate the Home Energy Score assessment into the current rebate program?**

A1: No. Look at the RFQ the intent of this procurement is solely to designate a Home Energy Score Provider.

**Q2: Will non-compliant responses that offer an innovative solution for meeting the goals of this project be considered?**

A2: Bidders will be evaluated according to the evaluation criteria set out on page 11 of the RFP. We use the guidelines for bid submission to facilitate a clear and consistent bid comparison and we appreciate bidders doing their best to accurately and comprehensively respond according to the RFQ's categories and format. Bidders are welcome to submit additional or supplemental information as part of their proposal. We recognize that the format of the RFQ may not conform to the bidder's traditional business model.

**Q3: Are bids considered confidential?**

A3: No.

**Q4: In section 3, the RFQ states that Efficiency Maine is seeking a Provider to "Align standard U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Score reports and recommendations with Maine's climate plan and Efficiency Maine rebates". Does this mean that Efficiency Maine is expecting the Provider to develop and deliver a customized HES Report?**

A4: Yes. Efficiency Maine has some concerns that some standard energy report suggestions may not be consistent with the Maine climate and/or current Efficiency Maine incentives.

**Q5: How many scores does Efficiency Maine foresee being generated over the course of the 2-year contract period?**

A5: We do not have a sense for market interest. We do not field many inquiries about home energy scores.

**Q6: Does Efficiency Maine plan to market the availability of the score to residents? If so, how?**



A6: We plan to link to the offering on its website. We do not have a dedicated marketing budget available for this initiative.

**Q7: Will Efficiency Maine add the HES assessment to the services that a Residential Registered Vendor can provide?**

A7: Efficiency Maine will consider adding the assessment to the Residential Registered Vendor locator (<https://www.energymaine.com/at-home/vendor-locator/>) based on the interest from Residential Registered Vendors.

**Q8: Is Efficiency Maine aware of jurisdictions in Maine that are interested in launching local Home Energy Score programs?**

A8: Two of the larger jurisdictions in Maine are interested in Home Energy Scores but Efficiency Maine cannot speak to their timeline for implementing a potential program.

**Q9: Does Efficiency Maine envision the state's existing rental energy disclosure policy include or refer to Home Energy Score?**

A9: At this time, Efficiency Maine takes no position on whether the state's rental energy disclosure policy include or refer to the Home Energy Score in the future. Current requirements of the residential energy efficiency disclosure statement are outlined under [14 M.R.S. § 6030-C](#).