



**Great River Energy
On behalf of All Requirements Members**

**Solar Renewable Member Resource
Request for Proposals**

**Seeking
a dispersed portfolio of
Solar Photovoltaic Facilities**

**Issued
August 16, 2023**

**Proposals Due
September 6, 2023**

**Email questions/comments to
RFP@GREnergy.com**

Include the words "2023 Solar RMR RFP" in the subject line.

**Great River Energy
Request for Proposals
Seeking Distribution Interconnected
Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facilities**

A) Background

Great River Energy (GRE) is a Minnesota generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative serving the wholesale power needs of its member distribution cooperatives. On behalf of a subset of its All-Requirements Member-owners (Member Owners), seeks proposals for dispersed solar PV generation resources, interconnected to the Member Owner’s distribution systems. Member Owners desire to purchase the output of solar PV generation as described in this RFP and subject to a Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) acceptable to individual Member Owners with a term of no less than 20 years and no more than 30 years, with the start of deliveries by December 31, 2025. Build transfer agreements may also receive consideration.

Solar renewable member resources (RMRs) must be interconnected to the Member Owners distribution primary system and sited on land controlled by the solar PV Project Company.

In collaboration with its Member Owners, GRE is leading a consortium application to the USDA New ERA (New ERA) program, via a letter of interest (LOI), that is envisioned to partially fund Member Owner solar RMR PPA costs. New ERA funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, with an estimated announcement date in late 2023 or early 2024. Results of this RFP will provide solar PPA cost information that will be a critical input in determining the competitiveness of GRE’s New ERA application.

B) Portfolio Descriptions

Portfolio 1: Solar PV – up to 40 MW deployed at up to 20 sites

GRE requests proposals for Member Owner distribution system interconnected solar PV generation resources with an aggregate nameplate capacity of 40 MW (AC) developed at multiple sites controlled by the solar PV Project Company. Individual projects are assumed to each be sized at 0.5 - 10 MW (AC). This RMR size category represents the estimated lower limit of RMR deployment and will be confirmed by ongoing Member Owner hosting capacity analysis. The sites must be located within the Member Owners service area and provide interconnection to Member Owner’s distribution system. Both fixed and tracking facilities will receive consideration.

Portfolio 2: Solar PV – up to 80 MW deployed at up to 40 Sites

GRE requests proposals for Member Owner distribution system interconnected solar PV generation resources with an aggregate nameplate capacity of 80 MW (AC) developed at multiple sites controlled by the solar PV Project Company. This RMR size category represents the estimated mid-level limit of RMR deployment and will be confirmed by ongoing Member Owner hosting capacity analysis. The sites

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must be located within the Member Owners service area and provide interconnection to Member Owner's distribution system. Both fixed and tracking facilities will receive consideration.

Portfolio 3: Solar PV – up to 120 MW deployed at up to 60 Sites

GRE requests proposals for Member Owner distribution system interconnected solar PV generation resources with an aggregate nameplate capacity of 120 MW (AC) developed at multiple sites controlled by the solar PV Project Company. This RMR size category represents the estimated upper limit of RMR deployment and will be confirmed by ongoing Member Owner hosting capacity analysis. The sites must be located within the Member Owners service area and provide interconnection to Member Owner's distribution system. Member Owner solar RMR deployment at this level will require hosting capacity sharing agreements and require multi-offtaker PPAs. Both fixed and tracking facilities will receive consideration.

C) Pricing Considerations

GRE requests pricing remain valid for at least 180 days (about 6 months) following the proposal due date. Please note any exceptions to this timeline.

PPA pricing

Pricing should include bundled energy, capacity, ancillary services, and renewable energy certificate (REC) products and be expressed in terms of \$/MWh (non-escalating) for specified term lengths. Alternate price structures may be considered by Member Owners during PPA negotiations.

Tax credits

Pricing is expected to reflect 30% investment tax credit (ITC) qualification. Domestic content bonus ITC should be explicitly included or excluded. Energy communities and other bonus tax credits or other incentives should be specifically excluded until sites are identified and eligibility confirmed.

