

Akwesasne Housing Authority
Invitation for Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises to Submit
Statements of Intent to Respond to Upcoming Request for Proposals
AHA Go Solar Initiative ICDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project

The Akwesasne Housing Authority (“AHA”) has been awarded a \$600,000 Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Indian Community Development Block Grant (“ICDBG”) to assist AHA with the installation of a new 274.12 kW solar facility and the expansion of existing on-site solar facilities by 30.54 kW (the “AHA Go Solar Project”), all to meet the electrical energy used by AHA’s low-income housing units in the Sunrise Acres Complex. The AHA Go Solar Project’s new 274.12 kW solar facility will be built on a parcel that is separate from the Sunrise Acres Complex and that is owned by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (the “Tribe”) and will take advantage of National Grid’s (AHA’s local utility provider’s) remote aggregated metering program.

AHA invites Indian-owned firms to submit statements of intent to respond to an upcoming request for proposals (“RFP”) to implement the AHA Go Solar Project. AHA shall receive such statements of intent until 2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, April 8th, 2016 at the offices of AHA, 378 State Route 37, Suite A, Hogansburg, NY 13655. With its statements of intent, each Indian-owned firm must complete and submit a Contractor’s Pre-Qualification Statement for the AHA Go Solar Project, which can be found on AHA’s website and can be picked up at the offices of AHA.

Below is a partial list of the requirements that apply to the Project:

1. Because of the importance of receiving funding for the Project from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”), qualified RFP respondents must:
 - (a) Be a Participating Contractor in the NYSERDA NY-Sun Program for systems above 200kW in size;
 - (b) Be a Participating Installer in the NYSERDA NY-Sun Program for systems 200kW and smaller in size; and
 - (c) Agree to take all required steps to receive NYSERDA funding.
2. Qualified RFP respondents must have experience in successfully installing at least one solar project that is at least 200 kW in size.
3. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to install the Solar Project at a reasonable cost.
4. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the regulations in 24 C.F.R. Part 135, as well as the employment and contract preference laws adopted by the Tribe in accordance with Section 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996.

5. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to provide five years of operation and maintenance of the AHA Go Solar Project and to train AHA staff to take over operation and maintenance after that time.
6. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to obtain all permits and approvals for installation of the AHA Go Solar Project.
7. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to install photovoltaic panels with at least a 25-year warranty, ground-mount racking systems with at least a 10-year warranty and inverters with at least a 10-year warranty.
8. Qualified RFP respondents must agree to comply with and assist AHA in its compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 24 C.F.R. Parts 1000 and 1003.

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