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Best Practices for Interconnection Agreements

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Interconnection Considerations

- **Meet with utility early in project development**
 - Obtain interconnection process and requirement information (varies depending upon utility and distributed energy project size/type)
- **Considerations:**
 - Study requirements, time required, queue to start study
 - Fees for application, study, possible equipment upgrades
 - Utility participation in commissioning and final approval

Interconnection Considerations

- Determine who is responsible for meeting the interconnection requirements (agency and/or contractor)
- Close communication between agency and contractor required to ensure that the interconnection process runs smoothly
- Consult with FEMP, GSA and/or other agencies

Interconnection Agreement (ICA)

An interconnection agreement is a business contract between the utility and the customer for the purpose of interconnecting a distributed energy (DE) project located at the customer site to the utility's electrical distribution system.

ICA Suggestions

- Obtain template ICA (federal/government-specific if available) and ask who needs to sign
- Federal agency legal counsel and/or CO complete ICA review early in the DE project development process
- Negotiate with the utility as needed (ICA changes may have to be approved by the state PUC for investor-owned utilities; governing board for public utilities)

ICA Suggestions

- Use GSA Areawide Contract (AWC) Exhibits
 1. Authorization for the Provision of Services Provided Under the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (Exhibit D)
 2. Authorization for Electric Services (Exhibit A)
- [GSA AWC list](#) available on the web



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