MCE, a California joint powers authority, seeks qualified suppliers of various renewable energy products to participate in MCE’s 2023 Community Solar Green Tariff (“CS-GT”) procurement process (“2023 Green Tariff”). The purpose of MCE’s 2023 Green Tariff is to fulfill the requirements of Assembly Bill (“AB”) 327, California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) Decision (“D.”) 18-06-027, D.18-10-007, Resolution E-4999, Resolution E-5102, and Resolution E-5124 (collectively the “Green Tariff policy”). The Green Tariff policy is intended to promote the installation of renewable generation among residential customers in disadvantaged communities (“DACs”). This document outlines the parameters governing this solicitation and provides the procedural overview and instructions for interested parties (“bidders”) to submit an offer into MCE’s 2023 CS-GT Request for Offers (“RFO”).

Offers pursuant to this RFO must be received by MCE not later than 5:00 P.M. Pacific Prevailing Time on the dates outlined in Section VI.

I. About MCE

MCE is a not-for-profit public agency and the preferred electricity provider for more than 580,000 customer accounts and 1.5 million residents and businesses across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano counties. Setting the standard for clean energy in California since 2010, MCE leads with 100% renewable power at stable rates, delivering a 1200 MW peak load and significantly reducing greenhouse emissions and reinvesting millions in local programs.

II. RFO Objective

In order to comply with the Green Tariff policy, MCE will procure under and the CS-GT program. MCE currently plans to hold one solicitation annually until the program’s capacity obligation is met. Any unmet and remaining capacity may be rolled into the following year’s solicitation.

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1 D.18-06-027, Alternate Decision Adopting Alternatives to Promote Solar Distributed Generation in Disadvantaged Communities, from June 22, 2018
2 D.18-10-007, Decision Correcting And Clarifying Decision 18-06-027, from October 18, 2018
3 Resolution E-4999, Approving, With Modification, Tariffs to Implement the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff and Community Solar Green Tariff Programs (for the IOUs), from May 30, 2019
4 Resolution E-5102, Approving, With Modification, Clean Power Alliance’s Tariffs to Implement the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff and Community Solar Green Tariff Programs, from November 5, 2020
5 Resolution E-5124, Approving, With Modification, Community Choice Aggregator Tariffs to Implement the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff and Community Solar Green Tariff Programs, from April 15, 2021
until the capacity obligations are met. MCE’s 2023 program and project capacity limits can be seen below.

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### III. Eligibility and Bid Requirements

MCE will only consider complete offers that conform to the product-specific requirements outlined in Appendix A. Offers must include all of the following components with sufficient detail to support MCE’s evaluative process (using the criteria in Section V):

To be deemed a complete, conforming offer, each offer shall:

- **a.** Be submitted electronically (uploaded using the “Proposal Submission” link located on the website: [http://mcecleanenergy.org/energy-procurement/](http://mcecleanenergy.org/energy-procurement/)) by 5:00 P.M. Pacific Prevailing Time on the due date as shown in Section VI;
- **b.** Include a completed 2023 Green Tariff Offer Form, which is available on MCE’s website via the following link: [http://mcecleanenergy.org/energy-procurement/](http://mcecleanenergy.org/energy-procurement/). The Offer Form has been prepared uniquely for the CS-GT program, and respondents should carefully review the Offer Form and associated instructions to ensure submittal of conforming responses.
- **c.** Indicate acceptance of MCE’s Term Sheet(s) in the Instructions & Acknowledgments section of the Offer Form or include a redlined markup, in tracked changes format within a MS Word document, reflecting all requested changes to the applicable Term Sheet(s) as Attachment H to the offer submittal. Please include sufficient detail so that MCE can understand the nature of the requested changes. Redlined comments that simply state “discuss” or “to be discussed” or similarly non-specific edits that lack further detail will be disregarded and may be rejected as insufficiently complete to be evaluated. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, MCE shall be under no obligation to accept PPA revisions beyond what bidders submit with their term sheet redlines.
- **d.** Final selection(s) will be contingent upon negotiation and execution of a power purchase agreement (“PPA”).
- **e.** A complete offer package must include the following Attachments:
  - Completed Offer Form
  - Attachment A – Financing Plan
  - Attachment B – Financial Statements
  - Attachment C – Organizational Chart
  - Attachment D – Interconnection Study or Interconnection Application
  - Attachment E – Permitting, Use and Zoning
  - Attachment F – Site Plan
  - Attachment G – Single Line Diagram
  - Attachment H – Requested changes via tracked changes edits, to MCE’s Term Sheet(s).
MCE encourages 2023 Green Tariff respondents to emphasize quality as opposed to quantity when considering the submittal of multiple responses. No more than three permutations per project will be considered, per respondent; multiple pricing offers (e.g., different COD-dependent prices for the same project) will not be considered independent projects for the sake of this limitation. Respondents may submit more than one project.

