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## San Diego Community Power 2021 Request for Information for Local Renewable Energy and Energy Storage ("Local RFI")

### INTRODUCTION

San Diego Community Power ("SDCP") is a Community Choice Aggregation program ("CCA") that commenced service in March 2021. Its membership is comprised of the following municipalities: the cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City and San Diego as well as the County of San Diego (the "Member Agencies"). SDCP is requesting information for local renewable energy and/or energy storage products. SDCP anticipates annual retail sales approximating 6,000 GWh while providing service to over 700,000 service accounts following completion of customer enrollment in May 2022.

This Request for Information ("RFI") is intended to inform future procurement of renewable energy and energy storage products from resources located within and near San Diego Community Power's member communities. SDCP requests information regarding new and existing, wholesale **renewable energy projects within San Diego and Imperial Counties** that will deliver Portfolio Content Category 1 ("PCC1") renewable energy that meets California Renewables Portfolio Standard ("RPS") eligibility requirements and wholesale **energy storage projects that will provide San Diego-Imperial Valley ("SD-IV") Local Resource Adequacy ("RA")**. SDCP is not interested in information regarding Portfolio Content Category 2 ("PCC2") or Portfolio Content Category 3 ("PCC3") renewable energy products at this time. SDCP is committed to the development of distributed generation resources and programs but is not soliciting information regarding resources smaller than 1 MW at this time; these resources will be planned and fulfilled via SDCP's feed-in tariff and other distributed energy resource ("DER") programs.

By participating in this RFI, each respondent acknowledges that it has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in these instructions. This RFI does not constitute an offer to buy or create an obligation for SDCP to enter into an agreement with any party, and SDCP shall not be bound by the terms of any response unless SDCP has entered into a duly authorized and fully executed agreement. SDCP may, in its sole discretion and without notice, modify, extend, suspend, or terminate this RFI without further obligation or liability to any respondent.

**SCHEDULE**

This RFI will be administered per the following schedule. SDCP reserves the right to change the schedule of these events at any time and for any reason.

RFI Issuance	August 18, 2021
Initial RFI Response Deadline	September 1, 2021, no later than 5:00 P.M. PDT
Rolling RFI Submission	SDCP will review information submitted after September 1, 2021 on a routine basis, no less than quarterly

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY**

Each respondent may provide information regarding one or more renewable energy, energy storage, or hybrid (renewable energy and energy storage) project(s) conforming to the following eligibility requirements. Failure to meet all of the following project eligibility criteria shall be grounds for dismissal.

**Resource Location**

[Renewable Energy and Hybrid Facilities](#)

Within San Diego County or Imperial County

[Stand-alone Energy Storage Facilities](#)

Electrically interconnected within the San Diego-Imperial Valley (“SD-IV”) Local Capacity Area as defined by the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”) and eligible to provide SD-IV Local RA

**Minimum Capacity**

[Renewable Energy and Hybrid Facilities](#)

Minimum generating capacity of one (1) megawatt (“MW”) alternating current (“AC”). Hybrid facilities should have minimum storage capacity of four (4) megawatt-hours (MWh) AC.

[Stand-alone Energy Storage Facilities](#)

Minimum rate of discharge of one (1) MW AC. Minimum storage capacity of four (4) MWh AC.

**Initial Date of Delivery**

No later than December 31, 2026.

**Term of Agreement**

No less than ten (10) years; no more than twenty (20) years

## Energy and Capacity Products

### Renewable Energy and Hybrid Facilities

Responses should reflect the sale of bundled, PCC1 renewable energy; Green Attributes and Renewable Energy Credits; and Capacity Attributes, if applicable.

### Stand-alone Energy Storage Facilities

Responses should reflect the sale of:

1. **RA only;**
2. **All energy and capacity products**, including RA and full output and dispatch of energy storage; and/or
3. **RA and a financially settled energy hedge or swap product**; SDCP prefers settlement at the SDG&E Default Load Aggregation Point (“DLAP”) or SP15 Trading Hub; respondents are encouraged to propose and clearly define pricing structures that allow for the most competitive pricing and best value to SDCP.

