

## **Viability Assessment Team Analysis and Evaluation of Proposals: Phase II**

In Phase II, the Viability Assessment Team (VAT) will review the proposals remaining from Phase I in order to develop a more complete risk assessment and an overall viability profile. The VAT's Phase II risk and viability evaluations will include assessments of resource capabilities, project development risks (if applicable), environmental compliance risks, proposed commercial terms (including Special Considerations), resource deliverability, regulatory considerations, and other factors the VAT or the EAI Resource Planning Team determines may bear on a proposal's risk and viability.

Each proposal carried forward into Phase II will be evaluated from an overall risk perspective. The VAT will use a predefined scorecard-style template to develop an overall viability score for each proposal that accounts for identified risks associated with the proposal. The scorecard will consist of several categories: Bidder Experience/Operations, Project Status (for Developmental Resources only), Technology, Environmental, and Long-Term (LT) Planning. The scorecard will use specified criteria within each category to assess proposal attributes on a 1-4-7-10 scale. In developing a proposal's aggregate score on the 1-4-7-10 scale, the VAT will weight each category relative to the other scorecard categories utilizing predetermined percentage values. The categories and their weighting values are shown below.

Developmental Resources	Weighting
Bidder Experience/Operations	20%
Project Status	35%
Technology	20%
Environmental	15%
LT Planning	10%

Existing Resources	Weighting
Bidder Experience/Operations	30%
Technology	30%
Environmental	25%
LT Planning	15%

In addition, the VAT will assess the identified commercial risks associated with each proposal remaining in Phase II and reflect its assessment in the final evaluation of the viability of the proposal.

EAI has reserved the right to reject a proposal on the ground that, in the judgment of the VAT, the proposal does not meet the criteria for viability established in connection with the RFP or otherwise is not viable.