

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FOR SOLAR ENERGY COMPANIES

Columbia Development Authority (CDA)

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Columbia Development Authority, an entity formed by Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Morrow, County of Umatilla, Port of Morrow, Port of Umatilla and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, (hereinafter referred to as the “CDA”), has parcels of land ready for development “formerly known as Umatilla Army Ordinance Depot” located in the Umatilla and Morrow County in Eastern Oregon. CDA had many requests by the Solar renewable companies from across the country to locate in the development property (see attached map). As such, CDA desires to use this RFI process to rank and prioritize its engagement with select companies (**Short List**). Select short-listed solar companies will be presented to its Board of Director for approval for engagement.

Vision for our business

The vision of CDA is to engage with the most experienced solar company(s) that are innovative, integrate seamlessly with the Grid and are compatible with other potential business and industries to be located in the same Development Zones.

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Selection Criteria for Siting Solar Companies in CDA Industrial Site

Introduction:

This Request for Information (RFI) aims to identify solar companies with a focus on innovation and financial strength for potential location within an industrial site. The purpose is to gather company information and evaluate potential partners for the development of a solar energy project. Please provide detailed responses to the following criteria, including any supporting documentation or references. The responses will be scored based on the provided scoring guide.

Selection Criteria:

1. Innovation (Weighted Score: 40%)

a. Describe the company's track record in developing innovative solar technologies or solutions. (10 points)

- b. Provide examples of successful approach for integration of solar with hydropower grid system. (10 points)
- c. Describe any partnerships or collaborations the company has engaged in to foster innovation. (5 points)
- d. Available Space: Assess the size and layout of the industrial site to ensure it can accommodate multiple solar or other industrial companies and their respective installations. Consider factors outside of the prime industrial sites: such as igloos, roads, or unused land. (15 points)

2. Financial Strength (Weighted Score: 40%)

- a. Provide the company's experience from previous solar projects and financial strength from the past three years. (20 points)
- b. Demonstrate the company's ability to secure financing for solar projects and its access to capital. (10 points)
- c. Outline the company's creditworthiness and any credit ratings or assessments it has received. (10 points)

3. Collaboration (Weighted Score: 20%)

- a. Provide the company's experience in collaborating with others: i.e. cities, Tribal, the local companies, Utilities, Counties, Ports, etc.), (10 points)
- b. Demonstrate the company's understanding of the local issues and how you will enhance our communities. Clear statement why your company is the best. (10 points)

Scoring Guide:

- Excellent: 90-100 points
- Very Good: 75-89 points
- Good: 60-74 points
- Fair: 45-59 points
- Poor: Below 45 points

Note: The provided scoring guide is subject to change at the discretion of the evaluation committee.

Submission Instructions:

We look forward to your response. Please submit your responses electronically in a PDF format to:

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Deadline Date: No later than October 15, 2023

Reference #: "RFI-CDA-Solar" in the subject line of the email

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