**Northeast HERS Alliance Utility Cost Input Manual Updates:**

**Request for Proposal**

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| Issue Date: 2-14-25 | Response Deadline: 3-28-25 |
| NEHERS would like to see more consistency in energy and cost savings estimates from different Raters across the Northeast as inputs into Rem/Rate and Ekotrope. Per the RESNET Standards, projected energy costs are required on all ratings: “Energy costs for all homes shall be calculated using statewide, revenue-based energy price rate data published annually by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Information Administration (EIA). “  The DOE and EIA provide fuel commodity costs (after a tedious search) but do not include the local specific utility delivery charges, block rates, tariffs, etc. which greatly impact the annual energy costs and are inputs in the software. Trying to locate this information can be very challenging for individual raters and leads many Raters to give up and ignore this input. This results in inaccurate information delivered to builders and developers about estimated costs for occupants, which can be a significant issue particularly for low-income projects.  NEHERS would like to develop an annual list of specific utility rates and charges from each utility for Electricity and Natural Gas. It could be the previous year’s numbers, or it could be a running average over several years. The list will be included in the members corner of the NEHERS website and also as an addendum to the manual, updated every few years.  Proposal is requested for the development of such a list. | |
| Proposals must be submitted by email to [betsy@nehers.org](mailto:betsy@nehers.org) prior to the response deadline | |

**Proposal Summary (to be completed by Bidder)  
Bidder Information:**

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| Company: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Contact Person: |  |
| Contact info: |  |

**Method for Developing Utility Cost Input List:** Attach proposed outline

**Schedule to be used:** Attach proposed schedule

**Providers:** Attach resumes showing qualifications, experience and other relevant information.

**Price Proposal:**

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| Item | Amount |
| Principal Provider |  |
| Assistant |  |
| Other charges (specify): |  |

**Proposal:** Briefly describe any other non-price factors or special conditions the NEHERS board should consider in its decision. Attach supplemental materials if necessary.