

Philadelphia Energy Authority
Request for Information for Renewable Energy Development
for The City of Philadelphia
Questions & Answers

- In section V. *Potential Project Structures and Facilities*, the RFI mentions that “Restrictions and limitations specific to local government organizations should be considered when recommending project options.” Could you please detail the most salient of these concerns to the City?
 - The primary restriction and limitation facing the City of Philadelphia related to renewable energy project options is the City’s inability to take advantage of federal tax credits as a non-taxable government entity.
- Is any of the \$1 billion allocated to the Philadelphia Energy Campaign available as grant funding for projects in this upcoming RFP?
 - The City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Energy Authority may be able to provide capital funding to a project, however any funding would be considered as part of an investment, not a grant. Grant funding contributed by the City or PEA will likely not be considered for the purposes of this RFI.
- Will the COP require that it retains the SRECs from these projects?
 - The COP will not require that it retains RECs from a project, but it will ask for the option to consider retaining RECs.
- Are replacement RECs allowable?
 - The COP is open to understanding options that include the use of replacement RECs.
- Is there a cost differential between the utility grid kwh and the renewable energy kwh purchased to comply with the AEPS? If so, what is the cost of the renewable energy kwh?
 - The cost that the City pays for its electricity is different than the cost that the City pays for RECs to comply with the AEPS. The cost for compliance with the AEPS varies month to month, however the average cost of RECs bought by the City to comply with the AEPS between July 2016 – December 2016 is as follows:
 - Tier 1: \$12.46/MWh
 - SRECs: \$13.32/MWh
 - Tier 2: \$0.10/MWh
- Is the COP able to provide 15-minute interval data for certain facilities for the analysis of energy storage/demand reduction viability?
 - Yes. This information would be included in an RFP if needed.

- We understand that responses to this RFI will likely result in a potential contracting opportunity. Will RFP responses be accepted for all three options of project structures/facilities (onsite solar, off-site PPA, alternative technologies)? Is the COP interested in eliminating options based on responses to this RFI?
 - The COP intends to craft one or more request for proposals focusing on more specific project structures based on responses to this RFI.

- What is the desired contract start date?
 - No contracting opportunity currently exists.

- Can you confirm that a response to this RFI is not required for consideration in the RFP?
 - A response to this RFI is not a requirement for consideration in a potential related request for proposals.

- What is the preferred energy delivery location (busbar vs hub)?
 - At this time, the COP does not have a preferred energy delivery location.