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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 second solicitation of the Competitive Solar Incentive (“CSI”) Program. The Board announced the opening of the CSI Program in an Order dated December 7, 2022.¹ As mandated by the Solar Act of 2021, the CSI Program will solicit for solar generation totaling 300 MW per year through 2026. The solicitation portal for the second bid into the CSI Program opened for pre-qualification on November 27th, 2023 and remains open for bid submission until 11:59:59 PM on February 29th, 2024. Board staff invites stakeholders to an informational session on the solicitation process.

The CSI Program opened to qualifying grid supply solar installations and non-residential net metered solar installations with a capacity greater than five (5) megawatts (“MW”), as well as to eligible grid supply solar installations in combination with energy storage. Additionally, the Board adopted siting rules for grid supply and large net metered solar facilities² designed to support New Jersey’s commitment to renewable energy while not compromising 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 four separate competitive categories, or tranches, with the following per-tranche MW procurement targets and with total procurement summing to 300 MW for this solicitation. An additional fifth storage tranche allows for storage in combination with a grid supply solar award.

Tranche	Target
1. Basic Grid Supply	140 MW
2. Grid Supply on the Built Environment	80 MW
3. Grid Supply on Contaminated Sites and Landfills	40 MW
4. Net Metered Non-residential Projects above 5 MW	40 MW
5. Storage Paired with Grid Supply Solar	160 MWh

For the current solicitation, the pre-qualification window opened on November 27, 2023, and will remain open until bids are due at 11:59:59 on February 29, 2024. During this window, developers may submit their pre-qualification paperwork to the Board’s solicitation manager Daymark, who will review the documents, identify any deficiencies, and the developer will have opportunity to cure until such time that the bids are due. Deficiencies in the application at the time bids are due will result in projects not being allowed to participate 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 is located on prohibited land uses.

¹ Order Launching the CSI Program, December 7, 2022. <https://njcleanenergy.com/files/file/BPU/2022/12-7-22-8C.pdf>

² N.J.A.C. 14:8-12

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INFORMATIONAL SESSION

DATE: December 14, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM EST
LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Webinar
REGISTER: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_isLSn8uVSqmWA7_LBDaqaA

CSI solicitation administrator Daymark Energy Advisors (Daymark) will host the informational meeting along with Board Staff. The hosts will present information on the solicitation portal, the prequalification requirements for the competitive tranches, and the prequalification evaluation Daymark will perform. 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 hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Questions on this stakeholder process may be directed to solar.programs@bpu.nj.gov.

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Dated: December 7, 2023