**This document provides an executive summary of a potential Request for Qualification (RFQ) that ERCOT plans to publish on ERCOT.com. The goal of the RFQ is to gather information on entities that would be able and willing to administrate the Energy Attribute Certificate program described in NPRR1264, Creation of a New Energy Attribute Certificate Program.**

**ERCOT is providing this draft summary of the RFQ for ERCOT Stakeholder Feedback. ERCOT requests feedback on features, requirements or any missing information to consider be for finalizing and posting an official RFQ.**

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## Project Scope Overview

ERCOT Market Participants are interested in the delivery of a program to create, trade and retire Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs). EACs would be tradable instruments that represent attributes associated with the energy production of a generator. Examples of the attributes would include (but not be limited to): quantity, fuel type, hour of generation, and location. EACs are related to the current Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program administered by ERCOT. The main differences in the proposed EAC program and the REC program are the granularity of the certificates and the fact that EACs would not be limited to renewable generation.

This concept was introduced to ERCOT through its protocol change process as Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) 1264. NPRR1264 has been subject to extensive discussion in the stakeholder process and at the ERCOT Board of Directors (BOD). The NPRR materials can be found on ERCOT’s website [here](https://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1264). The materials for the ERCOT BOD discussion are posted [here](https://www.ercot.com/calendar/06232025-Board-of-Directors-Meeting).

ERCOT will not take on the additional responsibility of the administration of an EAC program and is instead assisting in the possible selection of an entity that can operate the EAC program autonomously, which includes funding operations. Ultimately ERCOT expects to only function as a data provider to the EAC administrator.

ERCOT is issuing this Request for Qualification (RFQ) to gather information on entities that are able to provide this service as well as their capabilities, timelines and costs.

## Additional Requirements

Explain which of the following requirements can or cannot be met by your company, and for those that can be met, please provide specificity of how each requirement can be met:

### Provide method for Registering EAC generators and Account Holders;

#### Must be synchronized with generators registered at ERCOT as EAC generators and the attributes of those generators.

### Provide ability for both submission directly from EAC account holders as well as programmatic interface to ERCOT systems to attain all attributes and volumetric data applicable to an EAC.

### Provide a method to indicate or link to a Renewable Energy Credit (REC), created and provided by ERCOT.

### Maintain a secure registry and trading platform that allows for tracking attributes, including hour, location, and fuel type, at Watt-hour (Wh) granularity;

### Provides optionality for granularity of the time-scale for EACs. At minimum allows for hourly, monthly and quarterly EACs.

### Provide a methodology to account for storage charging and losses for energy storage resources;

### Provide a methodology for third-party verifiers to use auditable processes to track additional attributes; and

### Provide and maintain an Application Programming Interface (API) that at minimum:

#### enables EAC creation, transfer, and retirement;

#### Allows a third party to add attributes to an EAC for data that does not originate from ERCOT.

#### allows for functions to be delegated by the participant to an agent of the participant;

#### enables viewing contact information for other participants; and

#### enables viewing a list of all EACs in a way that maintains the confidentiality of generator information for 60 days after the operating date.

### Maintain a lifespan of at least 10 years for each EAC before any type of automatic or mandatory retirement.

### Must be able to obtain funding for initial build and ongoing operations and maintenance independently—i.e. billing or contracting with EAC account holders directly.

### Must ensure that RECs created by ERCOT do not overlap with EACs created by your company for the same generator and time period.

### Must notify registered users and ERCOT of any outages impacting operations of the EAC system.

### Performs an annual audit and provides a report of that audit to ERCOT stakeholders to demonstrate that the program continues to meet the requirements.

### Must maintain EAC related data in a manner that the data can be transported to another administrator due to change in administrator or termination of relationship.