

SOMERSET COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM,

SERIES 2010

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For a Developer of Photovoltaic Systems with respect to certain Local Government Facilities in the County of Somerset, New Jersey dated July 30, 2010

**Summary of Questions and Answers
No. 3, Issued on September 3, 2010**

Below is a summary of the questions posed by Respondents and the Somerset County Improvement Authority's (the "Authority") responses to said questions. This document shall be posted on the Somerset County Improvement Authority's website at <http://www.scia.co.somerset.nj.us/>, and emailed to all Respondent Contact Persons.

Q1. *Can the Authority please provide Form A-11 (form of background check) or reiterate where it may be found among the RFP documents?*

A1. Form A-11 is posted on the Authority's website.

Q2. *Can the Authority please provide a form of the July 30th RFP document that would be electronically/key-word searchable?*

A2. The RFP as posted is the only format that will be made available; however, please note that PDFs are generally searchable use the keyword box in the upper right corner.

Q3. *Are utility bills available for each Local Unit Facility? If not, what is the average energy cost that the Authority is aiming to offset?*

A3. Utility bills for each Local Unit Facility are posted on the Authority's website.

Q4. *Can the Authority please describe what is meant by "notice of classification"?*

A4. As noted in Section 7.6 of the Original RFP, Respondents are required to be registered with the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction ("DPMC"). Once registered, Respondents can obtain a notice of classification from DPMC.

Q5. *Can the Authority please advise where the Company Pledge Agreement Form A-8 may be found?*

- A5. The Company Pledge Agreement is posted on the Authority's website.
- Q6. *We are unable to locate the Somerset County Emergency Services Building at 402 Roycefield Road in Hillsborough NJ using standard aerial view software. Could the Authority please indicate what software / website was use to locate the aerial drawing so that Respondents could also do the same?***
- A6. As indicated on the drawings, Google Earth and Bing Maps were used to develop the preliminary site plans.
- Q7. *Whiton School in Branchburg Township has a tilted roof. We are unable to locate any elevation drawings on the ftp site to calculate the roof tilt for this school. Could the Authority please indicate if the drawing has been posted, or post it at its earliest convenience if it hasn't been?***
- A7. This drawing is not yet posted on the Authority's website –Respondents should have used the site visit (or the additional site visit days) to measure the length of angled roof. Please note additional site visits may be requested by contacting Gregg Lally at (732)503-5947 for site access.
- Q8. *Is it correct that the bond financing is to be drawn down for construction and project expenses?***
- A8. Yes.
- Q9. *If the winning bid is at more than what the bonds bring in (ie \$55 M), the winner is responsible for overage?***
- A9. The Authority has been authorized to sell bonds in amount not to exceed \$55 million. The Authority does not anticipate accepting any proposals that exceed this amount, and in fact anticipates bids to come in significantly below this number based on the project system size.
- Q10. *Are Respondents required to provide equity and if yes, how much?***
- A10. No.
- Q11. *Can we move kW from a system we believe should be smaller to a system we feel could be larger?***
- A11. The preliminary layouts provided are conceptual and not final. Respondents must design their solar systems based upon their own due diligence.

Q12. *We feel the north east parking lot of the Raritan Valley Community College would be a great additional candidate for PV installation along with the conceptual site plan parking lot system, can we use this area?*

A12. Respondents must provide a proposal that addresses the Local Unit Facilities as set forth in the RFP. However, Respondents can submit alternative proposals, which the Authority may consider at its sole discretion. The locations in the conceptual site plans have been approved by the Local Units for PV installation.

Q13. *We understand that the Authority is obtaining a bond up to 55 million dollar bond. The Company is then responsible for that bond until completion of the renewable energy projects through lease payments with each site's completion?*

A13. Please note that the Bonds that the Authority will be issuing, in an amount up to \$55 million, are intended to finance the development of the Renewable Energy Projects. The Successful Respondent will be responsible for paying the debt service on these Bonds through the Lease Purchase Agreement over the fifteen year term. Respondents should not confuse the Bonds the Authority will issue with the construction and performance bond required under Section 7 of the RFP.

Q14. *Has there been any consideration yet regarding an extension of the due date? With the recent changes following the site visits, this is going to be difficult to meet the 21 Sept due date.*

A14. Proposals are due on September 21, 2010.

Q15. *The RFP requires that production estimates/guarantees be based on irradiation data from PV Watts Version 1. PV Watts Version 1 is not longer considered to be current. If Respondents indicate the version/name in their proposal, can Respondents use an updated version of PV Watts or another industry-accepted program?*

A15. Yes.

In addition please note that the following Program Documents and Information were recently updated:

Item 10 – Site Warranty Information – A list of Warranty Information is now provided

Item 11 – Load data by Local Unit Facility for the period July, 2008 through July, 2010 – All available data is provided

Item 12 – Available Facility Drawings

1. Drawings provided by Franklin BOE are now included
2. Drawings provided by Raritan Valley College are now included.

This Questions and Answers No. 3, dated September 3, 2010, has been issued and posted on the Authority's website by order of Richard E. Williams, Chair, Somerset County Improvement Authority, this 3rd day of September 2010.