National Laboratory of the Rockies

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SUBJECT: Amendment 03 to RFP-2026-10201 | Answers to Questions

The following questions were received in response to the subject Request for Proposal (RFP). All questions and all answers are provided publicly to all Offerors. The due date for proposals remains 13 July 2026.

Question Number	Question	Response
1	Main Disconnect / Protection. The specification references both breakers and fuses for protection and references both switches and breakers for circuit isolation. Would the following approach be acceptable, provided the required breaker/fust clearing curve is satisfied? • DC- rated fused protection • Lockable, gang-operated disconnect switch for isolation (position indication and grounding provisions as required) Or, is a circuit breaker specifically preferred or required?	*Proposals shall include at a minimum:* • *DC-rated fuses to protect capacitors* • *DC-rated fuses that meet clearing curve specified* • *Free space within enclosure to integrate DC breaker and means of disconnect in the future. Example DC breaker for spacing:* ○ *2x MBS-HD 3kV – UR40E.64TD – NEMA 1 Enclosure: 35.5 x 63 x 90.5 [inch]*
2	Is there a requirement for the disconnecting device to be housed in a dedicated switchgear enclosure, or may it be integrated within the filter enclosure?	*No disconnecting device.*
3	Low-Voltage Surge Protection. The specification states that surge protection used during low-voltage operation may need to be disconnected during higher-voltage operation. • Is a mechanical disconnecting means desired for this function? • If so, is a no-load disconnect switch acceptable?	*NLR does not plan to reconfigure low-voltage protection while energized. As a base solution, it is acceptable to reconfigure system by LOTO and disconnecting cables within filter enclosure.*

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4	Buy American. The solicitation states: "The Buy American statute restricts the purchase of supplies that are not domestic end products…" Some of the major components (for example, reactors, inductors, or capacitors) may ultimately be of foreign origin. • Is the use of foreign origin components acceptable provided the delivered end product complies with applicable Buy American requirements? • If the completed system qualifies as a domestic end product, would the evaluation adjustment under FAR 25.5 still apply?	*The use of foreign origin components is acceptable, provided the delivered end-product complies with applicable Buy American requirements, including FAR Subpart 25.7, Prohibited Sources. The evaluation adjustment, if applicable, will be applied as outlined in FAR 25.106 (Determining reasonableness of cost).*