IV. **Optional Elements**

In addition to the required contents outlined in Section III above, there are a number of project characteristics that are of particular interest to MCE. While these elements are not required, MCE has a preference for projects that include the following:

a. Participation of contractors, subcontractors or businesses that are owned by Disabled Veterans

b. Participation of contractors, subcontractors or businesses that are located in or employ workers living in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC Zone) as identified by California Environmental Protection Agency’s (“CalEPA”) CalEnviroScreen 3.0 or any subsequent version of the Tool

6 See at [https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen](https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen).

c. A plan that includes the participation of local residents in the construction of the project, as well as the ongoing operations and maintenance of the facility after completion. The plan should include permanent residents who live within the jurisdictional county and/or those who reside within a 50-mile radius of the installation.

d. Projects that commit to sourcing a high percentage of materials and components from suppliers located within the jurisdictional county or within a 50-mile radius of the installation

e. Projects that commit to including components and materials manufactured and/or assembled in the United States

f. Projects that provide benefits to the local community including financial contributions, volunteer hours and in-kind contributions. Examples include, but are not limited to:

   - Support of educational programs
     - Classroom equipment
     - Scholarships to college-bound students
     - Support of climate and energy education

   - Support of Environmental Justice Initiatives:
• Installation of solar panels and energy efficiency upgrades for low-income households or non-profit institutions
• Partnering with environmental justice nonprofits to address air pollution and other environmental burdens

• Support of Workforce Development Initiatives:
  o Partnering with nonprofits that provide classroom or on-the-job training to local residents
  o Offer apprenticeships or summer internships for local youth

• Other:
  o Open space preservation
  o Habitat restoration
  o Food programs

As part of bidders’ offer submission, bidders are encouraged to provide a detailed description of each proposed element. Please include a specific commitment for each item. As a condition precedent to commencement of the delivery term under the PPA, Seller must certify that it complied with the commitments and be able to demonstrate, upon request, compliance with these commitments. **This information should be completed in a separate attachment and labeled Attachment K – Optional Elements.**

V. **Evaluation Criteria**

MCE will evaluate responses in consideration of a common set of criteria, a partial list of which is included below. This list may be revised at MCE’s sole discretion and includes:

a. Overall quality of response, inclusive of completeness, timeliness, and conformity;
b. Price and relative value within MCE’s supply portfolio;
c. Project location and local benefits, including Optional Elements and Workforce Development Initiatives;
d. Project development status, including but not limited to progress toward interconnection, deliverability, siting, zoning, permitting, and financing requirements;
e. Qualifications, experience, financial stability, and structure of the prospective project team (including its ownership);
f. Environmental impacts and related mitigation requirements;
g. Acceptance of MCE’s standard contract terms; and
h. Development milestone schedule, if applicable;
VI. Key Deadlines and Submission Requirements

MCE’s 2023 Green Tariff RFO will be administered based on the following schedule:

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a. Deadline for Questions. Any questions related to the content of this RFO must be submitted to the RFO Manager at greentariffrfo@mcecleanenergy.org during the “Vendor Q&A window”. Please see Section XII, below, for additional information regarding questions submitted to MCE regarding the 2023 Green Tariff RFO.

b. Deadline for Responses. MCE Responses to all questions will be posted weekly.

c. Submission Deadline. To be eligible for consideration, offers must be uploaded via the “Proposal Submission” link on MCE’s website no later than 5:00 P.M. Pacific Prevailing Time on the above due date.

Below is a screenshot of the link to upload responses. In the “Name” field please enter the counterparty name (used on line 19, tab 2 of the Offer Form) – NOT your personal name. Then enter your counterparty email address. The “Company (optional)” field, please re-enter the counterparty name. At any time prior to the Submission Deadline, Respondent can upload documents as long as the same counterparty name and email address are used.

d. Supplier Interviews/Q&A. As necessary, MCE may submit clarifying questions to certain respondents or conduct interviews, based on information provided in the Offer Form. MCE shall retain the right, in its sole discretion, to request information without notifying other
respondents. MCE shall establish due dates for any request(s) for additional information, which shall be communicated to the affected respondent(s).

e. **Response Evaluation and Supplier Notification.** Following its review of proposed responses and clarifying materials, as well as any interview(s) that may be conducted during this process, MCE will notify all selected suppliers of its intent to pursue contract negotiations. Those suppliers not selected during this process will be notified accordingly.

f. **Contract Approval and Execution.** MCE anticipates that the selection process will be completed by approximately March 2024 as indicated above. Please note that full execution of a contract is likely to occur after this date and is subject to MCE Board and CPUC approval.

