

RENEWABLE TEAM
MEETING #3 MINUTES
October 28, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
HR1-C LOB

I. Strategies for Deploying Solar:

Financing:

PPA update –

- Mackey Dykes of Green Bank could not make the meeting, but had information for the group. The Green Bank is part of a working group with DEEP, OPM, DAS, the Treasurer's office, and the Comptroller's office. DEEP, DAS and CGB have shared the PPA that we've all agreed to with this broader group. The group is on board with the structure. We've gotten some comments that we're incorporating from the Treasurer's office but nothing that will derail the efforts.

Performance Metrics:

Discussion of homework –

- DOT CT Service Plaza Dashboard – This example would be good for the public to see.
- Mackey Dykes of Green Bank did say he had a platform similar to this dash board, but is not ready to share it with us yet.

Policy Concerns:

Any concerns? -

- None noted.

Education for Agencies:

PPA update -

- We need to be able to show agencies how to utilize and implement PPA's.
- Paul Hinsch suggested that a team be created to help guide agencies to help assist them with their energy projects. Have specific small units to run these renewables and capital projects and utilize some of the savings to fund it so it would be self-sustaining
- Loretta Eisler mentioned that the Dept. of Mental Health met with Mackey Dykes to discuss solar projects on some of their buildings at CVH. He suggested that they supply him utility bills for a quick evaluation to see if it's worth pursuing. Steve Link said he would check on this.

II. Identify Pilot Project:

DOC, DEEP and DAS's project update –

- A walk-through was conducted back on October 9, 2019 at our Enfield, Somers and Cheshire facilities. There were half a dozen contractors. They reviewed the fields that would be utilized. So far, there are no hurdles to the installation identified to overcome.
- Mackey Dykes of Green Bank, also had the following information for the group: The RFP for construction of the DEEP, DAS, and DOC pilot projects is out. For anyone who's interested, it can be found at <https://ctgreenbank.com/statesolarrrfp/>. The deadline for submission was extended to 11/7 (website will be updated today to reflect this).
- The Green Bank also released an RFI to prequalify financiers/solar funds that are interested in financing and owning the system. In mid-November, once we know the costs to construct the system from the construction RFP, we'll run an RFP with our prequalified financiers/solar funds to result in the lowest PPA price for the state.

III. Pilot-Test

Update -

- As a reminder, three agencies are part of the pilot test.
- DEEP held a pre-bid for the Fish Hatchery. FM Global has specific requirements for solar installations that bidders will need to address.
- Once PPA is agreed upon, we can get started.

IV. Share Process to Make it BAU:

- Develop check list for solar installations

Other:

- Steve Link will keep all informed on the PPA and see if CCSU has a check list for solar projects that can be used for agency education and BAU.
- The next meeting will be held at the Legislative Office Building time and date to be determined.