

ADDENDUM NO. 4 Issued November 8, 2012

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP")

FOR

DESIGN, INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR GENERATING FACILITIES (SGF) AT THE EL-LINGTON, SHELTON, AND WATERBURY LANDFILLS

(RFP Number 13-EN-001)

(RFP Issued September 17, 2012)

<u>Note:</u> Proposers are required to acknowledge this and all Addenda in Section 5(a) of the Proposal Form.

1. **RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS**

1.	Question	We missed the site visit on October 16 th . Is it still possible to send an RFP proposal for the November 15 th deadline?
	Answer	RFPs will only be considered from firms that attended the October 16 th site tours. Other firms are not precluded from partnering as a subcontractor to a firm that attended the October 16 th site tours.
2.	Question	Given the effects of Hurricane Sandy, will CRRA extend the RFP deadline?
	Answer	CRRA is not extending the RFP deadline at this time. None of the sites was significantly impacted by the storm.
3.	Question	In light of the ZREC market structure in CT, are bidders able to submit bids contingent upon obtaining a certain ZREC price or range of price?
	Answer	Yes. CRRA expects the Proposer's proposal to be contingent on, among other things, the ability to successfully bid into the next ZREC solicita- tion by CL&P or UI. As such, CRRA has set up Exhibit 3, the Price and Payment Rate Schedule Form, for Proposers to provide their assumed ZREC price necessary to make their project financially viable.
4.	Question	Is the timing of PV system installation flexible so as to compliment the ZREC auction schedule?
	Answer	It is CRRA's expectation that the Host Payment per month by the Con- tractor to CRRA would begin upon the Effective Date of the Agreement, but that the installation of the SGF at the awarded landfill(s) would mir- ror the schedule within the Contractor's ZREC Standard Contract for the Purchase and Sale of Class 1 Renewable Energy Credits.
5.	Question	How old is each landfill cap? Is the expected remaining life of each landfill cover at least 25 years? If not, what is the expected life of each cover?
	Answer	Ellington Landfill – This landfill stopped receiving waste in 1993 and the soil cap was completed in 1997. The expected remaining life of this cap is more than 25 years.
		Shelton Landfill Historic MSW/Ash Area – This area was closed and capped in 1997. The expected remaining life of this cap is more than 25 years.
		Shelton Landfill Southeast Ash Area – This area was closed and capped in 1999. The expected remaining life of this cap is more than 25 years. Shelton Landfill Northeast Ash Area – This area was closed and capped in 2000. The expected remaining life of this landfill is more than 25 years.
		Waterbury Landfill – The proposed location of the Solar EGF is on a parcel of land adjacent to the parcel containing the landfill. The proposed Solar EGF will not be constructed on the landfill parcel.

6.	Question	Are each of the landfill use permits free of exclusions or restrictions that would preclude the use of PV? If not, is the proponent ex- pected to obtain the necessary modifications?
	Answer	CRRA is not aware of any exclusions or restrictions within each site's landfill permit(s) that would preclude the use of PV. It is expected that successful bidders will be required to obtain approval of the proposed EGF from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, where the proposed EGF is to be located on top of a landfill.
7.	Question	If project economics are not favorable without virtual net metering, will the selected respondent be retained for project development in the future if/when virtual net metering becomes available? If so, how long will the selected respondent be retained for?
	Answer	CRRA does not anticipate retaining a successful bidder beyond the time frame discussed in Section 2.1 of the Scope of Work. However, CRRA reserves the right to negotiate with a selected bidder to retain the suc- cessful bidder through the end of the 2013 regular legislative session at which time the availability of virtual net metering for the upcoming year would be known.
8.	Question	Have the landfills settled? Are they expected to settle? If so, are they expected to settle evenly?
	Answer	CRRA does not measure the settlement of its closed landfills. CRRA believes however, that each of its closed landfills has and will experi- ence some degree of settlement. CRRA expects the landfill areas con- taining historic municipal solid waste to be subject to settlement to a greater degree than the landfill areas containing entirely ash from waste to energy facilities. Based on observations made by CRRA staff during routing quarterly inspections of each of its closed landfills, it appears as though any settlement that has occurred, has generally occurred evenly.
9.	Question	Are there interconnection locations within ½ mile of each proposed solar installation site?
	Answer	The ability to interconnect an EGF to the existing transmission system adjacent to each site is discussed in the Due Diligence Report by TRC included in Section 3.2 of the RFP. CRRA believes that particular up- grades to the existing transmission systems and the precise point of in- terconnection will not be known until a successful bidder goes through the interconnection process of the respective utility company.
10.	Question	Regarding the proponent's experience must the team have experi- ence for projects that are individually at least 5 MW in size for pur- poses of providing references or may the proponent have several smaller projects that total over 5 MW (e.g., 2 - 3 MW projects)?
	Answer	The proponent shall provide specifics on previous experience develop- ing, designing, and constructing a minimum of three solar EGF's in the Northeastern United States totaling 5MW DC in aggregate nameplate capacity.
11.	Question	Are we required to use as a reference the same Engineering Pro- curement and Construction (EPC) partner that we intend to pro-

	pose for these projects? For example, our preferred EPC has 3.5MW total experience, but the PPA provider has out-of-state in- stallations exceeding the 5MW threshold using EPCs that are too far to use. Thus, may we provide references that that (sic) are dif- ferent from the intended EPC?
Answer	The RFP requires Proposers to provide information on their experience developing, designing, and constructing a minimum of three solar EGFs in the Northeastern United States totaling 5MW DC in aggregate name-plate capacity. Therefore, Proposers must provide documentation demonstrating they or their subcontractors have the required experience in <i>developing, designing, and constructing</i> solar EGFs. Providing references from EPCs that are not directly involved in the project would not satisfy this requirement.

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