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Lafayette Utilities System Opens Solar RFP

in Continued Partnership with The Energy Authority

Jacksonville, FL – December 8, 2020—Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) is committed to providing high quality, competitively priced services that exceed customer expectations and contribute to the City of Lafayette to support other community needs. In longstanding partnership with LUS, The Energy Authority (TEA) leverages its comprehensive services to position LUS to meet demand and provide top-tier service throughout its region.

LUS is now seeking bids for Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with a Commercial Operation Date (COD) of 2023 for up to 300 MWac of as-generated solar power. LUS seeks to procure energy, capacity, and renewable energy credits for a term between 10 - 20 years. Key tenets of project consideration are project viability, price, congestion risk, and deliverability, and as such has limited bids for projects physically located within the state of Louisiana or MISO Capacity Zone 9.

This RFP is a result of LUS' recently completed Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and long-term strategies. The IRP evaluated all resource types including wind, solar, and thermal. While LUS is open to all renewable energy types, the final recommendation indicated a strong preference for PV Solar due to the coincident value of solar energy to mitigate peak hour pricing volatility and diversify energy supply making it the most preferred renewable energy resource for this request.

As a trusted public power affiliate, The Energy Authority (TEA) serves as RFP administrator. To access all supporting RFP documents, visit TEA's Procurement site www.teamarketplace.azurewebsites.net

The Energy Authority (TEA), a public power-owned entity, provides public power utilities with access to advanced resources and technology systems designed to respond competitively in changing energy markets. Through partnership with TEA, utilities benefit from an experienced organization focused on being the strategic partner for public power.

Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) is a city-owned utility system in Lafayette, Louisiana. LUS provides electric, water, and wastewater services within its territory. The governing authority of LUS is the Lafayette City Council. In its role as electric provider, LUS serves approximately 68,000 retail customers, maintains more than 1,000 miles of overhead and underground electric infrastructure, and is a member of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). As a MISO Load Serving Entity (LSE), LUS is required to maintain enough capacity to meet a reserve margin of 108.9 percent of its peak demand forecast. It currently supplies 89 percent of that requirement via ownership of its existing fleet with the balance coming from market purchases.

For questions, please email: LUSRFP@teainc.org

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