Other pricing considerations

Land and interconnection costs should be excluded. If GRE's New ERA LOI is accepted and provides a path to funding Member RMRs, site identification and interconnection analysis activities can begin. Final PPA pricing will be developed with each individual Member Owner once land and interconnection costs are determined.

The interconnection costs of projects with a capacity of up to five megawatts (a/c) qualify for the ITC, so long as the project itself qualifies for the ITC. The interconnection costs qualify for the ITC even if the project owner pays for the interconnection improvements, but the interconnection improvements are owned by the utility.

Pricing should not include any implied New ERA funding benefits; GRE and the Member Owners are taking responsibility for this analysis. Any conditional pricing must provide a detailed explanation of the conditions.

Proposals should reflect customary solar PPA commercial terms. Terms including events of default and remedies, development & COD security, insurance, guaranteed availability percentage, expected annual energy production. Given the timeline of the New ERA application process, GRE and Member Owners have not yet reached consensus on a solar PPA template.

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Build Transfer (BT) pricing

Some Member Owners may be interested in a build transfer ownership structure, where proposals include a fully developed and constructed project transfers to Member Owner after commissioning and before commercial operation. Under this structure, the Member Owner will access direct pay ITC benefits.

Build Transfer pricing should also exclude land and interconnection costs and be expressed in \$/kW.

Any conditional pricing must provide a detailed explanation of the conditions.

D) Interconnection

Interconnection Procedures and Requirements

Final PPA pricing must include interconnection costs, but at this time, proposal pricing should exclude the cost of all interconnection facilities. The following interconnection information is provided for background only and all interconnection activities will be facilitated directly by each Member Owner and their interconnection engineering staff.

Upon USDA's acceptance of GRE's RMR grant application, each Member Owner will initiate solar RMR interconnection activities with the chosen Solar PV provider. Member Owners will provide guidance on feasible points of interconnection (POI) to their distribution system. Solar PV supplier must submit an Interconnection Application to Member Owner and comply with Member Owner's requirements for interconnection to its distribution system (per the Member Owner Interconnection Process for Distributed Generation Systems). The facility design must meet all applicable technical requirements outlined in Member Owner's Technical Interconnection & Interoperability Requirements (TIIR) as well as the Technical Specifications Manual (TSM) for interconnection. Member Owner interconnection process and requirements are on the NOVA Power Portal.

The Member Owner's distribution system is a 12.47 kV grounded wye system. The proposal shall include the cost of all transformation, protection breakers, and Member Owner-supplied metering to interconnect at 12.47 kV three phase. Member Owner will provide the 12.47 kV primary wire or cable to the interconnection breaker(s) for the project from the Member Owner distribution system. **The cost to extend the 12.47 kV primary to the interconnection point will be included in the overall evaluated cost of the proposal.**

In coordination with each Member Owner, proposer may request a budgetary estimate of the cost to extend primary distribution to a specific site, including costs for the Member Owner-supplied metering, please provide a map or other method to establish the location of the point of interconnection and the facility's capacity in MW (AC) via email to Member Owner's interconnection engineer. Please allow five business days for a response.

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The following is a brief listing of the typical interconnection requirements the proposal shall meet. See Member Owner online technical requirements in the TIIR and TSM for a complete description of the interconnection requirements. Depending upon the characteristics of the proposed solar system, additional interconnection requirements may be imposed, beyond what is listed here.

- 1) Metering: The proposed system shall be primary metered by Member Owner to be used for billing/crediting purposes. For detailed primary metering requirements contact Member Owner's interconnection engineer.
- 2) Visible Disconnect: A disconnecting device shall be installed to electrically isolate the Member Owner's distribution system from the solar PV. The visible disconnect shall provide a visible air gap between the generation system and Member Owner distribution system. Separate disconnects for each system are allowable.
- 3) Protection: The proposed system shall be interconnected with the Member Owner's system using a breaker or other approved device that is controlled by a protective relay, such as a SEL-751 or comparable. The SEL relay shall have a communication connection to the Member Owner monitoring and control system, where Member Owner will obtain the MW and MVAR and Voltage real-time information and other key operating information. This device may also be required to be operable by Member Owner via their monitoring and control system for purposes of remote disconnect if required. A full protection/coordination study shall be performed by the Member Owner to ensure the proposed system protection has proper coordination with the Member Owner's distribution system protection.
- 4) Step Transformer: The Transformer shall be Three-phase and have a grounded wye secondary winding configuration.
- 5) Inverters: The inverters shall comply with all applicable industry standards.

