

# **2022 DISTRIBUTED VT SOLAR RFP**

## **SOLICITING UP TO 25 MW TO BENEFIT LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME CUSTOMER PROGRAMS**

**GMP has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for long-term contracts for up to 25 MW of distributed solar generation connected in the GMP service territory to benefit our low- and moderate- income customers. GMP is specifically looking for cost-competitive proposals that can effectively utilize the Inflation Reduction Act and other relevant federal programs for deploying renewable generation to benefit these customers. A preference will be given to projects that benefit communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.**

**The RFP is open to new solar photovoltaic projects between 1 to 5 MW ac in size using a standard PPA with up to a 25-year term.**

**RFP documents including participation instructions are available for download below. Successful bidders will need to demonstrate (at a minimum):**

- Site control as currently defined in Rule 5.500 (see link below).
- An expected Commercial Operation Date on or before December 31, 2025.
- Demonstrated application of available tax credits and/or non-ratepayer program funding specifically for the benefit of low- and moderate-income Vermonters.
- Site is electrically within GMP's service territory in an acceptable location and the interconnection and permitting requirements are understood, noting that offers will be weighted based on their location in reference to the VELCO Long Range Plan (see below).
- How the project may incorporate the provisions of the Justice40 initiative for community engagement to show benefits to disadvantaged communities.

- A community outreach plan or demonstration of public support and confirmation the proposed project is consistent with filed local or regional energy plans (see link below).
- Evidence of financial viability and development experience including specific experience in Vermont.

### **Important Dates & Deadlines**

- RFP Issued – **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
- Deadline for Submission of Proposals – **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Notification of Selected Proposals – by **March 1st, 2023**
- Permit application notice under VT Section 248 to PUC – **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **RFP Documents and References**

- RFP Instructions (PDF)
- Standard Solar Power Purchase Agreement (Word Document)
- Rule 5.500 (for siting documentation and general reference):
  - <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/commission-rule-5500-electric-generation-interconnection-procedures>
- Local and Regional Energy Plan listing (link):  
[https://www.vapda.org/uploads/1/3/1/8/131894470/enhanced\\_ene\\_rgy\\_plan\\_list\\_-\\_vapda.pdf](https://www.vapda.org/uploads/1/3/1/8/131894470/enhanced_ene_rgy_plan_list_-_vapda.pdf)
- Justice40 Initiative Overview (link):  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>
- Inflation Reduction Act (link, starting on page 284):  
<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr5376/BILLS-117hr5376eas.pdf>
- VELCO Long Range Plan (link, solar map and discussion page 43)

[https://www.velco.com/assets/documents/2021%20VL RTP%20to%20PUC\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.velco.com/assets/documents/2021%20VL RTP%20to%20PUC_FINAL.pdf)

**Submission of Bids & Communications**

Please note that, in accordance with Article 4 of the RFP instructions, all bids should be sent electronically to:

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