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TO: All Bidders

FROM: Linda Wolf, CPA, Purchasing Agent

DATE: December 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Addendum #1 RFP SOLAR SYSTEM CONSULTING & IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES

This Addendum, issued to bid document holders of record, indicates changes to the bid documents for the *Solar System Consulting & Implementation Services* RFP Opening December 22, 2014.

Please see Questions & Answers from Site Visit on December 1, 2014.

Essex Co. Request for Proposals

Solar Photovoltaic System Consulting & Implementation Services

Pre-Proposal site visit held on 12/1/14 at the Essex Co. Landfill.

In attendance:

Mike Roach, RER Energy
Scott Bryant, Solar Liberty
Tom Garden, Triland Partners
Winslow Moore, Edge Design
Joe Madden, Edge Design
Paul Morini, Solar City
Geoffrey May, Adirondack Landfill Services
Mike Mascarenas, Dep. Co. Manager
Garrett Dague, Essex Co. Community Resources
Bob Leveille, Essex Co. DPW

Questions regarding the project:

1. Who is the utility?

Primarily NYSEG. There are a few County facilities that are covered by National Grid.

2. Where will the power be sent?

To the grid and then purchased thru a Power Purchase Agreement with the chosen contractor.

3. What does the County currently pay for power?

The whole County load; approx. 10 cents/KWH

4. Where is the 3-phase power meter located?

There are 2 meters located near the last pole located by the recycling building on the north side of the road, one meter for the County owned buildings (in Serkil's name) and one meter for the landfill (in NYS's name).

5. Which NYSEDA programs is the County expecting the contractor to take advantage of? Whichever programs are applicable. The County is looking to the consultants to provide that information.

6. Who produced the specifications contained in the RFP, and where did they come from?

The RFP was written by the Essex Co. Office of Community Resources, with some information extrapolated from various RFP's found online for similar projects.

7. What does the County anticipate the cost savings will be from such a project?

We cannot estimate, we are looking for the consultants to provide that information in their proposals.

8. What is the County's total electrical aggregate load?

About 2.4 million MW (estimated).

9. Are electrical usage rates available?

Yes, as stated in the RFP, electrical usage rates and bills are available upon request. Garrett will forward this information to everyone in attendance.

10. How will the solar system be taxed (property and sales tax) on the town, county and state levels (a private system located on publically owned property)?

We cannot answer this question at this time, but will look into it and forward a response.

11. Is there WIFI capability currently in the DPW building?

Yes.

12. If forested land is to be cleared for the project, who will perform the work?

Most likely the Essex Co. DPW.

13. How soon would the project start?

The goal is to take advantage of the Federal tax incentives that are scheduled to expire in 2016. Without these incentives, the project is not affordable.

14. Is the County willing to contribute financially to the project?

No.

15. Have we looked at any other similar solar systems?

No, there are very few of them to date in the Adirondack Park.

16. Who is the primary contact person for further questions regarding the RFP or the project?

Linda Wolf, the County Purchasing Agent. If she cannot provide the answer, she will forward the inquiry to either Garrett or Mike.