

- 1 **Q.** **In CA-NP-140 Newfoundland Power states "*the use of an objective third-party***
2 ***Procurement Advisor will help ensure a fair and equitable solicitation process***
3 ***in a manner that is consistent with industry best practice.*"**
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5 **a) The Consumer Advocate understands the need for an independent**
6 **procurement advisor for this project described by Newfoundland Power to**
7 **be a "*once-in-a-generation*" project, but does EY have an advantage over its**
8 **competitors given that it has been working for Newfoundland Power for the**
9 **past two years receiving revenues of about \$0.5 million?**
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11 **b) Is this fact likely to impact the competitiveness of the solicitation for CSS**
12 **procurement advisor?**
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14 **A. a) No, EY does not believe it has an advantage.**
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16 **b) See part a.**