**VII. Supplier Diversity and Labor Practices**

Consistent with the California Public Utilities Code and California Public Utilities Commission policy objectives, MCE collects information regarding supplier diversity and labor practices from project developers and their subcontractors regarding past, current and/or planned efforts and policies. Pursuant to Senate Bill 255, which imposes supplier diversity reporting requirements on CCAs, Respondents that execute a PPA with MCE will be required to complete a Supplier Diversity questionnaire.

MCE does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin; providing such information to MCE will not impact the selection process or good standing of executed PPAs.

**VIII. CalEnviroScreen Disadvantaged Communities**

For purposes of this RFO, the CPUC has defined eligible DACs as census tracts that either:

1. score at or above the 75th percentile (i.e., scoring in the top 25 percent statewide) in the CalEPA CalEnviroScreen 3.0 tool or any subsequent version on a statewide basis, or

2. Are one of the census tracts that score in the highest five percent of CalEnviroScreen’s pollution burden, but that do not have an overall score in version 3.0 or any subsequent version, or

3. All California Indian Country as defined in 18 United States Code Section 1151. Privately held in-holdings are defined as non-Indian owned fee land located within the exterior boundaries of California Indian Country. In the event of multiple owners, such land shall be considered Indian-owned if at least one owner is a tribe or tribal member, regardless of the use of the land.

Bidders can follow the process outlined below to identify whether or not their project is located in an eligible DAC:

The CalEPA has created an online map that displays the CalEnviroScreen results, where one can pan and zoom into various areas of California to graphically identify the general location of DACs. There are multiple ways to identify DACs.

A. **Via Data List (Spreadsheet)** - In order to download a data list of areas that correspond to the preceding map, one can:
   1. Visit the CalEnviroScreen website
2. Download the List of Disadvantaged Communities Excel file
3. Filter the data set

B. Search by Address - One can also determine DAC status of one or more specific addresses. For a single address, go back to the CalEnviroScreen map and, in the “Find address or place” field, input the address and determine the color coding alongside the map’s legend.

For the purposes of this RFO, the project siting requirements are as follows (additional detail can be found in Appendix A):

CS-GT: Project must be located in a DAC in MCE’s service area and within 5 miles of subscribing customers’ DAC census tract.

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7 The CalEnviroScreen 4.0 tool is available online at the following links: https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40.
IX. General Terms and Conditions

MCE's Reserved Rights

MCE may, at its sole discretion, withdraw this Request for Offers at any time, and/or reject any or all offers submitted without awarding a contract. MCE also reserves the right to negotiate any price or provision as well as accept or reject any or all parts of each offer, whatever is deemed to be in the best interest of MCE.

Respondents are solely responsible for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and submittal of an offer or proposal. MCE shall be held harmless and free from any and all liability, claims, or expenses whatsoever incurred by, or on behalf of, any person or organization responding to this RFP.

All data and information furnished by MCE or referred to in this RFP are furnished for the Respondent's convenience. MCE does not guarantee that such data and information are accurate and assumes no responsibility whatsoever as to the accuracy of such data or its interpretation.

During the evaluation process MCE may request from any respondent additional information which MCE deems necessary to determine the respondent's ability to perform the required services. If such information is requested, the respondent shall provide such information within a commercially reasonable amount of time.

Public Records

All documents submitted in response to this Request will become the property of MCE upon submittal, and will be subject to the provisions of the California Public Records Act and any other applicable disclosure laws. Upon submission, all proposals shall be treated as confidential until the selection process is completed. Once a contract is awarded, all proposals shall be deemed public record. MCE is required to comply with the California Public Records Act as it relates to the treatment of any information marked “confidential.” Respondents requesting that portions of its submittal should be
exempt from disclosure must clearly identify those portions with the word “Confidential” printed on the lower right-hand corner of the page. Each page shall be clearly marked and separable from the proposal in order to facilitate public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. MCE will consider a respondent’s request for an exemption from disclosure; however, if MCE receives a request for documents under the California Public Records Act, MCE will make a decision based upon applicable laws. Respondents should not over-designate material as confidential, and any requests or assertions by a respondent that the entire submittal, or significant portions thereof, are exempt from disclosure will not be honored.