All Member Owner Interconnection Applications and associated agreements should be submitted to the attention of Member Owner's interconnection engineer. The interconnection application and associated documentation will be required once a proposed generation system bid is awarded. Member Owners expect Interconnection Agreement and PPA negotiations to progress simultaneously and the effectiveness of one agreement is contingent on the existence and good standing of the other.

E) Siting

Site Selection and Permitting

Final PPA pricing must include land costs, but proposal pricing should exclude the cost of all project land requirements. The following siting information is provided for background only and will be facilitated directly by each Member Owner.

Proposer is responsible for obtaining and satisfying the requirements of all federal, state, and local permits, licenses, approvals, and variances that are required now and in the future for the construction and operation of the project and the delivery of energy from it.

Preference will be given to proposals that comply with Minnesota's pollinator-friendly solar standard.

In addition to permitting responsibilities, proposer will be required to work jointly with Member Owners to attend township, county or other local meetings as required to address permitting needs, other concerns from the community and build local support for projects.

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Proposer is also responsible for providing all information required by Member Owner for any board of directors, USDA or other approvals Member Owner must obtain.

F) Technology

Technology Enhancements

GRE and Member Owner may consider technology enhancements in evaluation of proposals. Technology diversity may include applications and attributes of solar PV module **and** tracking technologies. Solar PV facility proposals that offer options such as enhanced energy production (tracking), increased capacity value (tracking or adjusted orientation) and day-ahead solar production forecasting are encouraged. Inverter technology capable of benefiting the distribution system through real and reactive power support will be considered.

G) Safety and Cybersecurity

Safety Requirements

A Proposer's safety history will be evaluated as part of the qualification process. Proposer must furnish a corporate statement concerning its and any of its subcontractors' safety records and programs, signed by its CEO/president and furnish OSHA incident rates, reportable incidents, and frequency rates.

Cybersecurity

The proposer must furnish security measures in terms of encryption, passwords, and physical security.

H) Credit/Collateral Requirements

\$125/kW pre-commercial operation; \$125/kW post commercial operation

I) Process and Schedule* **

Process

The process for this RFP consists of these steps:

1. Request for Proposal issued by GRE.
2. Proposers provide a completed Notice of Intent to Bid (NOI) Form.
3. GRE provides partially executed CA to NOI proposers.
4. Proposers submit fully executed CA and proposals per information requested in Appendices "A" and "B."
5. GRE and Member Owners evaluate the proposals and develop a short list for further discussions.
6. Proposers of shortlisted proposals must affirm certain matters (as described in Section E).
7. Notification provided to all non-shortlisted proposers will take place after sufficient shortlist discussion and negotiation progress is made.
8. GRE will determine selected solar PV provider upon completion of shortlist discussions.
9. Final pricing will be used in GRE's New ERA LOI.
10. USDA notifies GRE of solar RMR LOI acceptance.
11. Member Owners engage with selected solar PV provider to initiate land and interconnection next steps, including final PPA price determination.

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12. Upon acceptance of final PPA pricing, PPA negotiations begin.

Schedule

RFP Issued	August 16, 2023
Notice of Intent Due/GRE sends Confidentiality Agreement	August 21, 2023
Proposals (& executed CA) Due	September 6, 2023
Notification of Short List	September 11, 2023
New ERA Grant Awards	Q4 2023 to Q1 2024
Targeted Execution of PPA	Q2/Q3, 2024
Targeted Commercial Operation Date (COD)	2025 to 2030

**** The RFP solicitation schedule may be modified at GRE and Member Owner’s discretion.**

J) Proposal Submission Instructions

Proposal Format

Except as noted below, proposal summary information must be supplied electronically in Microsoft Word documents as outlined in “Appendix A.”