## Pricing

Respondents are encouraged to provide the following indicative prices. All responses should reflect prices that are unchanged throughout the entire contract term and shall not be adjusted by periodic escalators or time of delivery factors. *Alternative pricing options may be proposed in addition to those below.*

### Renewable Energy Facilities

1. A single, flat price (\$/MWh) for energy delivered to the **generator node**. This energy price shall reflect payment for the energy commodity, all Green Attributes, Renewable Energy Credits, and Capacity Attributes (if applicable).
2. A single, flat price (\$/MWh) for energy delivered to the **SP15 Trading Hub (“SP15”)**, as defined by the CAISO (TH\_SP15\_GEN-APND). This energy price shall reflect payment for the energy commodity, all Green Attributes, Renewable Energy Credits, and Capacity Attributes (if applicable).
3. A single, flat price (\$/MWh) for energy delivered to the **SDG&E Default Load Aggregation Point (“SDG&E DLAP”)**, as defined by the CAISO. This energy price shall reflect payment for the energy commodity, all Green Attributes, Renewable Energy Credits, and Capacity Attributes (if applicable).
4. An **index-plus** price which includes a flat, fixed-price premium (\$/MWh) to reflect payment for all Green Attributes, Renewable Energy Credits, and Capacity Attributes (if applicable) in addition to an index price (e.g., SP15), which will reflect payment for the energy commodity.

### Hybrid Facilities

In addition to the indicative prices above for renewable energy facilities, respondents are encouraged to provide a separate capacity price (\$/kW-mo) for the energy storage capacity.

### Stand-alone Energy Storage Facilities

1. A single, flat price (\$/kW-mo) for RA-only capacity.
2. A single, flat price (\$/kW-mo) for all energy and capacity output, including RA and full dispatch of energy storage.
3. A single, flat price (\$/kW-mo) for RA capacity and a financially settled energy hedge or swap product.

### **Development Progress**

Respondents are encouraged to provide the following documentation regarding any facilities that are not yet commercially operational:

1. Evidence of site control;
2. Fully executed interconnection agreement, interconnection studies, or evidence that respondent has submitted a generator interconnection application to the appropriate jurisdictional entity;
3. Description of respondent's intended financing plan for each proposed project in sufficient detail for SDCP to effectively evaluate the viability of such arrangements. To the extent that a respondent anticipates a joint project ownership structure, this structure shall be clearly articulated along with applicable ownership percentages attributable to each partner.

### **Scheduling Coordinator**

SDCP does not have a strong preference regarding the assignment of Scheduling Coordinator ("SC") responsibilities and will consider information regarding facilities in which the Buyer or Seller provides such services.

### **Renewable Resource Eligibility**

All renewable energy and hybrid generating resources must be certified by the California Energy Commission ("CEC") as Eligible Renewable Energy Resources. Each respondent shall be responsible for certification of the proposed resource through the certification process administered by the CEC and shall be responsible for maintaining such certification throughout the contract term.

All Renewable Energy Certificates must be created by and transferred to SDCP via the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System ("WREGIS"), or its successor, without any additional costs or conditions to SDCP. Each respondent shall be independently responsible for

registering its generating project(s) with WREGIS and for maintaining an active WREGIS account throughout the proposed term of agreement.

### **Sustainable Workforce**

Consistent with its Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce Policy, SDCP encourages submission of information from respondents that use the following hiring practices. SDCP encourages respondents to describe efforts taken in pursuit of any of the following.

1. Employ workers and use businesses from San Diego and Imperial Counties;
2. Employ properly licensed contractors and California certified electricians;
3. Utilize local apprentices, particularly graduates of San Diego and Imperial County pre-apprenticeship programs;
4. Pay workers the prevailing wage rates for each craft, classification, and type of work performed;
5. Display a poster at jobsites informing workers of prevailing wage requirements;
6. Provide workers compensation coverage to on-site workers; and
7. Support and use of State of California approved apprenticeship programs.

