



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Solar Energy Feasibility Study for the Prairie Island Indian Community**

**OPENING DATE:** August 10, 2017

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** August 30, 2017

The Prairie Island Indian Community is a federally-recognized Indian tribe (the “Tribe”), located in southeastern Minnesota along the banks of the Mississippi River, approximately 30 miles from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Tribe is seeking proposals from qualified professionals to conduct a feasibility study on the potential for development of solar energy project(s) for the Tribe.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK:**

The consultant will conduct a feasibility study for potential solar renewable energy projects on land within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, and/or owned by the Tribe. This study will include local market conditions, current and future demands, prices, and all the engineering and equipment necessary for the startup of a new operation. The feasibility study will look at specific needs of the Tribe, potential economic opportunities, and will provide information that includes, but is not limited to:

- Solar resource potential on the Tribe’s Reservation and other property held in trust for the Prairie Island Indian Community, in addition to Tribally-owned fee land;
- Feasible methods/locations for installing solar facilities;
- Interconnection requirements and/or infrastructure needs associated with any solar projects;
- Size of system and performance taking into account energy uses and demand;
- Economic models including initial capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, other costs, revenue and/or cost savings, etc.; and
- Recommendations on partnerships, grants and/or third-party funding opportunities.

**PROPOSALS:**

Candidates must submit a proposal for executing the Scope of Work, and should include biographical information, relevant experience, and the projected costs and/or fee structure. Prairie Island tribal member and Native American preference applies.

**PIIC HANDLING OF PROPOSALS:**

Proposals will be reviewed by a proposal evaluation team. Based on this evaluation, candidates will be contacted for interviews. Final issuance of this contract will be subject to the negotiation of mutually-agreeable terms.

**IMPORTANT CONTRACT INFORMATION:**

Submissions and inquiries regarding this RFP may be directed to:

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