

# QUESTIONS FOR RESPONSIBLE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT

A GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO GET  
ANSWERS FROM DEVELOPERS AND LEGISLATORS



## RATE PAYER IMPACTS



- What are you doing to ensure my electric bill doesn't go up?
- If you are subsidizing data center developers, how are you supporting low income energy assistance programs?



## ENERGY

- Are you planning on colocating energy production on site?
- How are you supporting additional renewable energy build out in the state?
- Are you building any battery storage?
- How will this data center be powered? Gas, nuclear?
- What sort of back up energy will you be using?
- Are you using diesel generators?
- How much diesel fuel will you be storing onsite?
- How are you going to add air quality buffers for my neighborhood?
- What will you do about diesel fuel spills?
- Will you plant trees between my house and the data center?
- How much noise should I expect on any given day? How are you going to mitigate the noise impact?

AIR QUALITY A blue icon of a swirl with three horizontal lines, representing air quality.



## LABOR

- Are you using union labor for the construction?
- Will you be hiring from the local community? How many jobs?
- How many jobs will there be after the construction and the equipment is installed? Will those be remote jobs or will they be on site?



## SMALL BUSINESS IMPACTS

- Will the construction impact my local business?
- What are the opportunity costs? Data centers have the ability to price out other companies from using the land.
- What sort of tax incentives are data centers receiving to come to our community?
- What will you do to ensure that community voices are heard?
- Did you issue or sign any NDAs as part of the development process? Why?
- Who is the developer for this project?
- What sort of work will be done here?
- Are there clients yet? What is the vacancy rate?

## TRANSPARENCY



## WATER USAGE

- For “used” water that goes back into our waterways, how are you ensuring that PFAS are not entering our drinking water supply?
- How are you using our water responsibly?
- What sort of cooling system are you using?