Supplemental project information may be provided as a Microsoft Word file following the outline contained in “Appendix B.” (Non-applicable sections may be left blank.)

Proposals received without the above electronic files will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

Transmittal Instructions

Proposals are due no later than **4 PM Central Prevailing Time on September 6, 2023**. Proposals must be submitted electronically by email on the due date. Any supplemental information must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format by email on the due date.

RFP questions and final proposals should be sent to RFP@greenergy.com. Include the words “**2023 Solar RMR RFP**” in the subject line.

The electronic proposal must be followed up with a signed original cover letter and one (1) paper copy of all submitted material delivered by mail or courier within one week of the proposal's due date. The mailed or couriered material should be sent to:

Ann Monn
Great River Energy
12300 Elm Creek Boulevard
Maple Grove, MN 55369-4718

K) Initial Evaluation

GRE will evaluate projects based on the criteria identified in the RFP Proposal Summary Forms found in Appendix “A” and Supplemental Information outlined in Appendix “B.” GRE may request additional information as necessary to complete GRE’s and Member Owner evaluation.

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Upon completion of the initial evaluation, GRE will develop a short list of proposers and will notify shortlist participants and invite each participant on the shortlist to conduct further discussions with GRE. GRE anticipates notifying parties whose proposals were not shortlisted shortly thereafter.

L) Affirmation of Proposal

Prior to beginning shortlist discussions, proposers will be required to affirm the following:

- The information provided in the proposal remains accurate and complete;
- The proposed price is valid for at least 180 days (about 6 months) following the proposal due date;
- Member Owner is granted a short (three month) period of exclusivity for negotiations; and
- All parties whose approval is required for execution of a contract with each Member Owner have been identified and will be directly represented in any preliminary discussions and subsequent negotiations with Member Owners.

M) PPA Negotiations

All parties whose approval is required for execution of a PPA must be directly represented in any preliminary discussions and subsequent negotiations.

Upon Member Owner acceptance of a final PPA price, parties will determine origin of a solar power purchase agreement (PPA) template.

The solar PPA template will include the following assumptions:

- The proposed resource consists of solar photovoltaic modules, associated balance of plant, including interconnection facilities and site control,
- The proposed resource is interconnected to Member Owner distribution system,
- The purchase of the facility's output must transfer title to all energy, associated capacity, ancillary services, and all RECs generated by the project to Member Owner, and
- The proposed resource has not begun construction.

The solar PPA template will be adapted as needed if the above assumptions are incorrect.

The PPA will be subject to approval by the Member Owner Board of Directors.

N) RFP and Proposal Terms

Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

Summary proposal information submitted to GRE will be provided to Member Owners. GRE and Member Owners reserve the right, without qualification, to select or reject any proposals. GRE may request additional information to complete its and Member Owner's evaluations. Persons who submit proposals do so without recourse against GRE or GRE's Member Owners for rejection or failure to execute an agreement for any reason. Proposers will not be entitled to reimbursement by GRE or Member Owners for any cost incurred in the preparation or submission of a proposal or any subsequent

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negotiations regarding a proposal. *GRE reserves the right to terminate this RFP process at any time, without notice and with no obligation to purchase or continue negotiations.*

Confidentiality

GRE and Member Owners will use reasonable efforts to protect proposer's confidential information provided that such information is clearly identified as follows:

- Mark "Confidential Information" on each page containing such information; and
- Highlight or shade the specific confidential information on the marked page.

A blanket statement that an entire page or the entire proposal is confidential will not be considered a clear indication and may result in rejection of the proposal.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, GRE and Member Owners may disclose information that has been designated as confidential if GRE or Member Owners determine, in each case, in its sole discretion, that disclosure is necessary to comply with any applicable law or order of a governmental authority with competent jurisdiction. GRE and Member Owners each reserve the right to disclose proposals to its consultants, counsel, or financiers to assist in evaluating proposals.

