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NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPETITIVE SOLAR INCENTIVE (“CSI”) PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
P.L. 2021, c.169

[Docket No. QO21101186](#)

Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBP” or “Board”) invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a virtual Stakeholder Meeting regarding the third solicitation of the Competitive Solar Incentive (“CSI”) Program. The Board announced the opening of the CSI Program in an Order dated December 7, 2022. As mandated by the Solar Act of 2021, the CSI Program will solicit for at least 300 MW of solar generation annually. The solicitation portal for the third bid into the CSI Program opened for pre-qualification on May 14, 2025, and remains open for bid submission until 11:59:59 PM on July 23, 2025. Board staff invites stakeholders to an informational session on the solicitation process.

The CSI Program opened to qualifying grid supply solar installations, eligible grid supply solar installations in combination with energy storage, and non-residential net metered solar installations with a capacity greater than five (5) megawatts (“MW”). The CSI Order also established siting requirements, codified at N.J.A.C. 14:8-12, for qualifying solar facilities designed to ensure that affordably expanding New Jersey’s commitment to renewable energy would not compromise the State’s commitment to preserving and protecting open space and farmland. These solar siting rules, developed in consultation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, apply to projects eligible to participate in the CSI Program regardless of whether they will pursue an incentive.

The CSI Program is structured into five separate competitive categories, or tranches. Total procurement sums to 300 MW of generation and 160 MWh of paired energy storage for this solicitation, with the following per-tranche MW procurement targets.

Tranche	Target (MW dc)
1. Basic Grid Supply	150
2. Grid Supply on the Built Environment	80
3. Grid Supply on Contaminated Sites and Landfills	55
4. Net Metered Non-residential Projects above 5 MW	15
TOTAL	300
5. Energy Storage Paired with Grid Supply Solar	160 MWh

For the current solicitation, the pre-qualification window opened on May 14, 2025, and will remain open until bids are due at 11:59:59 on July 23, 2025. During this window, developers may submit their pre-qualification paperwork to the Board’s solicitation manager, Daymark Energy Advisors, who will review the documents and identify any deficiencies. The developer will have opportunity to cure until the time that the bids are due. Deficiencies in the application at the time bids are due will result in disallowing the deficient project’s participation in the solicitation. During the prequalification period Daymark will also perform a preliminary assessment to determine whether an individual project would breach the regulatory caps on agricultural land use, or if the project is located on a prohibited land use type.

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING

DATE: Thursday, June 12, 2025
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qvdJ5rN4QEe0pWkS3bDJKQ

Daymark will host the stakeholder meeting along with Board Staff. The hosts will present information on the solicitation portal, the prequalification requirements for the competitive tranches, the prequalification evaluation Daymark will perform, and siting information for the CSI Program. There will be an opportunity for Q&A; answers to verbal and written questions will be posted on the solicitation portal website FAQ section.

Held via Webinar

Please note that the meeting will be conducted virtually. You must register for the meeting before attending. Please register at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. Stakeholders should check their access devices in advance of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information provided in the registration confirmation email and may express their views. In order to encourage full participation, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above meeting to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Questions on the program and this stakeholder process may be directed to njcsi@daymarkea.com.

Dated: June 2, 2025

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