

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 2

RFP #2024-006  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Municipal Solar Grant Program

	Questions	Answers
3.	<p>Eligibility Requirement #1 says “exclusively serves the electrical load of municipally owned buildings.”</p> <p>Does the DOE consider the load of municipally owned streetlights and outlets located within the public ROW to be eligible for this grant?</p>	<p>Proposed solar electricity/photovoltaic systems shall not exceed 60 kW DC in total installed capacity and shall serve no more than 125% of the electrical load of all participating municipally owned buildings based on 2023 calendar year data.</p> <p>NHDOE does not consider the load of municipally owned streetlights and outlets located within the public ROW to be eligible for this grant.</p> <p>Regrettably, the matter regarding the load of municipally owned streetlights and outlets situated within the public ROW was not brought up during the stakeholder sessions earlier. Nonetheless, feedback of this nature is highly valuable and may be taken into account for future solar assistance initiatives.</p>
4.	<p>The proposal submission requirements list several items that may not be possible to obtain prior to system design and contracting for construction. For example, manufacturer and model of panels, inverters and other equipment will not be known until the project is bid and awarded.</p> <p>Similarly, the resumes of the solar developer cannot be obtained prior to contract bidding and award.</p> <p>Is submission of example material specifications from a prior City PV project sufficient to earn the Labor &amp; Equipment criteria points?</p> <p>Is submission of a prior City Photovoltaic “Request for Proposal” sufficient to earn the Management Team Experience criteria points?</p>	<p>Points are based on the proposer’s ability to provide a clear description of the operations and maintenance plan that will be adopted following project completion. The proposer has obtained appropriate product and labor warranties for project components, and adequately describes those warranties. The proposer also provides a detailed long-term plan to ensure at least one full replacement of project inverters. Specifications for previous project would not qualify.</p> <p>The project management team's points are derived from their extensive experience in managing, building, and finishing municipal solar projects. This data should highlight individual competencies rather than past experience in submitting Request For Proposals (RFP).</p>

5.	<p>In the RFP document section II, C (Basic Eligibility Requirements):</p> <p>2. Proposed solar electricity/photovoltaic systems shall not exceed 60 kW DC in total installed capacity and shall serve no more than 125% of the electrical load of all participating municipally owned buildings based on 2023 calendar year data.</p> <p>What does participating mean?</p>	<p>“Participating” refers to the members of the municipal group who are off takers of the generation from the municipal (solar system) host.</p>
6.	<p>What happens if we cannot cover (at least) 100% of the total Town’s usage with the array?</p> <p>Can we use a subset of the Town’s accounts to meet the 100-125% criteria?</p>	<p>Not for this solicitation.</p> <p>The system should be designed only be used by the buildings that are intended to receive power from the solar project. It is advisable for proposers to right- size their system accordingly in order to fulfill the requirement and maximize their potential points.</p> <p>The current RFP states that proposed solar electricity/photovoltaic systems shall not exceed 60 kW DC in total installed capacity and shall serve no more than 125% of the electrical load of all participating municipally owned buildings based on 2023 calendar year data.</p>
7.	<p>Can group net metering be employed to aggregate the electricity usage for several buildings although only one of the buildings will have the installed solar system?</p>	<p>Yes. There is a part of the application proposers can utilize to describe any group net metering arrangements including how project benefits will be provided to any different municipal accounts/buildings.</p>
8.	<p>Can the proposal take credit for energy saving measures recently installed, but prior to this award, in the buildings identified in the proposal? If so, what is the earliest interval prior to this award?</p>	<p>The application specifically requests information on any pertinent energy conservation strategies that will be implemented in conjunction with the project. If there are any energy-saving measures that have been recently implemented and are relevant to the project management team's expertise, they should be disclosed in those parts of the application.</p>
9.	<p>If a Town receives an award for this project, would this disqualify that Town from future grants under Block Grant Program Award DE-SE0000204?</p>	<p>Proposals are evaluated using consensus scoring, and the Department has not imposed any constraints on the maximum number of awards that can be granted to a single municipality.</p>