

FAQ for CIP-013 Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Evaluation

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What is the purpose?

LADWP is required to comply with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standard-013. The purpose of the CIP-013 Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Evaluation is to provide LADWP a way to prequalify vendors that participate in bidding opportunities/commodity contract purchases for cyber assets, equipment, software, or services supporting the Bulk Electric System.

What are some examples of Cyber Assets?

Some examples of Cyber Assets are Physical Access Control Systems [PACS], Electronic Access Control and Monitoring System [EACMS], Intermediate Systems [IS], Intrusion Detection Systems/Intrusion Protection Systems [IDS/IPS], Serial Gateways, Dial-up Gateways & Modems, Transient Cyber Assets [TCA], Removable Media [RM], and Relay Protection Devices

Why do we need to participate in LADWP’s CIP-013 SCRM Evaluation?

LADWP has determined that you are, or will be, providing LADWP with protected cyberassets.

Who decides what constitutes as a protected Cyber Asset?

LADWP makes this decision based of careful consideration of our policies, legal, and regulatory requirements. Currently, we model our requirements after the NERC CIP definition of Cyber Assets.

Cyber Asset: Programmable electronic devices, including the hardware, software, and data in those devices.

I am broker for cyber asset and cyber systems, do I still need to participate in the SCRM process?

Yes. If you plan to bid on cyber assets, equipment, software, or services supporting LADWP Bulk Electric System., LADWP requires your organization to participate in the SCRM process. If you were unable to meet the minimum acceptable risk, you may prequalify by submitting a formal letter from your supplier stating you are an authorized distributor of their products. The supplier must be on the CIP-013 vendor prequalified list. You will be required to bid only on the products from your specific supplier and the products must ship directly to LADWP from the supplier.

What happens if we choose not to participate?

Your organization may not be able to participate in procurement opportunities for protected cyber assets related to the LADWP Bulk Electric System and associated facilities. We encourage vendors to prequalify with LADWP as part of the CIP-013 SCRM process.

What if we have already participated and qualified for the LADWP's CIP-013 SCRM Evaluation?

LADWP CIP-013 SCRM prequalification assessment is an annual evaluation process requiring renewal after every year. Even if your organization has already completed LADWP's CIP-013 SCRM Evaluation, you may need to go through the process again. This is because each vendor SCRM Evaluation expires after one year and requiring the SCRM Evaluation to be renewed to participate in future procurement opportunities

If you have currently a valid and applicable SCRM Evaluation, LADWP will not require a new SCRM Evaluation unless/until you need to renew.

How will the SCRM Evaluation be conducted?

Vendors that seek to be prequalified by LADWP shall review the document titled **LADWP – New Regulation for Procurement of Cyber Assets and Services. For new and existing CIP-013 pre-qualified vendor(s), please initiate the process by sending an email to VendorCyberRisk@ladwp.com** to express your interest and to start the evaluation process.

The SCRM Evaluation committee will evaluate your compliance with LADWP policies, legal, and regulatory requirements.

Once approved by the SCRM Evaluation committee, you will be required (or it will require you) to register in eRSP. Electronic Request-Solicit-Procure (eRSP) is LADWP's procurement system and process all procurement of the Department.

Please note that the SCRM Evaluation is not complete until you are registered on eRSP.

Ensure your eRSP/CIP-13 profile business names (either legal or dba) matches the company's IRS W-9.

Please use the following link to initiate and guide you through the registration process for eRSP:

[Electronic Request-Solicit-Procure \(eRSP\) System | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power](#)

What if we do not need to provide Cyber Assets, do we still need to participate?

If your company doesn't need to provide LADWP with Cyber Assets or Services related to Cyber Assets, you may not need to participate.

Some companies are required to undergo the SCRM Evaluation process because they need access to LADWP's protected networks. In these cases, the companies will still require a SCRM Evaluation regardless they have access to these data assets (i.e. Cyber Asset Data Sets) or not.

Who will pay for the SCRM Evaluation?

While LADWP will not charge you for any work we do as part of the SCRM Evaluation process, including work done by LADWP on your assessment, LADWP will not be accountable for any costs incurred by your organization associated with SCRM Evaluation.