**Connecticut Green Bank**

**SolarMAP on Connecticut Municipalities RFP**

**Questions and Answers**

**Updated 10/28/2020**

1. **Can developers submit proposals that include project finance?**

The RFP is to source only EPC proposals. Financing will be provided by Inclusive Prosperity Capital.

1. **Is Prevailing Wage required?**

No

1. **Is Union Labor required?**

No

1. **Is there a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) set-aside?**

No

1. **Please clarify if the contractor can negotiate the terms of the EPC Contract**

Any requested changes to the RFP must be submitted with your proposal. Any material changes requested will be evaluated as part of the submission scoring.

1. **How will the safe harboring of solar panels be handled?**

CGB will work with the awarded Proposer(s) to safe harbor the projects for the 2020 ITC through 5% safe harbor provision. The Proposer should note if they already have safe harbored panels or any other relevant information or experience for safe harboring these projects.

1. **If we show the ability to safe harbor, will that change our economics or the municipalities' economics?**

CGB is assuming 2020 ITC with regards to the PPA rates for the towns. CGB will work with the selected proposers to safe harbor the projects for the 2020 ITC through 5% safe harbor provision. The proposer should note if they already have safe harbored panels or any other relevant information or experience for safe harboring these projects.

1. **Will there be a separate financing RFP and if so, why was that option not included in this RFP?**

These projects will be financed by Inclusive Prosperity Capital.

1. **Will RFP awards be made by municipality or as an entire portfolio?**

Selection will be made in a way as to deliver the lowest PPA rate to a municipality from an experienced EPC provider.

1. **Can we bid on only one municipality?**

Yes

1. **Do installations need to occur over the summer break for the school sites?**

Construction does not have to be limited to the summer. For small ZREC projects (projects under 100kWac); preference will be given for schedules that can complete installation by 7/1/21.

1. **Please identify which sites already have ZREC contracts in place**

The Proposer should assume all ZREC submissions have been made for each project listed included in this RFP.

1. **Site 123R, Mansfield Town Garage - Can you identify which building the point of interconnection tie-in would be?**

An updated site report has been uploaded to [Exhibit A](https://ctgreenbank-my.sharepoint.com/%3Af%3A/p/data_warehouse/EtEcCnVDOTdIhAFQzY5cQHwBQXCxnNb2OoRKlOMyLcO69g?e=nrIz1E) which now identifies the tie-in point

1. **Site 123R, Mansfield Town Garage - Is the contractor responsible for running conduit underground to tie the 3 arrays together?**

The awarded Proposer(s) shall be responsible for any work deemed necessary, included trenching and repair of asphalt, to properly interconnect the solar project and new ZREC meter.

1. **Is there structural information available for any of the buildings that could aid in structural analysis?**

The awarded Proposer(s) will be given access to any and all existing drawings. Due to the age of some facilities the awarded Proposer(s) shall anticipate that on-site structural assessments may be necessary to gather information not available in drawings.

1. **Please expand on the requirements for the structural analysis.**

A structural analysis shall be performed by a qualified professional engineer registered in the State of CT. This analysis shall quantify the available structural capacity of roof sections where solar is to be installed. This professional engineer shall issue a letter and calculation confirming that the solar racking design is within the limits of the available structural capacity of the facility.

1. **Please confirm that a standard Helioscope layout is sufficient to meet the requirements in Section V.C: System Design and Equipment on page 7 of the RFP.**

Yes, a standard helioscope layout is sufficient

1. **For system sizing, is the "kWAC secured" the limit nameplate for interconnection?**

Proposals should not exceed the LREC/ZREC System Size that is referenced in the updated Table 1 Site Information in [RFP Amendment 1](https://ctgreenbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RFP-Amendment-1.docx).

1. **Is there system size (kWac) flexibility for any of the small ZREC projects?**

The updated table in [RFP Amendment 1](https://ctgreenbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RFP-Amendment-1.docx) now has highlighted sections which reflect system size revisions made to four small ZREC projects.