

Questions and Answers (Round 1)

IMEA Request for Proposals

Updated: 2/25/2022

Next Update: 3/11/2022 or Earlier

IMEA RFP link for future updates: http://www.imea.org/SolarRFP_2022.aspx

Solar Photovoltaic Project at

Marshall, Oglesby and Princeton, IL

Q1: Is it possible to get the CAD files for the survey work? Most importantly the topo?

A: The following FTP site has been set up for easier access to documents and AutoCAD files pertaining to the solar project sites. Please contact us at (217)789-4632 to obtain the password for FTP site.

<ftp://50.203.94.55>

Username: solarbids

AutoCAD files for city of Marshall will be posted next week.

Q2: We are unable to access the link to the ECO CAT results and supporting documents in the RFP, is there another way that we could view those items?

A: Please refer to the IMEA website to access the Eco CAT results for each cities. You can access our website by clicking the link: http://www.imea.org/SolarRFP_2022.aspx

Q3: The RFP states that the host sites require unrestricted access to their respective sites. Is the intent for them to have a contact for which they can set up visits to the site? Or is the stated requirement meant as more of an unfettered access to each site in the form of keyed access?

A: The various agreements will require the Seller (PPA provider) to make the Premises available to Purchaser (IMEA) and its Members at all reasonable times with reasonable advance notice for educational tours of the facilities and community interest events related to solar energy. Key access will be required for host utility personnel during emergencies.

Q5: The RFP calls for required collateral of \$150,000 for the duration of the project. Is that \$150,000 per site? And would a bond issued for that amount sufficiently meet that requirement?

A: As indicated in section VII of the RFP, IMEA will require collateral in a form acceptable to IMEA of \$150,000 per **Megawatt AC**. For the total nameplate capacity of 2.5 MW_{ac} the required collateral will be \$375,000. A bond, Letter of Credit, or cash collateral will meet this requirement.

Q6: The RFP states that the intent is to have these projects be tax exempt. Should potential bids be submitted without tax being included?

A: Yes. As indicated in the 4th paragraph of Section III of the RFP, Each Member (Marshall, Princeton and Oglesby) is exempt from taxes on the site, and IMEA also enjoys certain tax exemptions, but the State of Illinois may tax the use of the land by private entities or may tax the production of energy by solar facilities. IIMEA will work to cause the sites to be recognized as tax-exempt, but if and to the extent that there are taxes imposed, those will be borne by IMEA.

Q7: Can you provide a Sample of PPA used on your other solar projects?

A: Yes. PPA template was uploaded on our Website (Solar RFP portion) on Feb 23rd. Link to the PPA template http://www.imea.org/SolarRFP_2022.aspx

Q8: Where can I find any updates related to the RFP? Please refer to IMEA website for updates related to the RFP.

NOTE: IMEA staff, in an attempt to aid potential bidder on the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Solar Photovoltaic Projects, has provided answers to these and other questions regarding this RFP form interested bidder. IMEA staff has answered these questions to the best of its abilities and to the best of our understanding of the current site conditions, ordinances, laws, and other regulations that exist and may apply to the proposed project. The questions and answers contained herein do not constitute changes in the RFP and IMEA assumes no liability for answers that may prove to be based on misassumptions or may inadvertently contain factual errors.