



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REGIONAL SOLAR UTILITY PLANNING PROJECT

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2020 @ 3:00PM

ADDENDUM #1: ISSUED JANUARY 9, 2020

### QUESTION & ANSWERS:

1. WILL THE AWARDED RESPONDENT BE PRECLUDED FROM BIDDING ON THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PROJECT?

**ANSWER:** No. Respondents to the advertised solar utility planning grant will not be precluded from responding to a future advertised construction RFP for the Regional Solar Garden.

2. THE SOLICITATION LISTS PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (UNDER ATTACHMENT A) FOR THE SOLAR UTILITY PLANNING PROJECT, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK.

**ANSWER:** As pertaining to the RFP and scope of services for the Solar Utility Planning Project, you do not need to include any payment bond or performance bond component to the bid. Any bidder who includes these components to the bid will be permitted to remove such components from the bid if already submitted.

3. HOW MANY DISTINCT PARCELS OF LAND HAVE THE STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL SITES FOR THE PROJECT? PLEASE PROVIDE PARCEL MAPS IDENTIFYING THE LOCATION OF THE POTENTIAL PROJECT SITES.

**ANSWER:** Currently there are 2 and possibly 3 sites being discussed. 2 of the parcels are large and would require some determination as to exact location of the RSG and best interconnection viability. One site has been specifically discussed with YVEA in Routt County, near Yampa, but we are not familiar with its exact location. We can prepare maps of 2 of the general site locations.

4. OF THE POTENTIAL LAND SITES, HAS CITY RECEIVED ANY INITIAL FEEDBACK FROM YVEA ON INTERCONNECTION VIABILITY, POTENTIAL RESTRICTIONS, OR INTERCONNECTION COSTS?

**ANSWER:** One site in particular has been discussed with YVEA as a viable interconnection possibility, along with the cooperative impact assessment fee of \$50,000. Alternate sites have also been discussed with both YVEA and Tri-State Transmission as possible sites for the RSG. This is a subject that will require additional development as part of the process and negotiation that occurs with YVEA and/or Tri-State Transmission.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM THE CITY OF CRAIG WILL BE THE COUNTERPARTY FOR THE CONSULTING CONTRACT.

**ANSWER:** Yes, that is accurate.

6. SCOPE ITEM B.A.IV. REFERENCES COOPERATIVE SYSTEM IMPACT ASSESSMENT--- DOES THIS MEAN THE SELECTED VENDOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING A SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY FOR SITES PROPOSED FOR THE PROJECT OR WILL YVEA PERFORM THE FORMAL STUDY?

**ANSWER:** YVEA would perform the study.

7. IS THERE A SPECIFIC WAY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE CITY THAT OUR TEAM WOULD LIKE TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL SUCH AS THE REFERENCES, CONTACT INFORMATION, AND PRICING?

**ANSWER:** The City is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as it pertains to the disclosure of public records. We recognize that there may be information contained in a proposal under this RFP that may fit under the "commercial interests" or "confidential information" exceptions to CORA and FOIA. We encourage bidders to clearly mark and identify within their proposal any portions thereof which may be exempt from disclosure as commercially sensitive. In the event of a CORA or FOIA request the City will promptly consult with the bidder about the applicability of any exemptions prior to disclosure.