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U.S. Army Seeks Comments on Renewable Energy Contracts

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On February 24, 2012, the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, issued a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for $7 billion in shared capacity contracts to procure locally generated renewable and alternative energy through power purchase agreements or other contractual equivalents. This draft solicitation was issued for the sole purpose of collecting public comments. Any awards will be made on the basis of a final RFP to be issued after the comment period expires on March 21, 2012. The draft solicitation can be seen here.

The Army will award contracts for up to 30 years to both large and small businesses according to task orders awarded under multiple Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts in four renewable energy technologies: solar, wind, geothermal and biomass. The Army will act only as an offtaker and will not be acquiring any generation assets, thus, winning contractors must finance, design, build, operate, own and maintain the energy plants. Project locations may be on or near any federal property located within the United States including Alaska, Hawaii, territories, provinces or other property under the control of the U.S. government.

Parties interested in pursuing these opportunities must register at the Federal Business Opportunities Web site or the Army Energy Initiatives Task Force Web site. The full text of the press release announcing the draft RFP can be seen here.

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