

Date: September 23, 2015

SUBJECT: DRAFT RFP NO.: CQ16042/LP, On-Site Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) – Lease Agreement Services



Dear Sir/Madam:

As part of an increasing effort to reduce its utility costs through clean energy, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is soliciting proposal comments only for On-Site Solar Power Purchase Agreement or Lease Agreement Services to support development of solar at multiple WMATA locations.

WMATA has undertaken a comprehensive effort to assess the condition of its parking facilities, roofs, and other property including technical and financial feasibility for solar photovoltaic technology. This process indicated that many WMATA locations present ideal opportunities for solar deployment. WMATA identified nine (9) sites with approximately eight (8) to twelve (12) megawatts of solar capacity to make up phase-one of its onsite solar development effort. Eight (8) of the nine (9) sites are surface parking lots and one is a green-field site. The restriction of sites to carport and ground mount installations is reflective of Metro's awareness of the market need for operational installations by December 31st 2016.

WMATA intends to select a vendor to design, install, operate, maintain, and own photovoltaic systems under a 20-year power purchase agreement or a lease agreement for developing solar energy for the same period. The Authority expects that the terms of power purchase agreement or lease agreement proposals will result in significant value to the Authority over the period of the contract. WMATA expects that any proposed electricity rates (per kilowatt-hour) will be below its current 'brown power' rates.

As detailed in "Metro Sustainability Report 2015," WMATA has aggressive targets related to clean energy, including a target to source 30% of its electricity from renewables by 2025. WMATA desires to leverage its assets to both meet a portion of its renewable target and to utilize its assets in ways that support regional sustainability goals. Innovation and full utilization of the opportunity are goals of the authority. The Authority anticipates that this initial solar photovoltaic effort will become a model for its strategy to leverage solar investments to reduce operating costs.

Comments/questions must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. local time, on October 7, 2015, at WMATA, Office of Procurement and Materials, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Room 3C-02, Washington, DC 20001-2651. WMATA will evaluate them and may incorporate the responses into the FINAL RFP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Marshall".

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