

Development of a Utility-Scale Solar Photo-Voltaic Installation on ‘the Finger’ at the L.F. Wade International Airport

Questions and Answers as of 31/08/16

Q. Will the Department of Energy be consulting with prospective bidders to help craft the RFP?

A. The Department does not believe it would be in the best interest of the project *“to solicit input at the front end of the project development”*, as this could potentially provide an unfair advantage to one bidder over another.

Q. Is any direct communication with BELCo related to this Project prohibited under the Communications Protocol for this Project?

A. Please refer to our updated **Communications Protocol** above.

Q. When do you expect to issue the pre-qualification documents?

A. We are planning on issuing the RFQ in August.

Q. When is the next project event?

A. The next project event will be the Bidders Conference, the date for which will be announced when the RFP is issued.

Q. Will there be another RFQ event?

A. No, the Department feels that the communication portal will effectively disseminate information, obviating the need for another conference at this stage. The next event will be the Bidders’ Conference as noted above.

Q. What is the next stage of the Project?

A. The next stage will be the RFQ which is planned to be published in August. We have not yet decided on the date, but as soon as that is known we will notify all prospective bidders.

Q. Has a released date been selected?

A. The RFQ will be released in August and the RFP in October.

Q. Will the Ministries be interested to review alternative ways on how to combine solar with other RE & SE power sources in order to generate more power?

A. The RFP will be for the development of electricity produced from a solar photo voltaic utility scale installation.

Q. Has a development budget been estimated?

A. Any budget will need to be developed by the bidders and submitted as part of their RFP if they are successful in passing the RFQ stage.

Q. Will the Ministries accept financial options from potential investors?

A. All financial options would need to be submitted in the proposal by the bidder.

Q. Will the Ministries acknowledge a construction phased approach that can fully sustain the entire L.F. Wade International Airport and possibly all of Bermuda? How much power will the Ministries be looking to harness from the utility-scale power plant?

A. Phase I will be for 6MW and Phase II will be for 10-12MW of electricity generated from a solar PV installation. As stated previously the electricity generated will be sold directly to BELCo as the sole off taker using a Power Purchase Agreement.

Q. The document says that “Part of the Finger will be available for Phase I”. Please clarify which portion of the Finger is available for Phase I, 6 MW?

Which portion will be available for Phase II?

A.The perimeter and location on the Finger of the site to be leased for Phase 1 of the Project have not been finalized. Land availability on the Finger for Phase II has not been finalized.

Q. The amount of land is specified at 15 acres: is that for Phase I or both phases?

A. The 15 acres that are specified have been allocated to developing Phase 1 of the Project, which is being solicited through this RFQ. The dimensions of the land to be leased have not been finalized.

Q. Will the EFF (environmental fatal flaw) analysis be released to the qualified proponents in the RFP?

A.Yes.