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State Seeks Proposals to Develop Solar Projects at 55 Agency Sites

The Nevada State Office of Energy (“NSOE”), in cooperation with the Nevada State Purchasing Division, released a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) this week seeking participants who wish to build and maintain solar systems on multiple university, city and state agency sites. This RFP will solicit 100 percent private sector investor funding to design, build, own and operate the projects through a long-term power purchase agreement to all agencies participating.

“The goal is to provide a benefit to the participating agencies through potential long-term power savings and for state agencies to take a leading role in attracting the renewable energy market sector to Nevada,” NSOE Energy Program Manager Robert Nellis said. “We can have an impact on jumpstarting Nevada’s economy, help our state budget’s bottom line, and give contractors some much needed work.”

The City of Las Vegas has joined onto the RFP, along with 10 state agencies, bringing the total number of sites to 55. The RFP is written in a way that additional agencies, cities, and counties may be able to join onto this contract in the future.

“This is one of the biggest RFPs in the country right now with the amount of buildings and agencies participating,” NSOE Director Jim Groth added. “This RFP is modeled after the Nevada Army National Guard (‘NVARNG’) Super Solar Project that is almost complete.”

The \$17.3 million Super Solar Project, financed 100 percent by the developer through a power purchase agreement, will allow the NVARNG to purchase solar electricity from their own systems at a fixed cost for 20 years. The first phase, consisting of three projects in Carson City, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas, will consist of 3.4 total megawatts. The second phase consists of 39 megawatts of large scale grid power.

Read the full RFP at <http://purchasing.state.nv.us/services/sdocs.htm>. Proposals are due on September 23 at 2 p.m. For more info, contact the NSOE at (775) 687-1850.
