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MCE AND CENERGY ANNOUNCE LOCAL AND UNION LABOR PLAN FOR NEW SOLAR CONSTRUCTION

Subcontractors Shortlisted to Provide Jobs to Build MCE Solar One

RICHMOND, CA – MCE has partnered with solar developer Cenergy Power to build the largest publicly-owned solar project in the Bay Area, MCE Solar One. The 49.5 acre, 10.5 MW ground mounted solar farm in Richmond will support 341 jobs and provide power for 3,417 homes per year.

The City of Richmond and MCE committed to a 50% local hire requirement to build MCE Solar One, guaranteeing local benefits through clean energy job creation. Representatives from the City of Richmond, MCE, Cenergy and RichmondBUILD met last week to announce the local labor plan.

The following subcontractors have been formally shortlisted to work on the MCE Solar One project, expected to employ workers for an estimated 69,000 man hours with 60% or more expected to be provided through union labor and 50% or more through local labor.

| Contractor | Location | Union |
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| Overaa Construction | Richmond | UBC (Local 152) and Laborers Union |
| Net Electric | Richmond | IBEW (Local 302) and Laborers Union (Local 324) |
| Newtron Group, Inc. | Martinez | IBEW (Local 302), Laborer's Union (Local 324) and Lineman's Union (Local 1245) |
| Contra Costa Electric | Martinez | Laborers Union (Local 324), IBEW (Local 302), Linemen's Union (Local 1245) as well as the Steamfitters and Pipefitters Unions |
| Goebel Construction | Richmond | Laborers Union (Local 324), Operating Engineers (Local 3) and Steamfitters (Local 342) |
| Russel Pacific | Monterey | N/A |

MCE also funds programs that provide local, working class residents with green collar job opportunities beyond the minimum wage economy that pay living wages and provide benefits. One such program that MCE partners with, RichmondBUILD, will train and hire local residents to provide labor for MCE Solar One.

"In today's economic climate where many struggle with the rising cost of living in the Bay Area, MCE is committed to helping retain the diversity of our community by supporting the development and training of our local talent," said MCE CEO Dawn Weisz. "The Bay Area has a rich history of industrial labor and we believe those jobs can continue to thrive as they evolve into the cornerstone of California's new, green economy."

Cenergy Power's CEO, William Pham, echoed similar sentiments. "The Solar One project will be a showcase of MCE's commitment to local communities in its service area, and we are looking forward to working with the City of Richmond and our local workforce on this project."

Beyond MCE's local efforts, the 2,800 in-state jobs and 1.2 million union labor hours provided by its 24 new California renewable energy projects have built the structures that will help the state reach its ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals. The increased demand for non-polluting, renewable resources that MCE and its sister agencies are creating not only impact our environment for the better, it truly changes lives every day.

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About MCE: MCE is a not-for-profit, public electricity provider that gives customers the choice of having 50% to 100% of their electricity supplied from clean, renewable sources such as solar, wind, bioenergy, geothermal and hydroelectric at competitive rates. MCE provides service to 255,000 California customers in Marin County, Napa County and the cities of Benicia, El Cerrito, Lafayette, Richmond, San Pablo, and Walnut Creek. By choosing MCE, customers help support new in-state and local renewable energy projects and jobs. For more information, visit www.mcecleanenergy.org

About Cenergy: Cenergy Power is a leading solar developer focused on the utility, agriculture and commercial markets throughout the United States. Cenergy is comprised of seasoned professionals in the areas of engineering, construction management and project financing. Solar Power World, a leading industry publication, has consistently ranked Cenergy among the top 10 commercial solar providers in the nation. For more information visit www.cenergypower.com