

2016 Supplemental Photovoltaic RFP

SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: ICC Approves the Results of the Spring 2016 Procurement Event

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On Monday, April 4, 2016, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved the results of the second procurement event under the IPA's Supplemental Photovoltaic ("SPV") RFP held on March 31, 2016. The SPV RFP is to procure renewable energy credits from photovoltaics using the Renewable Energy Resources Fund in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act.

In accordance with the Act and ICC Orders, the Procurement Administrator is releasing the information concerning the results of the Spring 2016 SPV RFP. Please see the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Bid Window is Now Open!

Published Date: 2016-03-31 9:00:00

The Bid Window for the SPV RFP is now open. **Bids must be received TODAY between 8 AM and 12 PM (noon)** Central Prevailing Time, and **you must be available by phone** during the cure deficiency period **between 12 PM (noon) and 1 PM** Central Prevailing Time.

Please have at hand:

- the Bid Form issued to you on March 28, 2016;
- your login information and security code (confidential information with **blue background**); and
- the instructions issued by the Procurement Administrator for bid submission.

The Act calls for the Procurement Administrator to notify potential bidders that the Procurement Administrator may enter into post-bid price negotiations. However, the Supplemental PV Procurement Plan as approved by the Commission specifies that no such post-bid negotiations will occur.

If you have questions related to your confidential information or to the bid submission process, please contact us at 215-568-0200.

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SPV RFP – REMINDER: Bid Window TOMORROW 8 AM to 12 PM (NOON) CPT!

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The Bid Date for the SPV RFP is tomorrow, March 31, 2016. **All Bids must be received** during the Bid Window **between 8 AM and 12 PM (noon)** Central Prevailing Time tomorrow. **You must be available by phone** for the cure deficiency period **between 12 PM (noon) and 1 PM** Central Prevailing Time tomorrow otherwise your Bids may not be evaluated.

On the Bid Date, you will need:

- the Bid Form issued to you on March 28, 2016;
- your login information and security code (confidential information with **blue background**); and
- the instructions issued by the Procurement Administrator for bid submission.

If you do not have one or more of these documents immediately available, please contact us at Illinois-RFP@nera.com or 215-568-0200.

SPV RFP – POSTING: Final List of Acceptable Modifications to the Post-Bid Letter of Credit

Published Date: 2016-03-30 13:00:34

The Procurement Administrator has posted a final list of acceptable modifications to the Post-Bid Letter of Credit to the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website under the heading “Final Supplemental PV Contract Documents”. This document incorporates acceptable modifications proposed and accepted during the Part 1 Window and is dated March 30, 2016.

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SPV RFP – REMINDER: Bid Submission Training starts at 8 AM CPT TODAY

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A training session for the Spring 2016 Supplemental Photovoltaic (“SPV”) RFP is being held this morning. During the session you will be able to practice all aspects of the bid submission procedure that you will use on the Bid Date, March 31, 2016. The schedule for the training session is as follows:

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

- Procurement Administrator calls each Bidder to discuss and answer questions on the completion and encryption of the Bid Form.

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

- Bidders submit Bid Forms through secure file transfer interface.
- Bidders phone the Procurement Administrator when the Bid Form is submitted.

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Procurement Administrator provides the evaluation of the Bid Form and answers any additional questions. Bidders with deficient Bid Forms will have an opportunity to resubmit.
- Window for optional submission of the Bid Form by the backup method.

Please consult the Bid Form Guide and have the SPV RFP Trial Bid Form and Confidential Information for Bidder Training on hand during the training session. These materials were provided to you in your Part 1 Notification sent on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Please contact the Procurement Administrator if you are missing any of the materials for the training session or if you are not able to participate.

SPV RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals Due at NOON TODAY!

Published Date: 2016-03-23 10:06:32

Part 2 Proposals for the SPV RFP are due TODAY, March 23, 2016 by 12 PM (noon) CPT. By this deadline, Bidders must:

- Submit all information required by the **online Part 2 Form**.
- Provide an **IRS Form W-9** duly completed by each Seller. The December 2014 version of the IRS Form W-9 must be used.
- Provide a **Tax Identification Number Form (Appendix 1.5 to the SPV Contract)** duly completed by each Seller.
- Provide **bid assurance collateral** in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit. Please refer to the Bid Assurance Collateral Instructions included with your Part 1 Notification for details.

