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Addendum 3
Solicitation # 23-99655
Request for Qualifications for Site Assessment & Evaluation for Solar PV & Storage

This addendum serves to notify all proposers of the following changes to the solicitation documents:

The following questions were received and answers follow in *italics*.

1. Can a certified master electrician in combination with a Licensed Civil Engineer serve as a viable alternative to a professional electrical engineer for this project? *As per the issued RFQ, under the skills and requirements section, subparagraph G, a Minnesota Professional Engineer (PE) is preferred as a skill requirement. While we welcome all proposals, this will be taken into consideration when evaluating and scoring the proposal responses.*

2. Could you please provide more details on the specific requirements and anticipated outcomes for the customized modeling scenarios? *By modeling we are referring to energy use and storage capabilities not specific capacities. We are looking to receive potential projects scenarios possible at each site and not an integrated energy model.*

3. Is it advantageous to have a solar energy company take the lead role in this project instead of an environmental consulting firm? *We welcome proposals submitted by both solar energy companies and environmental consultants. Firm partnerships are encouraged to submit a proposal whether they are a solar energy company or an environmental firm as long as the skill requirements are met and the site conditions can be properly evaluated.*

4. Addendum 2 posted on 10/10/23 says to submit one copy of the personnel and materials fee schedule. A fee schedule identified material cost and personnel hourly rates but does not provide a total project budget. Are you requesting a fee schedule only and/or a total estimated project budget? *We are requesting a personnel and fee schedule only. Do not include a total project budget in your proposal.*

5. Will the firm(s) chosen for this site evaluation project be precluded from developing/installing systems in the future? *No, this will be separate from all future RFP's for construction of solar PV & Storage on any of the sites*

6. For purely energy delivered, putting small arrays in limited and "residential" neighborhood space would be a lot more work for less energy output than larger installations. Will the sites be

best designed and utilized as fewer, larger installations outside of residential neighborhood space, for lower cost and more efficient effort? Hopefully near a substation? *Sites have not yet been identified, but aggregated larger sites are desired on city property and city owned assets. As part of site identification, interconnection criteria will be taken into account.*

7. Solar on its own is certainly proven to lessen demand on the utility. Batteries can buffer energy requirements from the grid, help solar supply in times of less sun and shave demand spikes. Since there will be huge energy requirements, how will the solar and battery units actually be expected to interact with the neighborhoods? If the power is out will the batteries be expected to take over to a limited extent? *The scale of battery storage would vary based on the site and unique public infrastructure that it would support. Batteries could serve a function of shedding demand loads and/or serving as backup power for public service infrastructure.*

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by including a copy of it with your proposal. The pages included will not count toward any page limitation, if any, identified in the RFP.

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