### **Supplier Diversity**

General Order 156 (GO 156) is a California Public Utilities Commission ruling that requires utility entities to procure at least 21.5% of their contracts with majority women-owned, minority-owned, disabled veteran-owned and LGBT-owned business enterprises' (WMDVLGBTBEs) in all categories. Qualified businesses become GO 156 certified through the CPUC and are then added to the GO 156 Clearinghouse database.

The CPUC Clearinghouse can be found here: [www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com](http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com). While SDCP is not legally required to comply with GO 156, SDCP's policies and commitment to diversity are consistent with the principles of GO 156, and, therefore, respondents to this RFP are asked to voluntarily disclose their GO 156 certification status as well as their efforts to work with diverse business enterprises, including those owned or operated by women (WBE), minorities (MBE), disabled veterans (DVBE), and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people (LGBTBE).

As a public agency and consistent with state law, SDCP will not use any such provided information in any part of its decision-making or selection process. Rather, SDCP will use that information solely to help evaluate how well it is conforming to its own policies and goals. Pursuant to California Proposition 209, SDCP does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Questions

Respondents may submit questions to SDCP regarding this RFI at [rfo@sdcommunitypower.org](mailto:rfo@sdcommunitypower.org). All questions should include “SDCP Local RFI: Question” in the subject lined. SDCP will post responses to common questions on its website when they are available. Responses to similar questions may be consolidated.

### Responses

All final responses should be submitted electronically to [rfo@sdcommunitypower.org](mailto:rfo@sdcommunitypower.org) and must include “SDCP Local RFI: Response” in the subject line.

All respondents must use the standardized response template available on SDCP’s website (<https://sdcommunitypower.org/resources/solicitations/>). An unmodified version of the template must be completed in its entirety based on instructions provided in the template. SDCP may update the RFI template from time to time, so respondents are encouraged to periodically visit the SDCP website to determine if any changes have been posted. Only submittals of the currently applicable template will be reviewed.

SDCP may submit clarifying questions to certain respondents or conduct interviews, as appropriate, based on information provided in the response template or supporting materials. SDCP shall have the right, at its sole discretion, to request information without notifying other respondents. SDCP shall establish due dates for responses at the time of each informational request and will directly notify individual respondents in the event that follow-up or interviews are appropriate during this process.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

All correspondence with SDCP, including responses to this RFI, will become the exclusive property of the SDCP and will become public record under the California Public Records Act (Cal. Government Code section 6250, et seq.). All documents sent by respondents to SDCP may be subject to disclosure, unless exempt under the California Public Records Act.

In order to designate information as confidential, the respondent must clearly stamp and identify any designated portion(s) of the response material with the word “Confidential” and provide a citation to the California Public Records Act supporting confidential treatment of such information. Respondents should be judicious in designating material as confidential. Over-designation would include stamping/designating entire pages, series of pages and/or entire sections as confidential when such material does not require confidential treatment.

Therefore, any proposal which contains language purporting to render all or significant portions of the proposal as “Confidential”, “Trade Secret” or “Proprietary”, or which fails to provide the noted exemption citation (related to the California Public Records Act) may be considered a public record in its entirety subject to the procedures described below. Do not mark your entire proposal as “Confidential”.

If required by any law, statute, ordinance, a court, governmental authority, or agency having jurisdiction over SDCP, including the California Public Records Act, SDCP may release confidential information, or a portion thereof, as required by applicable law, statute, ordinance, decision, order, or regulation. In the event SDCP is required to release confidential information, it shall notify the respondent of the required disclosure, such that the respondent may attempt (if it so chooses), at its sole cost, to cause the recipient of the confidential information to treat such information in a confidential manner, and to prevent such information from being disclosed or otherwise become part of the public domain.

SDCP does not intend to disclose any part of any response based on the understanding that there is a substantial public interest in not disclosing proposals during the evaluation process.