Other documents are also required to support the Part 2 Proposals.

You can access the online Part 2 Form using the same login credentials provided to access the online Part 1 Form. Log on [here](#) or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)” after entering your login credentials.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at Illinois-RFP@nera.com if you encounter issues or require assistance with the application website.

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SPV RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals Due NOON WEDNESDAY!

Published Date: 2016-03-21 10:14:57

Part 2 Proposals for the SPV RFP are due on Wednesday March 23, 2016 by 12 PM (noon) CPT. By this deadline, Bidders must:

- Submit all information required by the **online Part 2 Form**.
- Provide an **IRS Form W-9** duly completed by each Seller.
- Provide a **Tax Identification Number Form (Appendix 1.5 to the SPV Contract)** duly completed by each Seller.
- Provide **Bid assurance collateral** in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit.

Other documents are also required to support the Part 2 Proposal.

You can access the online Part 2 Form using the same login credentials provided to access the online Part 1 Form. Log on [here](#) or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)” after entering your login credentials.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at Illinois-RFP@nera.com if you encounter issues or require assistance with the application website.

SPV RFP – POSTING: List of Acceptable Modifications to the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit

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The Procurement Administrator has posted the list of acceptable modifications to the Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit to the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website under the heading “Final Supplemental PV RFP Documents”. This document incorporates acceptable modifications proposed and accepted during the Part 1 Window and is dated March 17, 2016.

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SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Part 2 Window Opens TODAY!

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The Part 2 Window for the SPV RFP opens **TODAY, March 17, 2016. Part 2 Proposals (except for Bids) are due on March 23, 2016 by 12 PM (noon) CPT.**

Bidders respond to the requirements of the Part 2 Proposal by using the online Part 2 Form together with the Inserts to the Part 2 Form posted on March 16, 2016 to the procurement website. Bidders access the online Part 2 Form through the application website using the same login credentials provided to access the online Part 1 Form. Log on [here](#) or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)” after entering your login credentials.

For instructions on submitting Bid Assurance Collateral, please refer to the Bid Assurance Collateral Instructions document sent to you with your Part 1 Notification on March 16, 2016.

Please email the Procurement Administrator at Illinois-RFP@nera.com if you encounter issues or require assistance with the application website.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals Due in less than 10 Minutes—Hit Submit NOW!

Published Date: 2016-03-10 12:53:50

The Part 1 Date which is when Part 1 Proposals are due is TODAY at 12 PM (noon) CPT. All Part 1 Proposals must be submitted via the online form and you **must hit SUBMIT** before the Part 1 Window closes **in less than 10 minutes**.

You can click [here](#) to log on to the online form or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)” after entering your login credentials.

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SPV RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals Due by NOON TODAY!

Published Date: 2016-03-10 09:09:50

The Part 1 Date which is when Part 1 Proposals are due is **TODAY at 12 PM (noon) CPT.** All Part 1 Proposals must be submitted via the online form before the Part 1 Window closes at **12 PM (noon) CPT.**

To obtain login credentials, **please register for an application account** by clicking [here](#). You must select “IPA Supplemental PV” as the category before submitting.

You can click [here](#) to log on to the online form or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)” after entering your login credentials.

SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: The Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit has Changed since the Fall 2015 RFP

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In its Part 2 Proposal, a Bidder must submit bid assurance collateral in the form of a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit or cash. The Pre-Bid Letter of Credit must be in the form of the Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit provided as Appendix 6 of the RFP Rules or incorporate only modifications approved by the IPA and posted to the procurement website. **The only opportunity** for a Bidder to work with its financial institution to provide comments on or request modifications to the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit **is through a submission in the Part 1 Proposal.** The Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit is available in the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website under the [Spring 2016 Supplemental PV Final Documents](#) header. Bidders may also comment on the “Post-Bid” Letter of Credit appended to the SPV Contract.

IMPORTANT! The Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit has changed since the Fall 2015 RFP. The prior requirement that the bank have its unsecured debt meet a minimum rating from the credit agencies has been replaced by a requirement that the bank be FDIC insured and exceed all regulatory capital ratios. Attached is a redline comparison of the Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit for the Spring 2016 to the version for the Fall 2015 RFP.

If you wish to provide comments or propose modifications to the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit please do so by submitting a redline of the document in Microsoft Word format by email to Illinois-RFP@nera.com or by upload to the online Part 1 Form.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals Due by NOON TOMORROW!

