

**Connecticut Green Bank**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR PROJECTS AT STATE OF CONNECTICUT FACILITIES

**RFP Answers Round 2**

Dated August 13, 2021

**Q3: Can we have a list of any roofs with tectum or gypsum decking as well as any drop ceilings?**

The roof decking material is unknown at this time.

Yes, many, if not all, of the schools have drop ceilings. They are primarily located in offices, classrooms and corridors, while studios and shops generally do not have drop ceilings.

**Q4: Are there structural drawings available for our engineers to view?**

Yes, all available relevant drawings will be made available to the awarded proposer.

**Q5: At H.H. Ellis Tech School we are exploring possibilities to utilize roof space despite the slope of the crickets, but will need a different type of racking solution. If there are any specifications or drawings that can give measurements of these areas and the slope we will have to deal with it will help us narrow down the best alternative.**

Architectural drawings are available and will be provided to the awarded proposer. However, roofer as-builts and shop drawings are not in the possession of the State and therefore cannot be provided for review prior to award.

**Q19: 12. Site 5: H.H. Ellis Technical High School:**

**b. There is a large statue/piece of artwork located very close to the northern canopies. It is likely that solar canopies may block the view of this art. Is this acceptable?**

Solar canopies in the northern parking lot will not obstruct the view of the sculpture from the high school building. The solar carports should be placed in a manner that minimizes the obstruction of the view of the sculpture from the street.

**c. Will the school consider longspan canopies that span the drive isle between back-to-back parking rows?**

Longspan canopies may be submitted if the proposer feels it will provide the greatest savings, but the layouts should take into consideration that these drive aisle maybe used by school buses, fire trucks and delivery vehicles. Access by these types of vehicles must not be limited.

**Q23: 16. Site 10: W.F. Kaynor Technical High School:**

**a. The RFP appendix did not contain rooftop structural drawings or details on the roof type. If available, will the school provide these for review?**

Yes, all available relevant drawings will be made available to the awarded proposer.

**Q24: 17. Site 12: DOT HQ**

**a. Is there any reason that we would need to develop the small GFT array, or the array SW of the building in the lot parallel to the road? Any reason why we couldn't move some generation to the northern half of the lot?**

A. The DOT requested a small ground mount system at the front of the parking lot for those driving by or entering the facility to see. The carport in the lot parallel to the road was added to provide coverage to the DOT's maintenance vehicles. Proposers should develop a design that they determined to be the most cost effective and advantageous.

**b. Will the school consider longspan canopies that cover multiple drive aisles/parking rows?**

B. The carport layout depicted in the site report has been approved by the DOT, but they may consider longspan canopies that cover multiple drive aisles/parking rows. Proposers should develop a design that they determined to be the most cost effective and advantageous.

**Q29: Can you please provide interval data from the utility for each site?**

Interval data is not available at this time.

**Q30:**

**Re: Round 1, Q22: Howell Cheney Technical High School: <<bidder>> would like to clarify that Longspan canopies will provide the most cost effective design, and will be built with adequate clearances to allow for busses, delivery vehicles and fire trucks to pass under the canopies. <<bidder>> has developed many Longspan solar canopies for other customers with similar concerns about vehicular access. Does this clarification change the answer to Q22(a)?**

Yes, this clarification and further discussions with CTECS changes the answer provided in the initial response to Questions. The CT Greenbank and CTECS will consider any proposals that provide savings, permitted that school buses, fire trucks, semi-trailers and snow plows will be able to drive under the canopies.

**Q31:**

**Re: Round 1, Q21: Henry Abbot Technical High School: Will the school consider Longspan canopies at this site? This design will be most cost effective for the school, and as described above, the design will allow for adequate vehicular access beneath the canopies that span drive isles.**

Yes, this clarification and further discussions with CTECS changes the answer provided in the initial response to Questions. The CT Greenbank and CTECS will consider any proposals that provide savings, permitted that school buses, fire trucks, semi-trailers and snow plows will be able to drive under the canopies.

**Q32:**

**Re: Round 1, Q24(a): DOT Headquarters: <<bidder>> would like to clarify the answer provided here. Is it the DOT's preference to (a) develop the most cost effective/economically advantageous design? Or is the preference to (b) develop a GFT for visibility and include covered parking for the DOT's maintenance vehicles? Both the small GFT and the canopies covering maintenance vehicles are located extremely far away from the POI. This fact combined with the small scale of these sub-arrays, will mean that including these DOT preferred sub-arrays will not mean the most cost effective/economically advantageous design.**

If the proposers choose to, they may submit 2 options for this site as described below. This will be presented to the DOT in order to show the impact of adding the additional arrays which are located far away from the point of interconnection.

1. Include the DOT's requested small ground mount array at the front of the facility, and the canopies covering the maintenance garage.
2. Exclude the above-mentioned arrays in order to create a more economically advantageous design.

**Q33: Are you able to provide an estimate of the timeline for the forthcoming/future release?**

All of the outstanding questions are answered in RFP Answers Round 2.

**Q34: Should we assume that all ZRECs have been secured and accepted this year for each location in the RFP?**

Yes

**Q35: Is there a fence already at the hatchery where ground mounts are proposed or do we need to include fencing in our bid?**

No, there is not an existing fence surrounding the site. Please include the cost of fencing in your bid.

**Q36: The RFP requests three years of audited financial statements and/or last three years of tax returns. Due to the sensitive nature of the financial information, can our firm provide the financial information after the RFP submission, but prior to official award? We understand the importance of assessing financials prior to selecting a provider, but we were hoping for the financial information be treated as a confidential document submitted after the RFP submission.**

If desired, you can forego submittal of financials with your initial submission. If your submission is competitive based on other factors, CGB will reach out to collect the financial information. Please just make clear in your initial submission that you would be willing to supply this info upon request.