

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SOLAR ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SOLAR
GENERATED ELECTRICITY
FOR MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES
Addendum 1

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Question and Answer Addendum 1

The Bid Opening shall remain the same, unless changed in future addendum. Please check the Montclair School District website for information and instructions on how to attend the virtual bid opening video conference. Please refer to the RFP guidance for proper delivery and submission instructions for all bids.

Question: Would you be able to provide the sign in list if possible?

Answer: Attached. See below

Question: What warranty term should we assume will be in place for all roofs at the end of the roof repairs?

Answer: 15 years.

Question: What is the cost of roof repairs to be assumed in our Alternate Bid?

Answer: the specifications for the roof work and roofing products are set forth in Exhibit A of the RFP. Vendors may select any qualified roofing contractor to perform the scope of work. It should be noted that a quotation for the subject work was provided to Honeywell, as the District's energy savings improvement company, by the following entity. Responders may, but are not required to, contact the same with respect to their own due diligence in addressing the cost component of the roof repairs:

Hygrade Insulators, Inc.
54 Mercer Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
Phone: (908) 454 – 1865
hygradeinsulators.com

Question: Are single line drawings available showing the electrical information (voltage) of the suggested point of interconnection. Alternatively, a description would be just as helpful.

Answer: Vendors were afforded the opportunity to visit each site and confirm the existing electrical conditions during the pre-bid meeting and site visit.

Question: What are the electrical service specifications at the main service? (Voltage/Amperage/Phase)

Answer: Vendors were afforded the opportunity to visit each site and confirm the existing electrical conditions during the pre-bid meeting and site visit.

Question: What is the roof type, pitch, age, and condition?

Answer: Please see Exhibit A which provides for the expected re-roofing work to be applied on "flat" roof areas for the solar energy areas and the information on the existing sloped roof product which vendors can review in combination with their onsite verification of conditions are the vendor walk-through.

Question: Who is the utility provider? (for interconnection purposes)

Answer: PSEG.

Question: How many utility meters are there and where are they located?

Answer: Vendors were afforded the opportunity to visit each site and confirm the existing electrical conditions during the pre-bid meeting and site visit.

Question: What is the KVA rating of the transformer(s)?

Answer: Vendors were afforded the opportunity to visit each site and confirm the existing electrical conditions during the pre-bid meeting and site visit.

Question: Would it be possible to provide 12-24 months of historic electrical consumption? (kW and kWhs)

Answer: No, this project will also be using energy conservation measures, as well as the solar energy systems. Vendors shall size the SES's in accordance with Exhibit B as directed in the RFP.

Question: Is this facility known to be solar-ready for the structural dead-loading on the roof? If not, are structural plans available for review?

Answer: Vendors were afforded the opportunity to visit each site and confirm the existing conditions during the pre-bid meeting and site visit.

Question: With multiple sites involved, will storage need to be off-site or may we use on-site storage containers? If on-site, have you identified a staging area for storage?

Answer: Suitable locations will be identified and accommodated at each site subject to the requirements and operational needs of the BOE and staff at each school.

Question: Should the solar installations be limited to rooftop mounted arrays or would solar carports be considered?

Answer: Roof top only.

Question: Are there Buy American Act requirements for this project?

Answer: Yes, as directed by New Jersey Public Schools Contract Law.

Question: Are there MBE/WBE/SDVE requirements for this project?

Answer: There is no specific mandate for this project. All public bids in New Jersey consider these factors as directed by New Jersey Public Schools Contract Law.

Question: Are you open to 20 and/or 25-year PPA terms?

Answer: It is a violation of New Jersey Public Schools Contract Law for the term of the PPA to exceed 15 years.

Question: Would a "split" PPA option be considered? (Charged for capacity + kWhs, with a much lower kWh charge)

Answer: No.

Question: Would you like to see both a fixed price and an escalator on the PPA?

Answer: No. Please provide your best pricing and savings and ensure that you have provided a proposal form for the ADD/ALTERNATE bid in the same manner.

Question: Would add-ons such as batteries or solar + demand management building controls be considered?

Answer: No.

Question: Are you looking for any educational or research-related components?

Answer: None are required, but vendors may include their offerings for educational professionals.

Question: Is property tax abatement a possibility on this project?

Answer: No.

Question: Would a guarantee from an S&P 500 company be accepted in lieu of the Bid Guarantee of \$20,000?

Answer: No. The only acceptable forms of Bid Guarantee are listed in the RFP.

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