Questions - Neptune NJ CHP/Microgrid

1. How are prospective bidders asked to submit pricing for this work? Is the grant amount the maximum potential award for this 30% design project? Should all bidders come up with a lump-sum fee and/or submit a rate sheet?

ANSWER: The grant amount is the maximum potential award for this 30% design project. The hourly rate sheet is provided in the bid document.

2. Will the Town accept electronic bid submissions via email instead of sealed envelope bid packages mailed to the address in the RFP? If so, where should e-bids be sent to?

ANSWER: The Township does not accept electronic bid submissions via email.

3. Is the Phase II Incentive Program Application for Neptune available for review?

Yes, the Phase II Incentive Program Application is posted on the website for review?

4. The five (5) deliverables listed are of design, construction and cost nature and do not specify any technical or financial production or performance model results, who will be providing the production and financial modeling? What is the expectation for deliverables relative to the statement "30% level of design which shall include a commercial design and demonstrate project financeability"? What are the targets for financeability? What metrics will be used?

ANSWER: Pursuant to NJBPU Board Order 8B from March 3, 2021, Phase II applications were evaluated on a criterion that detailed the general project characteristics, technical characteristics, and financing and business model. Those details can be found in the Board's Order in which the RFQ's deliverables stem from.

5. Is a project proforma or other business case/ financial analysis required to be submitted?

ANSWER: No, a project proforma is not required to be submitted.

6. Are operating and maintenance budgets required to be submitted?

ANSWER: No, operating and maintenance budgets are not required to be submitted.

7. Does the Town want to proceed with the system as defined in the BPU order as follows: 500K CHP and 2.1 MW PV? If so are the locations for each generation asset also fixed per the electrical one line in the feasibility study?

ANSWER: At the moment, the Township is prepared to proceed with CHP and PV systems as part of its microgrid project. The generation amount and locations for these assets may shift since the initial feasibility study's original findings are from 2018.

8. Is there any cost sharing amounting project stakeholders or should the scope be limited to fit the awarded project incentive included in the RFP?

ANSWER: There is no cost sharing. The scope should be limited to fit the awarded project incentive included in the RFQ.

9. What level of cost estimate is required?

ANSWER: The cost estimate required should be consistent with the grant award described in the RFQ. The hourly rate sheet is provided in the bid document.