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CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §§ 16a-3f, 16a-3g, 16a-3j, AND 16a-3m – SOLICITATION RE ZERO CARBON CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

I. Introduction

On August 31, 2022, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) issued its 2022 Procurement Plan Update (Procurement Plan Update),¹ announcing procurements that DEEP planned to undertake to implement the findings and recommendations of the 2020 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) for Connecticut.²

On March 7, 2023, DEEP issued a Notice of Proceeding and Public Meeting initiating a procurement for new zero carbon electricity generating resources that deliver incremental power into the control area of the regional independent system operator including Class I, emission-free, renewable energy sources, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 16a-3f,3 16a-3g,4 16a-3j,5 and 16a-3m6 (the Acts). The Acts grant the DEEP Commissioner the authority to procure zero carbon resources and list specific considerations the Commissioner shall make when selecting proposals.

On July 25, 2023, DEEP issued a Notice including a Draft Request for Proposals (DRAFT RFP) for zero carbon resources and an opportunity for written comments.³ DEEP received 14 sets of comments on the Draft RFP.⁴

II. Request for Proposals

DEEP issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit offers from private developers for the eligible electricity generating resources in order to secure cost-effective zero carbon resources. DEEP exercises its procurement authority under each of the Acts to receive and evaluate proposals and select projects that help achieve the policy goals of affordable, equitable, and reliable emission-free energy.

DEEP held a Bidders' Conference on **November 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM**. Register <u>HERE</u>. The bidders' conference can be viewed by clicking this <u>link</u> and DEEP's presentation slides are available <u>here</u>.

Please send any questions regarding the RFP to <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u> by **November 27, 2023**. DEEP will post responses to questions on Energy Filings and <u>THIS WEBPAGE</u> by December 8, 2023.

Bidders must submit a Request for Submission Instructions by emailing DEEP at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov by December 1, 2023 in order to be eligible to bid.

Bids must be submitted to DEEP by January 31, 2024.

¹ https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/<u>DEEP/energy/IRP/2022-Procurement-Plan-Update.pdf</u>

² https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/energy/IRP/2020-IRP/2020-Connecticut-Integrated-Resources-Plan-10-7-2021.pdf

https://ctgovexec.sharepoint.com/sites/DEEPEnergyTechPolicy/EnergySupply/Supply%20and%20Infrastructure/Supply/Procurements/2023/Draft%20RFPs/Notice%20of%20Draft%20RFP%20(Zero%20Carbon).pdf?CT=1697636366451&OR=Item sView

⁴ https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=3.1&Seq=2

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