## **NOTICE**

## **Request for Proposals**

## Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities with the Township of Gloucester, Gloucester Township Public School District, and Black Horse Pike Regional School District Gloucester Township, New Jersey

The Township of Gloucester is seeking proposals from qualified firms for the design, development, financing, construction, commissioning, operation, maintenance and ownership of ground-mounted, roof-mounted and parking canopy-mounted solar photovoltaic ("PV") facilities for the Township, the Gloucester Township Public Schools and the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. The PV facilities are proposed to be located at the following locations (collectively the "Project"):

Gloucester Township Department of

**Public Works** 

Ann Mullen School Loring Flemming School

**Blackwood School** 

Erial School

Highland High School

Triton High School

Gloucester Township Municipal Complex

J.W. Lilley School C.W. Lewis School Chews School Glen Landing School Timber Creek High School

The successful bidder (the "Contractor") will enter into a maximum 15-year Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with the Township to sell power produced by the System to the Township and the School Districts for the respective entities' facilities. The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs associated with the development, financing, design, construction and permitting of the Project. The Contractor shall also be responsible for roofing repairs/upgrades necessary to ensure that roof warranties are protected and/or extended appropriately. The Contractor shall retain ownership of the System, as well as to the Solar Renewable Energy Certificates ("SRECs") generated by the System.

Bids must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of "Township of Gloucester" for not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, except that the check shall not exceed \$20,000.00. The successful bidder is hereby notified that a performance bond for the full amount of this project is required.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be conducted on June 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board Meeting Room of the Township of Gloucester Municipal Building, 1261 Chews Landing Road, Laurel Springs, New Jersey. Site tours with the Township's consultants will be conducted on June 28 and June 29 at 10:00 a.m., with an alternate site tour date scheduled for July 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Bids will be received, opened and read in public on August 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Board Meeting Room at the Township of Gloucester Municipal Building, 1261 Chews Landing Road, Laurel Springs, New Jersey.

Copies of the Request for Proposals ("RFP") documents may be obtained by contacting the Township of Gloucester at the address below:

Office of the Business Administrator Gloucester Township P.O. Box 8 Blackwood, NJ 08012

Electronic file copies of the RFP documents may be requested at no cost via email: mstanger@blueskypower.com, or by phone at (856) 479-9095 x2.

Bidders are hereby notified that any award made pursuant to the RFP will be made subject to the condition that the successful bidder must negotiate a Public Labor Agreement for the work.

This RFP seeks bids under the competitive bidding provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1, *et seq.* The Contractor awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP must comply with the requirements of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, the Public School Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1, and any other applicable statutes and regulations as set forth in the terms and conditions of the RFP.

No bids shall be considered which are received after August 10, 2011 at 10:00 AM, regardless of the circumstances under which the bid was made untimely. All bids received after said time shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, Gloucester Township, New Jersey.

Tom Cardis Business Administrator