

Addendum #1
RFP07262018
Solar Photovoltaic System & Power Purchase Agreement
McHenry County College

This Addendum is in response to the inquiries from potential bidders. This Addendum constitutes changes to the specifications as sent out in the original RFP and other pertinent information shared with all vendors. All changes and information listed on this Addendum should be considered as the official modifications to the specifications and should be included in your proposal with these in mind.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this addendum by attaching a signed copy of the addendum with your proposal response.

Received and acknowledged by: _____

1. Can you provide your electric utility for the past twelve months? **Yes, that is attached**
2. In addition to the historical electric usage and costs indicated during the meeting that would be provided, can you provide a copy of the latest electric bill from the electric provider and distributor/transmission provider (if different)? **Current bills are attached.**
3. Can you provide 15 minute interval data for electric consumption for the past 12 months? **I cannot get 15 minute interval data in time for this posting. If and when we receive it, we will post it.**
4. What is the avoided cost expressed in \$/kWh that a PPA offer would need to beat in order to create savings for MCC? **This can be ascertained by reviewing the electric bills included.**
5. Can you provide a single line electrical site drawing that shows the campus electric loop? **Yes, attached**
6. Please provide a site map showing where existing equipment is located, including meters, service panels, and utility transformers. **Attached**
7. Are there any easements on the property? **Yes, there is a Fiber Optic easement that runs along the south side of Ring Rd. from the radio station entrance drive back to Rt. 14 at the college's south entrance. Attached**
8. Can we utilize tracker racking systems for this proposal? **Yes**
9. Under **SPECIAL NOTE** and Section 3 states: "that do not conform to the RFP format or binding specifications, may be reject Is section 6, the 15 questions and the attachments the format you want followed? And if Section 6 is the format for the RFP response, are we to using this same numbering? **Yes**
10. During the Bid Walk, will your electrical engineer or someone with knowledge of where the Point of Interconnect (POC) will be for the solar be on hand? **Yes**
11. Stamped structural and electrical drawings will not be need during the bid process only after one proposer is accepted, correct? **Required only after acceptance of proposal and signing of agreement.**
12. Section 5.9.7.3 call for a six-foot aluminum fence and then goes on to say, "Fence and color selections to be made by College staff." Should I quote a vinyl coated fence with no specific color at this point? **No vinyl coated fencing. Quote powder coated aluminum-color black**
13. Section 5.10.2 states: "as well as using the system as a student teaching tool." NEC 690.31a requires that the PV wiring is not readily accessible, hence the fence around the array. To aid in teaching tool, we could build an "educational array" for these purposes. Something small and closer to the school. Not really a question, just a thought. This is something we have done many times for schools we have installed PV arrays for. **Thank you but this will not be needed at this location.**

14. Section 6.9 states that McHenry will not pay property tax (I assume where the solar array will be sited). If this is the case, that portion of the property would have to be leased to an investor and may need to be re-zoned. Is the college seeking a lease of the property in which the solar array will be sited? Have you had any conversations with the County regarding re-zoning? **This will not be necessary.**
15. The High Power Electrical towers near the site, any chance you can find out what exact height those are for us. I need this for a shading analysis, thank you. **We do not have this information.**
16. It is our understanding that MCC expects PPA providers to make full use of incentives created through the Future Energy Jobs Act. However, uncertainties remain regarding the detailed rules and timing for disbursement of these incentives (both the block and the rebate). Further, if required, a lottery could result in MCC's project being selected in a later, less value incentive block. Is it MCC's view that offers be contingent on ability to secure the incentives and, for the block, at opening block value? **Yes. We anticipate needing the incentives in the phase 1 roll-out of the Illinois Power Agency's Adjustable Block Program. If the project ends up being pushed to Phase 2 of the program, we can implement these incentives and make a determination at that point if the project is economically feasible for each party.**
17. According to the RFP the total land space is 5 acres. Is that correct? **Yes**
18. It has been offered that as an alternate to the existing request, would the College be open to a larger KW system if it could fit in the space provided and would help lower to costs associated with the project. **The College would be open to this, but our initial focus would be with the 499 KW from the outset.**
19. The College has been informed that a 499 KW system with AC power generation would receive more incentive money than a 499 DC power system. **The College would like to change the requirements to be an AC system ILO of the DC system noted in the original RFP.**
20. **Biology Filed Study area has been detailed for size on attached.**