



COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, No. 901098

for

Regional Renewable Energy Procurement

Any Request for Proposal (RFP) issued as a result of this Request for Information (RFI) will be issued electronically via e-mail. Please immediately update the County Contact noted below of any e-mail address changes. This RFI and any RFP issued as a result of this RFI will be posted on the General Services Agency Current Contracting Opportunities website located at: http://www.acgov.org/gsa_app/gsa/purchasing/bid_content/contractopportunities.jsp. Please visit the website for further information regarding this project, or contact the person listed below.

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To vendors registered or certified in the Small Local Emerging Business (SLEB) vendor database: Please maintain correct and accurate e-mail address information to ensure receipt of future RFIs.

RFI RESPONSE DUE

By

2:00 p.m.

on

June 24, 2013



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A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County of Alameda and 18 other agencies in San Mateo, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties have come together to launch the Regional Renewable Energy Procurement (R-REP) initiative. The goal of the initiative is to deploy a significant number of renewable energy projects across municipal high-potential sites that are economically beneficial, reduce transaction costs, and yield regional environmental benefits. Through completed independent feasibility studies, the 19 R-REP agencies have identified over 120 facilities with the potential for over 20 MW of rooftop, carport, ground-mounted PV sites, in addition to a few solar thermal and fuel cell installations. These projects range from installations as small as 7 kW to as large as 4 MW. We anticipate five PV bid bundles of the following sizes:

- Small systems (<50 kW): two bundles for a total of 1.3 MW
- Medium Systems (51-420 kW): three bundles for a total of 9.1 MW
- Large Systems (> 420 kW): one bundle of 9.8 MW

The R-REP initiative is being led by the County of Alameda, which anticipates issuance of an RFP this summer and is using a 4-step process to deploy projects by 2014:

1. Perform investment-grade feasibility studies on all high-potential solar installation sites (Completed by Q1 2013 for all participants).
2. Issue this Request for Information (RFI) to seek input from renewable energy providers on their level of interest and gather input for the procurement phase (Q2 2013).
3. Incorporate RFI responses and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for groups of renewable energy sites (bundles) (Q3 2013).
4. Award contracts for each participating agency with selected vendors and financial options (Q4 2013).

B. VENDOR RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

All responses must be received by June 24, 2013 for consideration; **however, your response to this RFI is NOT required for participation in the RFP.** Please complete and submit the questionnaire online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RREP>

Alameda County GSA–Purchasing intends to issue an RFP in order to establish a contract for the above-referenced service in the near future.

All interested parties are encouraged (but not required) to participate in this RFI by clicking on the link provided above under Vendor Response Instructions and completing Section I. Additionally, if you would like to provide input for the final RFP package, please provide your

responses to questions in Section II - IV of the RFI. All responses to Section II – IV will be used for informational purposes only, and will not be released with identifiable information.

Your completion of this questionnaire will enable the County to plan appropriately for the RFP phase of this project and to incorporate solar industry feedback into the documents that will be issued. Though providing your contact information is optional, in order to receive notification of the RFP, please submit contact information through this questionnaire.

In addition, the County encourages any new vendors that are local to Alameda County to register and be added to the County SLEB database. More information on how to register can be found on the County's website at: <http://www.acgov.org/auditor/sleb/newvendor.htm>.

Connect with Alameda County through e-subscribe. Both local and non-local can subscribe to any or all Contracting Opportunities Categories and/or Calendar of Events for automatic updates. Subscribers will receive an e-mail announcing when the latest information has been updated on our website. More information on how to Subscribe can be found on the County's website at: <http://acgov.org/gsa/purchasing/esubscribe.htm>.

Alameda County supports the participation of our Small, Local and Emerging businesses. To find out more about the SLEB program please visit: <http://acgov.org/auditor/sleb/>. Participants for this project are NOT required to be a certified SLEB with Alameda County.

C. ESTIMATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Event	Date
Request for Interest (RFI) Issued	June 10, 2013
RFI Response Due	June 24, 2013
Request for Proposal (RFP) Issued	August 2013

Note: Dates indicated are approximate.