

Requests for Proposals for Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) Services for Solar Projects at Connecticut Municipal Sites – Round 3

Answers to Submitted Questions

1. Question

In the EPC Agreement, Greenbank highlights the "Buy America" clause, which would require us to procure all manufactured products and construction materials in the U.S., and ensure that "the costs of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States are greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product." Would Greenbank be flexible in striking this agreement?

Answer: On the Buy America provisions, Green Bank is not requiring BABAA compliance on these projects. We have issued a corrected version of the EPC agreement to clarify on our website.

2. Question

Is the secondary battery storage proposal required? If it is, is Greenbank flexible with striking some of the BESS requirements in and of themselves (I.E. Resiliency Performance)?

Answer: The secondary battery storage proposal is not required, but is encouraged. While we do encourage respondents to consider resiliency options where available, it is not a mandatory component of the overall proposal. In cases where battery storage is proposed, battery systems may be configured as behind-the-meter or front-of-the-meter, but must meet all ESS eligibility and technical requirements, including grid export capability and islanding functionality. All configurations must still provide backup power during an outage.



3. Question

We are interested in placing a bid for the Branford Ecology Park project and have the following question: We have had great experiences using APA's Geoballast system (gabion baskets) on recent landfill projects. They are not currently listed on the AVL, but would the Green Bank team be open to a proposal using this system?

Answer: Please submit a proposal for the project and include the following equipment information for our evaluation: warranty details, a list of completed U.S. projects with dates, any third-party reports on product quality or bankability, and the company's financial information, such as audited financial statements. Green Bank will review and determine whether or not the product can be added to our AVL.