Request For Information (RFI2013PV)

Carport/Parking, Ground Mounted and Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Deployment

Questions and Answers

The following Questions & Answers are being released from the RFI 2013PV Workshop held April 1, 2013 in NYSDOT Region 5. It is possible that NYSDOT may release answers to additional Solar PV RFI questions received.

Q1: Who would be responsible for any environmental permitting and SEQR necessary for installation, (ie. DEC, USACE?)
A: NYSDOT would apply for permits as the landowner, and may request technical assistance as necessary.

Q2: Who will be overseeing (administering) the RFP?
A: There is no intent at this time to procure goods and services from a solar PV vendor. NYSDOT is seeking information from interested vendors. If an RFP is developed, it is anticipated that it would be administered by the MO Consultant Management Unit.

Q3: Who is the energy provider at each location? Remote Net Metering could be an option.
A: NYSDOT has looked into who the energy providers are, and has posted an additional table, an Excel file called ‘Region 5 Energy Summary FY11-12 Report’ in the Addendum of the RFI on the NYSDOT website. The link to this addendum is www.dot.ny.gov/business. Go to ‘Consulting Services Opportunities’, and click on ‘March 19, 2013’ date to access ‘RFI2013PV Request for Information’.

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Q4: What are residencies?
A: As explained in the April 1st Workshop, residencies are NYSDOT locations that provide equipment and vehicle storage and repair (locations from which NYSDOT provides highway maintenance services). They also have back office administrative space, lunchrooms, and conference rooms.

Q5: How soon would NYSDOT like to get the project done?
A: RFI responses are due April 15, 2013. After the responses are reviewed, NYSDOT may or may not decide to make a procurement decision. Any procurement shall be publically announced in the NYS Contract Reporter and posted on NYSDOT’s website. In addition, if an RFP is advanced, the Regional Sustainability Team would like to have a system running as soon as possible with a late finish of the Spring 2014.

Q6: Can Peak Load data be provided for each location?
A: Due to time constraints, NYSDOT is unable to provide Peak Load data before the RFI deadline of April 15, 2013.

Q7: Can NYSDOT provide a GIS shapefile of the 16 sites and provide the overall map?
A: Yes, a zip file called GIS Shapefiles of 16 facilities has been posted on the NYSDOT website (see answer to Question #3 for access link).

Q8: Is NYSDOT looking to select a sole source provider?
A: NYSDOT is not seeking a provider at this time. NYSDOT is only seeking solar PV information from the market place, from interested vendors.

Q9: Can NYSDOT provide the list of respondents?
A: Yes. Files containing those that registered for, and those that signed in at, the workshop has been posted to the NYSDOT website (see answer to question #3 for access link).

Q10: Does NYSDOT know what the electrical service class and type is at each facility (Phase II, III, etc.)?
A: No.

Q11: Does NYSDOT have any large (8 – 10 acre) parcels that can be used for a solar facility?
A: Yes, there are two such properties in Niagara County (City of Niagara Falls and Town of Wheatfield), and possibly a site across from the Clarence sub-residency. NYSDOT would have to do some research to determine whether any other properties fit the selection criteria.

Q12: Can a firm choose to submit information solely for the larger facilities sited in the RFI?
A: A respondent can choose to submit whatever information they wish to submit. Ultimately, NYSDOT is seeking solar PV information for feasible Region 5 locations.
E-MAIL RFI RESPONSES TO: patricia.rumore@dot.ny.gov. Please include your name, organization, telephone number, e-mail address, and mailing address in your cover e-mail. Address all questions regarding this RFI to: patricia.rumore@dot.ny.gov.

In addition, this RFI and its attachments (as well as any future updates, changes, announcements, etc.) will be posted to NYSDOT’s website at: www.dot.ny.gov/business.

In the case where there is a brochure that cannot be emailed, it can be mailed to Patricia Rumore, at the address below:

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Contract Management Bureau  
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Attention: Solar RFI (Patricia Rumore)

RFI DEADLINE

NYSDOT requests delivery of any RFI responses, no later than COB Monday, April 15, 2013, to further progress its solar PV pilot project.