



August 31, 2015

ADDENDUM #1
RFP #16-29
Solar Net Metering Credits

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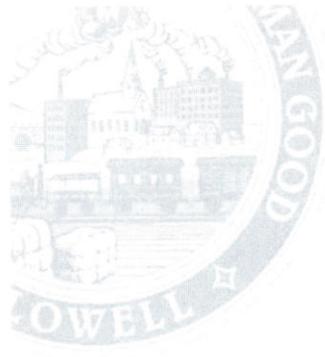
CLARIFICATION

Question 1: Regarding the Appropriation Contingency on Page 1, if in fact a scenario happened where the city “fails to appropriate operating funds” would an early termination fee for the PPA agreement be acceptable?

Answer – No, if the City is unable to appropriate operating funds, it would also not be able to pay an early termination fee.

Question 2: Regarding the bullet points under “Identification of an solar PV systems currently contacted” on page 14 continued into 15. These bullets seem out of place are you looking for all of this information on our currently contracted systems or would you be looking for this information on the proposed system? I believe these bullets are meant to be under “3. Information re: solar PV facility to serve Lowell” (pg 16).

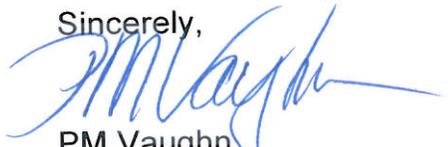
Answer – The bullet points under “Identification of any solar PV systems currently contracted...” are meant to give an overall assessment of the qualifications and experience of the company, particularly with emphasis on municipalities with which the Proponent has been involved in the last five years. This section allows the City to assess overall company qualification and experience within the Massachusetts municipal structure. The bullets listed under “3. Information re: Solar PV Facility to Serve Lowell” deal more specifically with the solar projects that are intended to be used for the benefit of Lowell via net metering credits. This allows the City to assess the individual projects that Lowell would benefit from. Both questions should be answered since they are relevant to assessing contractor qualifications, though there may be projects that are listed under both categories.



Question 3: If possible, please provide greater clarification on Lowell's net metering appetite in terms of dollars (as opposed to kWh). This will allow bidders to provide a more accurate proposal.

Answer – In terms of dollars, the City is looking to offset approximately \$2.8 million in electricity costs annually through net metering credits. This cost and historical net metering credit performance from existing City agreements were used to derive the high end of the 15 million kWh of solar production listed in the RFP.

Sincerely,



PM Vaughn
Chief Procurement Officer