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Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT TOMORROW, March 10, 2016. All Part 1 Proposals must be submitted via the online form before the Part 1 Window closes. Under the Part 1 Proposal requirements, you must provide Bidder information, designate Authorized Representative(s), and make certain certifications. Bidders including a forecast quantity will also be required to provide information for the Aggregator as well as to make additional certifications.

Additionally, for each system included in your proposal (and depending on the system's characteristics) you will be required to provide:

- **Information regarding system characteristics**, including: size, system owner information, location, system host information, interconnecting utility, customer account number, system energized date, and seller information; and
- **Documentation regarding the system characteristics**, including: system size certification, documentation to support the stated energized date, seller-owner agreement, host acknowledgment, and a certification regarding previously presented systems.

The Part 1 Date is also the deadline to submit comments or proposed modifications to the Letters of Credit.

To obtain login credentials, **please register for an application account** by clicking [here](#). You must select "IPA Supplemental PV" as the category before submitting.

You can click [here](#) to log on to the online form or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose "[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)" after entering your login credentials.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals Due by NOON on March 10th!

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Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on March 10, 2016. All Part 1 Proposals must be submitted via the online form before the Part 1 Window closes. Under the Part 1 Proposal requirements, you must provide Bidder information, designate Authorized Representative(s), and make certain certifications. Bidders including a forecast quantity will also be required to provide information for the Aggregator as well as to make additional certifications.

Additionally, for each system included in your proposal (and depending on the system's characteristics) you will be required to provide:

- **Information regarding system characteristics**, including: size, system owner information, location, system host information, interconnecting utility, customer account number, system energized date, and seller information; and
- **Documentation regarding the system characteristics**, including: system size certification, documentation to support the stated energized date, seller-owner agreement, host acknowledgment, and a certification regarding previously presented systems.

The Part 1 Date is also the deadline to submit comments or proposed modifications to the Letters of Credit.

To obtain login credentials, **please register for an application account** by clicking [here](#). You must select "IPA Supplemental PV" as the category before submitting.

You can click [here](#) to log on to the online form or select Qualification Forms on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose "[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)" after entering your login credentials.

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SPV RFP – POSTING: Bidder Information Webcast Presentation and Audio Recording

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The Procurement Administrator has posted the presentation materials and the audio recording from the bidder information webcast held on February 24, 2016 to the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website.

The Part 1 Window opens Thursday, February 25, 2016 and Part 1 Proposals are due by **12 PM (noon) CPT on Thursday, March 10, 2016**. Bidders use the application website to submit the online Part 1 Form and to upload required documents. To obtain login credentials, **please register for an application account** by clicking [here](#). You must select “IPA Supplemental PV” as the category before submitting.

SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Part 1 Window is Open!

Published Date: 2016-02-25 10:02:27

The Part 1 Window for the Supplemental Photovoltaic RFP (“SPV RFP”) **is now open**. You can use your login credentials issued to you yesterday to log in to the online form [here](#) or you can select “[Qualification Forms](#)” on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose “[Click here to fill out the Supplemental PV Form](#)”.

If you requested an account and you have not received your login credentials, please contact us via email (Illinois-RFP@nera.com). Please include your name, phone number, company name, and email address in your communication to us.

Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

SPV RFP – POSTING: Final RFP Documents

Published Date: 2016-02-24 09:33:53

Under the Illinois Power Agency’s (“IPA”) Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan (“Supplemental Plan”), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act.

The Procurement Administrator has posted the Final RFP documents for the third Procurement event under the Supplemental Plan to the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website under the heading “Final Supplemental PV RFP Documents”. These documents are dated February 23, 2016.

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SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Bidder Information Webcast TOMORROW, Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Published Date: 2016-02-23 14:37:55

Under the Illinois Power Agency's ("IPA") Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan ("Supplemental Plan"), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits ("RECs") from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act. The Supplemental Plan provides for three procurement events. The first and second procurement events took place in 2015. The third procurement event is scheduled for March 2016.

A bidder information webcast related to the third Supplemental Photovoltaic RFP ("SPV RFP") will be held **TOMORROW, Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 12:00PM Central/1:00PM Eastern** and is open to all prospective bidders. Representatives of NERA, the Procurement Administrator, will provide an overview of the RFP Process and Rules including qualification requirements. Time is scheduled for questions.

