Question 1: Does the Town want the special education building to be demolished for solar development in this RFP? If not, how much of a setback from the facility does the Town want solar to be sited the building and the roads leading to the building?

Answer: The town is not at this time looking to have the education building removed from the site. That may become a possibility later on, but is not a part of this RFP.

Question 2: Is the Town aware of any remaining underground infrastructure on the property associated to the former NIKE missile facility? If so, is the Army Corps of Engineers responsible for removing it?

Answer: The only underground infrastructure we are aware of are the existing test pit wells which are visible on the site. Anything discovered to be infrastructure that is a result of the previous military use would be under the control of the Army Corps. Please reach out to Erin Kirby at the Army Corps regarding questions about the site’s former use:

Ms. Erin Kirby

US Army Corps of Engineers

696 Virginia Road

Concord, MA 01742

978-318-8147

erin.kirby@usace.army.mil

Question 3: Has the Town of Foster already contracted a renewable energy consultant? If so, can the organization be identified?

Answer: No, the Town has not yet identified a renewable energy consultant

Question 4: The RFP indicates that the developer would only have to reimburse for up to $25,000 in consultant fees in the case the Town opts to engage in a VNM contract with the developer for a portion of the power produced by the solar project. Does this mean that the developer will not be responsible for any consultant costs in the scenario that the project is developed for REG purposes or is developed for VNM with an offtaker that isn’t the Town of Foster?

Answer: If a developer proposing a VNM project ,then the developer associated with the VNM offer would be responsible for the reimbursement; If the town elects a REG then the developer proposing the REG would be required to reimburse the town for the costs associated with a renewable energy consultant.

Question 5: Will the Town of Foster allow VNM proposals for the NIKE missile property for scenarios where the project offtake is only the Town of Foster? This can limit the Town’s ability to maximize its overall financial benefit when the project size has to be reduced to only meet the Town of Foster’s municipal electric needs.

Answer: The town is open to additional offtakers for any potential project developed on the town property .

Question 6: Would the Town allow respondents to submit proposals for developing the NIKE property, but provide alternate VNM solutions for the Town from their own projects? In addition to greatly accelerating the time the Town will begin to receive energy savings it can help the Town avoid missed benefits during the long time needed for the NIKE site’s development and interconnection or possible cancellation if utility infrastructure is not available.

Answer: At this time the town is only evaluating the Nike site and may consider VNM proposals outside of the town at a later date.

Question 7: Does the Town of Foster have any recently installed or planned energy efficiency measures, building closings or modifications that would impact the Town’s expected electrical consumption?

Answer: At this time the town is considering new facilities that would impact its energy consumption, however, there are no definite and/or approved plans that are expected to impact current electrical consumption needs.

Question 8: Can the Town please provide the electric accounts with the rate class and consumption by account?

Answer: See Table 1 below.

Question 9: What plans, specifications, and supporting documentation needed to submit a bid for the solar development project currently listed for the Town of Foster.

Answer: There was no specification within the RFP for types of plans and specifications therein. The respondent should submit whatever supplemental information helps clarify what they are proposing. The RFP is only specific to requesting that applicants provide “financial proposals”.

Below is the required information that must be submitted along with the “Financial proposal”:

**Information on Developer**

Developers must provide a company profile. Information in the submitted proposal to the Town shall include:

A. Company ownership. If incorporated, the state in which the company is incorporated and the date of incorporation.

B. Location of the company offices.

C. Number of employees both locally and nationally.

D. Location(s) from which employees will be assigned.

E. Name, address, and telephone number of the developer’s point of contact for a contract resulting from this Proposal.

F. Company background/history and why developer is qualified to provide the services described in this RFP.

G. Current financial statements issued by a certified public accountant (must submit at a minimum a compilation statement if higher level is prepared that is required to be submitted, review statement or audited statement)

H. Past Rhode Island and New England renewable installations and/or examples of prior renewable installations on state, quasi-state, municipal or privately-owned properties.

Table 1

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | kWh (Killowatt Hours) |  |
| NATIONAL GRID | **2020** | **2020** | **2020** | **2020** | **2020** | **2020** | **2021** | **2021** | **2021** | **2021** | **Rate** |
| VENDOR #00081 | **July** | **August** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **March** | **April** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40567-34004 | 817 | 841 | 1016 | 1,174 | 1,250 | 1,453 | 1,549 | 1,233 | 1,141 | 1,077 | General Street Lighting Service S-14 |
| 77955-76007 | 30 | 31 | 38 | 43 | 46 | 54 | 57 | 45 | 42 | 40 | General Street Lighting Service S-14 |
| 65488-68002 | 121 | 125 | 150 | 174 | 185 | 215 | 229 | 182 | 169 | 159 | Limited Service-Private Lighting S-10 |
| 52793-83000 | 138 | 125 | 204 | 137 | 136 | 163 | 236 | 232 | 163 | 248 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
| 53033-47001 | 4080 | 4230 | 3020 | 3,872 | 3,898 | 3,968 | 5,358 | 5,454 | 3,477 | 3,101 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
| 15441-87001 | 475 | 664 | 507 | 610 | 661 | 700 | 540 | 446 | 445 | 636 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
| 27874-28006 | 3158 | 3099 | 2600 | 1,999 | 2,223 | 1,867 | 2,298 | 2,663 | 2,544 | 2,746 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
| 90184-65005 | 29 | 28 | 51 | 39 | 52 | 64 | 99 | 119 | 148 | 64 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
| 03102-30007 | 1272 | 1147 | 1425 | 1,195 | 1,654 | 2,513 | 5,402 | 4,624 | 4,725 | 2,518 | Small C&I Rate C-06 |
|  |  | . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10,120 | 10,290 | 9,011 | 9,243 | 10,105 | 10,997 | 15,768 | 14,998 | 12,854 | 10,589 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113,975 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |