

### Questions and Response to the Solicitation:

#### Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and Solar PV Commissioning

The questions below were asked by email or via telephone calls. I have avoided duplication of the questions:

1. My company is interested in doing design & engineering for the CHPs mentioned in this solicitation. Where can I find more information concerning the CHPs planned across the VA?

Response: Please send a request of VA forecast to our Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at [OSDBU@va.gov](mailto:OSDBU@va.gov). You can also visit the OSDBU forecast webpage at <https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov/eVP/fco/FCO.aspx>.

2. How many awards does the VA intend on making under this solicitation?

Response: It depends on the quality of proposals received; as stated in the Request for Quote (RFQ), VA has a need for one contractor, but more than one award may be made.

3. Do I have to partner with large business if my company can do the work?

Response: VA is looking for a verified SDVOSB that can do the work without passing it through to a large business. It is important to note that the small business (prime) must have the capability (strength) to support VA on its CHP and Solar PV commissioning. We will evaluate the proposals within established guidelines as stated in the FAR, VAAR, and direction from the Head of Contracting Activity (HCA).

4. Do I have to be CVE verified, as it is taking too long?

Response: Yes, all SDVOSBs, must be registered and verified (visible) in the VetBiz.gov Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database, available at [www.VetBiz.gov](http://www.VetBiz.gov) to be eligible for award.

5. One week is too little time to respond to this solicitation properly. Can we get 45 day extension in order to respond properly?

Response: This is a combined synopsis/solicitation issued under the guidelines of FAR Subpart Subpart 12.6. Market research and historical data indicates that the provided time is appropriate.

6. Need to know how many copies of our Quotation to subject solicitation should be forwarded to?

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Response: As per the solicitation description, only electronic copies will be accepted. Please send the solicitation to [maina.gakure@va.gov](mailto:maina.gakure@va.gov)

7. Please verify this is a Qualifications and Price evaluation where we are to provide price on two Solar Commissioning projects and one CHP commissioning project?

Response: Please send in a technical and price volume as per the RFQ

8. What if I am only familiar with one of the system, can you split the requirement?

Response: No, we are looking for a SDVOSB that have experience commissioning CHP and solar PV systems.

9. What do you mean by Volume 1 and 2?

Response: Two separate attachments

10. The solicitation does not list how the proposals should be submitted.

- a. Are the proposals to be submitted via email or hard copied.

Response: See number 6

- b. If hard copy what is the address where we send the proposals.

Response: See number 6

11. The solicitation does not specify how to price the task orders. Is a fixed cost proposal required for the seed task orders?

Response: Yes, as stated in the RFQ, we are looking for the loaded labor category rates of your company and also the cost of completing the PWS tasks.

12. I have the JV/Team members who can provide the requested services, all with the requisite experience and resumes. But I cannot find any form with which to respond. Would you please send it to me immediately? I am qualified to bid, have the right joint partner in place, and would like to participate. Please send me the complete package or indicate where I may find it in the proposal.

Response: Everything is posted in the FBO.gov website

13. Can I provide partial information as I look for partners?

Response: No, all response documents need to have been received by the close of the RFQ due date and time. Failure to provide any required documents prior to the proposal due date and time will deem your offer non-responsive and ineligible for award. This award is being competed, and we have to be fair to all.

14. How do I register for the direct payment?

Response: If you are selected for award, then we will assist your company to register

15. What do you mean by installers of solar and CHP systems (for VA/OAEM/NEBC) or are currently supporting OAEM green team projects and who are these companies?

Response: It means those companies that install the CHP and or Solar PV Systems for VA. This is to prevent trade secrets and also because they have information that may result to unfair competition. The list includes companies/employees/consultants that are supporting the OAEM Strategic and Acquisition Package Development or are part of the OAEM BPA titled: Technical, Analytic, and Strategic Support for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Green Management Program Service. Please verify with your partners to make sure that they are not in the mentioned excluded category.