X. **Shortlist Deposit and Exclusive Negotiating Agreement**

Selected respondent(s) will be notified of MCE’s interest in further discussions and will be offered an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement for placement on MCE’s 2023 Green Tariff shortlist. Respondents interested in being placed on the shortlist and negotiating a PPA shall execute the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement and submit a Shortlist Deposit of $3.00/kW for all short-listed project capacity within ten (10) business days of such notification. The pro forma Exclusive Negotiating Agreement will be available for review by respondents prior to MCE’s announcement of selected suppliers.

XI. **California Public Utilities Commission Approval**

The effectiveness of any executed CS-GT PPA is expressly conditioned on MCE’s receipt of final and non-appealable CPUC approval of such PPA.

XII. **Questions**

To promote accuracy and consistency of information provided to all participants, questions will only be accepted via email to MCE’s RFO Manager at greentariffrfo@mcecleanenergy.org with the subject line of such emails reading “MCE 2023 Green Tariff Question.” Please note, the deadline for submitting questions is indicated in Section VI above.

MCE will attempt to respond to submitted questions within a week of receipt. MCE will post the questions and responses to the solicitation page of MCE’s website. MCE reserves the right to combine similar questions, rephrase questions, or decline to answer questions, at its sole discretion. All questions must be submitted through the above process. No questions will be answered over the telephone or in person. Respondents may not have any contact regarding this procurement with any MCE official or staff from the time of issuance of this solicitation until the award of contract, other than through the process for submitting questions. Any contact in violation of these provisions will be grounds for disqualification.

Thank you for your interest!
## Appendix A

Bid Requirements and Required Submission Documents for CS-GT

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Participants may submit their Project location information prior to offer submittal deadline at green.tariff@mcecleanenergy.org and request verification that their Project is located in an area with sufficient eligible customers. Projects that do not confirm this eligibility requirement with MCE prior to submitting an offer may be at-risk of not having sufficient eligible customers within the customer location requirements and may be deemed nonconforming. Not meeting this requirement will result in a nonconforming offer.

Behind-the-meter projects are ineligible.

### Priorities (not requirements)

Per D.18-06-07, MCE will prioritize:
Projects that are located in the top 5% census tracts of DACs per CalEnviroScreen; and/or

Projects that leverage other government funding such as a state Community Services Department (CSD) grants or projects that provide evidence of support from programs such as Transformative Climate Communities or other local climate initiatives; and/or

Job training and workforce development factors to enable creation of local job opportunities for low-income communities and diverse business enterprises.

### Renewables Portfolio Standard ("RPS") Eligibility

Project must be CEC pre-certified and qualify as RPS-eligible per the CEC RPS eligibility guidebook. Project must qualify as an Eligible Renewable Energy Resource ("ERR") as such term is defined in Public Utilities Code Section 399.12.

### Product

1. Energy
2. Capacity
3. PCC1 Renewable Energy Credit

### Development Status

New-build only

### Price

A single, flat price that remains constant throughout the entire delivery term and is not adjusted by periodic escalators or time of delivery factors.

### Term

10-, 15-, or 20-year. 20-year bid is required.

### COD

12/31/24 or earlier. Delivery day must be the beginning of the month.

### Other Offtake Agreements

Project may not have any other offtake agreements with additional Buyers.

### Delivery Point

NP-15 trading hub (preferred) and/or project pNode

### Deliverability

In order of preference:
1. Full Capacity Deliverability Status (FCDS)
2. Partial Capacity Deliverability Status (PCDS)
3. Energy-only

### Scheduling Coordinator

MCE prefers to maintain Scheduling Coordinator responsibilities and dispatch rights.

### Security Requirements

Development (Pre-COD): $75/kW
Performance (Post-COD): $75/kW

### Interconnection

Completed Phase I or Equivalent Study

### Site Control

Full site control via ownership, lease or an option to lease or own. Lease term must be greater than or equal to PPA term offer.

### Green-E® Certification

Facilities must be certified and in compliance with the Green-e® Energy National Standard. Projects that are awarded a PPA must provide a Green-e Energy Tracking Attestation prior to achieving commercial operation and updates as required.

### California Air Resources Board ("CARB") Voluntary Renewable Energy Program

Project must comply with the requirements of CARB’s Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program and Seller shall provide MCE with all documents necessary to enable MCE to retire greenhouse gas allowances on behalf of Customers in compliance with the Voluntary Renewable Electricity Program.
| **Community Sponsor** | Community sponsorship of the project by a Community-based Organization ("CBO") or local government entity on behalf of residents is required to be eligible to participate in CS-GT. Local government entities include schools. The sponsor’s role is to work with the project developer to encourage program participation in the community. Sponsors are also required to include job training and workforce development in their efforts to benefit the local communities.  