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Appendix “A “- List of RFP Documents

1. Notice of Intent to Respond
2. Proposer Qualification Form
3. Solar PV Project Summary
4. Solar PV Pricing and Expected Energy
5. Solar PV Technical Description
6. Solar PV Construction Milestones
7. Solar PV Monthly and Annual Energy Production
8. Credit/Collateral Requirements

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1.) Notice of Intent to Respond

Notice of Intent to Respond should be sent to RFP@greenergy.com. Include the words “2023 Solar RMR RFP” in the subject line.

Notice of Intent to Respond		
Company Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Company Representative Name(s)		
Signature		
Email	Phone Number	
Notes (as appropriate)		

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2.) Proposer Qualification Form

Provide the information described below.

A. COMPANY (PROPOSER) INFORMATION

B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

C. INSURANCE

D. LEGAL

E. SERVICES PROVIDED

E.1 Please list your full **G&T and Distribution cooperative** customers (work experience references) that you have performed work for in the solar PV field.

Cooperative Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email

E.2 Please list your top three non-cooperative customers (work experience references) that you have performed work for in the solar PV field.

Company Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email

E.3 Please list your top three suppliers (work experience references) that have performed work for you or provided solar PV equipment to your projects.

Company Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email

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F.1 PROPOSER SOLAR PV EXPERIENCE

List 3 major relevant projects (completed or ongoing)

Project #1	
Name of solar PV project	
Project Owner	
Project Owner Contact Information	
Proposer's Role (Prime/Subcontractor/other)	
Name of Prime Contractor (if by others)	
Project Location (Country, State, County, City)	
Proposer Scope of Work	
Project Duration	
Project Completion Date	

Project #2	
Name of solar PV project	
Project Owner	
Project Owner Contact Information	
Proposer's Role (Prime/Subcontractor/other)	
Name of Prime Contractor (if by others)	
Project Location (Country, State, County, City)	
Proposer Scope of Work	
Project Duration	
Project Completion Date	

Project #3	
Name of solar PV project	
Project Owner	
Project Owner Contact Information	
Proposer's Role (Prime/Subcontractor/other)	
Name of Prime Contractor (if by others)	
Project Location (Country, State, County, City)	
Proposer Scope of Work	
Project Duration	
Project Completion Date	

3.) Solar PV Project Summary

Solar Project Summary				
Bidder Contact				
Name				
Company				
Address				
Phone/Fax				
Email				
Alternate Contact				
Name				
Company				
Address				
Phone/Fax				
Email				
Technology Type	Facility Nameplate Capacity			
Photovoltaic Solar	MW (AC)		MW (DC)	
First Year Generation At delivery point		MWh	Capacity Factor	%
Proposed Commercial Operation Date				
Proposed PPA Term (years)				
Point of Delivery Description (TBD)				
Point of Interconnection/Delivery is on the	Distribution System			
Estimated Useful Life of Facility at Commercial Operation Date (years)				

4.) Portfolio Solar PV Pricing and Expected Energy

Solar PPA Pricing and Expected Energy				
Year	Expected Energy (MWh)	Portfolio 1 (up to 40 MW) Flat Payment Rate (\$/MWh)	Portfolio 2 (up to 80 MW) Flat Payment Rate (\$/MWh)	Portfolio 3 (up to 120 MW) Flat Payment Rate (\$/MWh)
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Notes to Pricing				

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Solar Build Transfer (BT) Pricing and Expected Energy				
Year 1	Expected Energy (MWh)	Portfolio 1 (up to 40 MW) BT Payment (\$/kW)	Portfolio 2 (up to 80 MW) BT Payment (\$/kW)	Portfolio 3 (up to 120 MW) BT Payment (\$/kW)
Notes to Pricing				

5.) Solar PV Technical Description

Solar Technical Description				
Module Level Information				
Manufacturer				
Model Number				
Module Rating at STC*				
Cell Material				
Total Number of Modules				
State and/or Country of Origin				
Array Level Information				
Number of Modules per String				
Strings in Parallel				
Total Active Surface Area (m ²)				
Inverter Information				
Manufacturer				
Model Number				
Total Number of Inverters				
Confirm that inverters meet applicable UL, IEEE, IEC standards.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Confirm that the facility meets NEC 2014.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Mounting/Orientation				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed		Azimuth (deg)		Elevation (deg)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Axis Tracking		Azimuth (deg)		Elevation (deg)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Axis Tracking				
Facility Level Information				
Annual Plant Availability (percent)				
Ground Coverage Ratio				
Estimated Land Area (acres)				
Consumptive Water Use (gallon/MWh)				
*Standard Test Conditions (25°C, 1 kW/m ² , AM 1.5)				
Notes to PV Technical Description				

6.) Expected Solar PV Construction Milestones (TBD)

Insert the proposed date for each milestone shown here as would be found on the detailed Development Schedule provided with the proposal. Milestones should be based on the requirements to achieve the proposed commercial operation date.

Construction Milestones	
Date (On or before)	Construction Milestone
	Seller shall demonstrate that it has Site Control of Premises.
	Seller shall have entered into one or more binding contracts for the purchase by Seller all the equipment necessary for the Facility.
	Seller shall have executed the Generation Interconnection Agreement.
	Seller shall have achieved closing on financing for the Facility or provided Buyer with proof of financial capability to construct the Facility.
	Seller shall have provided Buyer with Credit Support required by Appendix A - 13.
	Seller shall have provided Buyer with evidence of compliance with the insurance coverage requirements in accordance with Minnesota Interconnection Standards.
	Seller shall have laid the foundation for all Facility buildings, generating facilities and step-up transformation facilities.
	The step-up transformer and all other power electronics shall have been delivered to, and installed at, the Premises.
	Seller shall have constructed Seller’s Interconnection Facilities and such facilities shall be capable of being energized.
	Start-up testing of the Facility shall have commenced.
	Seller shall have registered the Facility with the Center for Resource Solution’s Green e-program.
	Additional milestones, if needed.
	Seller shall cause the Facility to achieve Commercial Operation on or before the Guaranteed Commercial Operation Date.

7.) Solar PV Monthly and Annual Energy Production

- a. Provide the month’s total expected average generation.
- b. Indicate the average expected hourly generation from the proposed project by month and time of day.
- c. To the extent the sum of the values in the grid are different from the first year Expected Energy value on Form 3, explain the cause of the difference in the Notes section below.
- d. Expected energy production should be gross of any expected annual plant degradation. Time is hour ending Central Standard Time. (Do not adjust for Daylight Savings Time.)

Monthly and Annual Energy Production												
Expected hourly generation (MWh)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max												
Average (P50) Expected hourly generation (MWh)												
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Notes to Energy Production Profile												
Expected Annual Availability (% of hours able to produce energy at full capacity under ambient conditions): _____												
Guaranteed Annual Availability (% of hours able to produce energy at full capacity under ambient conditions): _____												

8.) Credit Collateral Requirements

Credit/Collateral Requirements		
Contract Options	Pre-Commercial Operation Date (COD)	Post COD
Solar PV PPA	\$125/kW	\$125/kW

Appendix B - Supplemental Information

Appendix “A” forms are not meant to capture all significant proposal information.

Supplemental proposal information is important and should be organized in the following format:

Tab 1: Summary	
1. Summary	<p>Use Appendix “A” – Form 2</p> <p>Or provide an overview of the proposal, including the project name, location, nameplate capacity MW (AC), development status, commercial operation date, interconnection/transmission status and a brief description of the proposer’s organization. Include any additional information that is particularly noteworthy.</p>
Tab 2: Resource	
2A. Resource Description	<p>Use Appendix “A” – Form 6</p> <p>Or describe the solar photovoltaic generation technology proposed, the capacity of the resource in kW (AC), and the estimated monthly energy production in kWh. If the capacity and production vary (e.g., seasonally), please characterize the variations.</p>
2B. Generation Equipment	<p>Use Appendix “A” – Form 4</p> <p>Or indicate the manufacturer, model and rating of the modules and inverters and any other relevant equipment information, including all warranty terms and estimated maintenance schedules. Describe status of the procurement of generation equipment.</p>
2C. Project Location	Reserved
2D. Regulatory Compliance	<p>Describe the project’s status with respect to regulatory approvals needed for its construction and operation. Describe plans for assessing local community siting issues and requirements with respect to the solar facility and any associated transmission.</p> <p><i>Proposer is responsible for obtaining and satisfying the requirements of all federal, state, and local permits, licenses, approvals, and variances that are required now and in the future for the construction and operation of the project and the delivery of energy from it. Proposer is also responsible for providing all information required by Member Owner for any approvals Member Owner must obtain. Proposals with approved permits and indications of local support will be evaluated more favorably than those without.</i></p>

