

ADDENDUM TO RFQ/RFP
Trinidad Union School District
Proposition 39
Solar Photovoltaic System
Addendum #1
April 27, 2017

To All Prospective Proposers:

The Trinidad Union School District (District) herewith issues Addendum No. 1 to the above-referenced solicitation. This Addendum shall be made part of the Contract Documents. Except as specifically modified by this document, all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

Answers to questions from Proposers:

1. **Question:** Appendix A has several Activities listed with deadlines in 2016 (we assume this is a typo), please clarify.

Answer: All dates listed in Appendix A should be 2017, not 2016.
2. **Question:** Appendix F states "The Trinidad Elementary School's Summer Break begins June 19, 2017 – the District requests that the PV system installation occur during Summer Break, or during an alternate break, e.g., Thanksgiving, Winter Break." Will RCEA and the Owner please provide a written statement assuring contractors that the PV system may be installed later than September 2017?

Answer: Trinidad Union School District will allow completion of the proposed solar project to go beyond Sept. 2017 if needed by selected ESCO.
3. **Question:** Per Page 4 "the selected ESCO will be expected to complete installation and integration of the system based on a schedule as dictated by the District's funding sources for this project"; what is the ultimate deadline for Project Close-out and System Commissioning (as dictated by the funding sources) that the Owner is willing to accept?

Answer: Per the "California Energy Commission Guidelines, Proposition 39: California Clean Energy Jobs Act 2016 Program Implementation Guidelines," page 8-Schedule, the final encumbrance date for projects (i.e., when contracts must be finalized) is **June 30, 2018**, and the final date all projects must be completed is **June 30, 2020**.
4. **Question:** Page 8, point 7.h of the RFP states the Proposer must include "estimated first year energy cost savings". We do not have any information about the School's current/historical energy costs; please clarify or remove this requirement.

Answer: It is okay to estimate first year energy production (in kWh) instead of cost savings.

5. **Question:** Page 40 Section 32 Guarantee & Warranty states "By signing this Contract, ESCO agrees to the following guarantee and warranty: We hereby guarantee and warrant our work on the Proposition 39 Energy Project for a period of ten (10) years from the date of filing of the Notice of Completion." Will the Owner and Owner's Rep kindly remove this requirement?

Answer: No, the Owner/District will not remove the cited ten (10) year guarantee and warranty requirement; however, the District will accept a minimum of a 2-year surety-backed Guarantee & Warranty, with the remainder of the 10-year guarantee & warranty not surety-backed (i.e. not bonded). If the proposer/ESCO wants to reduce the portion of the 10-year guarantee/warranty period that is bonded, they should state so in their proposal.

6. **Question:** Page 3 states "The expected work product will be to design and implement a photovoltaic solar system that has a first year production value of no less than 45,000 kWh, that complies with Division of the State Architect (DSA) requirements and California Energy Commission (CEC) guidelines for use of Proposition 39 funding." Will the Owner and Owner's Rep replace this statement with: The expected work product will be to design and implement a photovoltaic solar system that has a first year production value of an estimated 45,000 kWh, that complies with Division of the State Architect (DSA) requirements and California Energy Commission (CEC) guidelines for use of Proposition 39 funding.

Answer: Yes. Prior to installation, the selected ESCO is expected to demonstrate to the District how their system design is estimated to produce a minimum first year production of 45,000 kWh through calculations, using acceptable methodology that accounts for the estimated solar radiation at the site, ratings of the panels, inverter losses, etc.

7. **Question:** If there is only one responsive bidder, will the Owner and Owner's Rep be required to throw out the bid?

Answer: No. The requirement of Proposition 39 funding is that the contract for this project not be sole-sourced; by having an RFQ/RFP solicitation process open to all interested proposers, this will not be a sole-source contract.