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Present law requires that the request for proposals indicate the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors and define clearly the criteria to be used in evaluating the proposals and other evaluation factors and the time frames within which the work must be completed.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law further provides that no request for proposal shall be lawful without the inclusion of the following mandatory provisions:

1. Each energy conservation measure (ECM) must be listed separately and for each such proposed ECM the energy savings, operational savings, total savings, cost and payback must be provided separately. Provides that for the purposes of present law and proposed law, ECM means a measure that is applied to existing buildings that improves energy efficiency and is life cycle cost effective. Operational savings means reduction of actual budget line items being expended or savings realized from the implementation or installation of energy cost savings measure.
2. Detailed scope for each ECM proposed which describes each piece of equipment proposed.
3. The required maintenance that must be performed to guarantee the savings guaranteed for each ECM proposed.

Proposed law expands the mandatory provisions by specifically addressing lighting, heating and/or cooling systems. Proposed law further removes the need for a description of the required maintenance that must be performed to guarantee the savings forecast.

Proposed law provides that every response by a proposer to a RFP shall meet the following mandatory requirements and include the following mandatory response provisions:

1. A description of each piece of equipment proposed and details for all services proposed.
2. The required maintenance that must be performed to guarantee the savings forecast shall be described for each ECM proposed and the cost of maintenance.
3. The RFP response shall include a schedule for submission of annual savings audit reports. The reports shall be submitted annually no more than 90 days after the proposed commencement of the contract.

4. The RFP response will provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed savings will be measured, verified and repeatable.
5. The ECM information, including the list of ECMs, energy savings, operational savings, total savings, cost and payback shall be available to the public as a public record upon submission of the RFP response.

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(Amends R.S. 33:4547.2(B),(C),(D),(E),(F),(G), and (H);adds R.S. 33:4547.2(I), and(J))