If you wish to participate, please [RSVP](#) with number of phone connections needed so that sufficient ports can be made available. Call-in information and the WebEx Link will be provided to respondents on the morning of February 24, 2016 prior to the call.

SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Bidder Information Webcast on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Published Date: 2016-02-16 16:48:44

Under the Illinois Power Agency's ("IPA") Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan ("Supplemental Plan"), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits ("RECs") from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act. The Supplemental Plan provides for three procurement events. The first and second procurement events took place in 2015. The third procurement event is scheduled for March 2016.

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SPV RFP – POSTING: Draft RFP Documents

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In the file labelled "Spring 2016 SPV RFP Sample Documents" the Procurement Administrator has posted the following:

- Sample letter of intent
- Sample host acknowledgement

These are posted early for the convenience of bidders in their preparation for the upcoming procurement event.

The Procurement Administrator has also posted **DRAFT RFP documents** to the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website under the heading "Spring 2016 Supplemental PV DRAFT Documents":

- Spring 2016 SPV RFP Rules (Draft)
- Appendix 6: Standard Pre-Bid Letter of Credit (DRAFT)
- Spring 2016 SPV RFP Worksheet Insert #P1-2 (DRAFT)

These documents are dated February 12, 2016 and are **DRAFT RFP documents ONLY**. Final RFP documents will be posted to the Supplemental PV Procurement Section of the procurement website on February 23, 2016.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Deadline to Comment on Draft REC Purchase and Sale Agreement is Today, February 10, 2016

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On January 28, 2016, the Procurement Administrator posted to the procurement website a draft REC Purchase and Sale Agreement. A corrected draft and redline document was posted on February 1, 2016. If you previously downloaded the draft document, please download the corrected draft (dated Feb. 1) on the procurement website: [click here](#).

The Procurement Administrator invites interested parties to submit their comments on the Draft IPA REC Purchase and Sale Agreement.

To submit comments, please visit the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website (www.IPA-energyrfp.com) to download:

- the Invitation to Comment
- the Draft IPA REC Purchase and Sale Agreement

Interested parties submit their comments as tracked changes in Microsoft Word and may also provide explanatory notes to Illinois-RFP@nera.com. Please review the contract comment process document for instructions. The deadline to submit comments is 6PM CPT **today, February 10, 2016**.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Deadline to Comment on Draft REC Purchase and Sale Agreement is Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Published Date: 2016-02-08 17:07:17

Under the Illinois Power Agency’s (“IPA”) Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan (“Supplemental Plan”), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act. The Supplemental Plan provides for three procurement events. The first and second procurement events took place in 2015. The third procurement event is scheduled for March 2016.

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The Procurement Administrator invites interested parties to submit their comments on the Draft IPA REC Purchase and Sale Agreement.

To submit comments, please visit the [Supplemental PV Procurement Section](#) of the procurement website (www.IPA-energyrfp.com) to download:

- the Invitation to Comment
- the Draft IPA REC Purchase and Sale Agreement

Interested parties submit their comments as tracked changes in Microsoft Word and may also provide explanatory notes to Illinois-RFP@nera.com. Please review the contract comment process document for instructions. The deadline to submit comments is 6PM CPT on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**.

SPV RFP – REMINDER: Deadline to Comment on Draft REC Purchase and Sale Agreement is Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Published Date: 2016-02-01 13:27:58

Under the Illinois Power Agency’s (“IPA”) Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan (“Supplemental Plan”), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act. The Supplemental Plan provides for three procurement events. The first and second procurement events took place in 2015. The third procurement event is scheduled for March 2016.

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SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Invitation to Comment on Draft REC Purchase and Sale Agreement

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Under the Illinois Power Agency’s (“IPA”) Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan (“Supplemental Plan”), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act. The Supplemental Plan provides for three procurement events. The first and second procurement events took place in 2015. The third procurement event is scheduled for March 2016.

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SPV RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Spring 2016 Supplemental PV RFP (“SPV RFP”)

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Under the Illinois Power Agency’s (“IPA”) Supplemental Photovoltaic Procurement Plan (“Supplemental Plan”), the IPA will purchase up to \$30,000,000 of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) from photovoltaic systems through contracts of five years in length in accordance with Section 1-56(i) of the IPA Act.

The schedule for the third procurement event under the Supplemental Plan has been posted to the [Calendar](#) page of the procurement website. The window to submit Proposals opens on February 25, 2016 and Bids are due on March 31, 2016.