MCE will provide support to local CBOs and project developers to identify potential CS project sites and sponsors. More information can be found on the RFO website.  

See Appendix C for more details on the Community Sponsor requirement. |
| **Permission to Operate ("PTO")** | 25% percent of each project’s capacity must be subscribed by eligible low-income customers prior to PTO being issued. |
| **Workforce Development** | Please see Appendix B for further details on Workforce Development considerations regarding: Prevailing Wage, Local Hiring, Union Labor and Responsible Hiring. |
# Submission Requirements

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Appendix B
Workforce Development Considerations

I.  Local Hire:

If a proposed Project is to be located within MCE’s Service area, Seller will ensure that fifty percent (50%) of the construction workhours from its workforce (including contractors and subcontractors) at the project site during the Construction Phase (e.g., the period from Full Notice to Proceed (NTP) through receipt of a Permission To Operate (PTO) letter from the interconnecting utility) are obtained from permanent residents who live within the same county in which the Eligible Resource will be located (the “Local Hire Requirement”). Seller’s construction of the Eligible Resource is also subject to any local hire requirements specific to the city or town where the proposed generating resource is located. As a condition precedent to commencement of the delivery term under the PPA, Seller must certify that it met the Local Hire Requirement and be able to demonstrate, upon request, compliance with this requirement via a certified payroll system and such other documentation reasonably requested by Buyer, including an audit. Failure to comply with this requirement may, in MCE’s sole discretion, result in termination of the PPA.

II.  Prevailing Wage:

If a proposed Project is to be located within MCE’s Service area, Seller will ensure that all employees hired by Seller, and its contractors and subcontractors, that are performing work or providing services at the project site during the Construction Phase are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing for workers performing similar work in the locality as provided by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code (“Prevailing Wage Requirement”). Nothing herein shall require Seller, its contractors and subcontractors to comply with, or assume liability created by other inapplicable provisions of the California Labor Code. As a condition precedent to commencement of the delivery term under the PPA, Seller must certify that it met the Prevailing Wage Requirement, and be able to demonstrate, upon request, compliance with this requirement via a certified payroll system and such other documentation reasonably requested by Buyer, including pursuant to an audit. Failure to comply with this requirement may, in MCE’s sole discretion, result in termination of the PPA.

III.  Union Labor

A proposed generating resource to be located in Contra Costa County must agree to comply with the terms of that certain Letter Agreement between MCE and IBEW Local 302, dated June 20, 2017, and attached project labor agreement (collectively, the “PLA”). The PLA applies to “Covered Work” (as defined therein) for solar photovoltaic and associated energy storage projects for which MCE is the power supply off-taker. If Seller’s Facility is located outside Contra Costa County, Seller is required to enter into a project labor agreement of similar scope and requirements with participating unions for workforce hired as described in the PLA referenced above. As a condition precedent to commencement of the delivery term under the PPA, Seller must certify that it complied with the foregoing union labor requirements and local hire requirements, and be able to demonstrate, upon request, compliance with this requirement via copies of executed PLAs or similar agreements, a certified payroll system and such other documentation reasonably requested by Buyer, including pursuant to an audit. Failure to comply with this requirement may, in MCE’s sole discretion, result in termination of the PPA.
IV. **Responsible Procurement:**

MCE will not accept any proposals for generating facilities that rely on equipment or resources built with forced labor. Consistent with the business advisory jointly issued by the U.S. Departments of State, Treasury, Commerce and Homeland Security on July 1, 2020, equipment or resources sourced from the Xinjiang region of China are presumed to involve forced labor. Under each PPA, Seller must certify that it will not utilize such equipment or resources in connection with the construction, operation or maintenance of the applicable generating and/or storage facility.
Appendix C
Sponsor Letter of Support

**Sponsor Letter of Support Requirement**

Bidders must submit a letter of commitment (Attachment J) from a non-profit CBO or a local government entity or school that would serve as a sponsor for the CS-GT project on behalf of the residents that are located in, or within five miles, a DAC within MCE’s service area for the offered project. At a minimum, this letter must contain:

1. Demonstration of substantial interest of community members in subscribing to Project;
2. Estimated number of subscribers, with justification to ensure Project is sized to likely demand;
3. A preliminary plan to conduct outreach and recruit subscribers (which may be conducted in conjunction with the developer and/or MCE); and
4. Siting preferences, including community-suggested host sites, and verification that the site chosen for the bid is consistent with community preference.