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<p>2E. Member Owner Ownership</p>	<p>Member Owner ownership of third party developed projects may be considered.</p>
<p>Tab 3: Proposer</p>	
<p>3A. Business Structure and Experience</p>	<p>Identify all parties participating in the proposal and the subsequent ownership and operation of the project. Include an organization chart illustrating the relationships of the parties, along with their ownership percentages. Describe each party’s corporate structure, including primary and secondary businesses. Describe the utility-scale solar PV projects each party has developed/operated over the last five years. Previous electric cooperative PPA experience is preferred.</p>
<p>3B. Financial Status</p>	<p>For each party participating in the proposal and the subsequent ownership and operation of the project, provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current annual report (If an annual report is not available, a listing of assets, liabilities and cash flow must be provided); • Current quarter profit and loss statement; • DUNS #; • Debt rating by S&P, Moody’s and/or Fitch; and • Description of project financing. <p>If Proposer does not have an investment grade credit rating, indicate how Proposer will provide enhanced credit support.</p>
<p>3C. Project Finance Structure</p>	<p>Identify project finance assumptions, including use of federal ITC, debt financing, etc.</p>
<p>3D. Litigation</p>	<p>Identify any litigation involving the proposer or any of its affiliates within the past eight years.</p>
<p>Tab 4: Price and Terms</p>	
<p>4A. Term</p>	<p>Indicate the proposed starting and ending dates of energy delivery, any flexibility in those dates and any significant contingencies that may affect them.</p> <p><i>Resources starting energy delivery in Q4 2025 are preferred, however earlier or later start dates will be considered. The proposed term should not be less than 20 or more than 30 years.</i></p>

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<p>4B. Pricing Information:</p>	<p>Use Appendix “A” – Form 3</p> <p>Indicate one or more proposed pricing schedules in U.S. dollars in the year of occurrence.</p> <p><i>A flat pricing option shall be provided.</i></p> <p><i>Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and shall be considered firm until 180 days (about 6 months) from proposal submission unless expressly stated otherwise.</i></p> <p><i>If the pricing is contingent on any state or federal incentives, indicate the price with and without the incentive.</i></p> <p>Prices do not include the cost of land or distribution interconnection requirements.</p> <p><i>Prices shall include all taxes and environmental charges. Member Owner must be granted all current and/or future renewable energy certificates and emissions credits associated with the energy from the project. Member Owner must be granted all accredited capacity from the project.</i></p> <p><i>Prices should reflect the creditworthiness and performance guarantee requirements included in this RFP.</i></p> <p><i>Renegotiations, if proposed, shall be limited to statutory changes that are beyond the Proposer’s reasonable control.</i></p>
<p>4C. Energy Analysis:</p>	<p>Use Appendix “A” – Form 6</p> <p>Provide the P50 net AC energy production from the facility using site specific solar resource and equipment performance specifications. Discuss the methodology and sources of data used in the analysis.</p>
<p>4D. Form Contract</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>4E. Proposal exclusivity</p>	<p>Indicate whether this project is or will be proposed or offered to other potential purchasers.</p>
<p>Tab 5: Interconnection</p>	
<p>5A. Distribution</p>	<p>Once the proposed generation system bid is awarded, the distribution interconnected facilities should direct their Interconnection Applications (per Member Owner Interconnection Process for Distributed Generating Systems)</p>
<p>5B. Proposed Generation System One-Line</p>	<p>Supply a one-line drawing(s) showing the proposed configuration of the generation system. Items to show on the one-line are transformation, protection elements (breakers / relays), metering, inverters etc.</p>

Tab 6: Other	
6. Other Information:	Describe any aspects of the proposal that may not fit into the other categories. Attach any supplementary information or exhibits that you wish to provide.