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Notice to Contractors

Auburn Solar and CHP Microgrid

BGS Project No. 3920

This project consists of the installation of a new 24-kW Micro-Combined Heat and Power (mCHP) System and two 17.3 (AC) kW Solar Tracking Photovoltaic Arrays. The Contractor shall connect the mCHP to the building's heating hot water systems. The Contractor shall connect the mCHP to the building's gas service. The contractor shall connect the mCHP and solar trackers to the building's electrical system. The Contractor shall furnish and install all items in accordance with Plans and Specifications. Alternate bid items include new fencing with gated access to the facility and the expansion of the mechanical room's concrete pad for the new mCHP equipment.

The contract shall designate the Substantial Completion Date for the 24-kW Combined Heat and Power Unit on or before **31 January 2027**. The complete Project Substantial Completion Date on or before **30 June 2027**, and the Contract Final Completion Date on or before **31 October 2027**.

1. Bids shall be hand delivered and submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "**Bid for Auburn Solar and CHP Microgrid Project**" and addressed to:

Wendy Michaud
Directorate of Facilities Engineering
194 Winthrop Street,
Bldg. 7, Camp Keyes,
Augusta, Maine, 04330

The envelope shall contain a completed Contractor Bid Form (section 00 41 13), provided in the Bid Documents, and include bid security when required. The bids shall be received no later than **2:00 pm on 29 October 2026**. Bid submissions will be opened and read aloud at *the address shown above* at the time and date noted above.

Any bid submitted after the noted time will not be considered a valid bid and will remain unopened. Any bid submitted by any other means will not be considered a valid bid. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as may best serve the interest of the Owner.

2. Questions and comments on the *bid opening process* shall be addressed to:

Wendy Michaud (Wendy.M.Buehler@maine.gov)
Directorate of Facilities Engineering
194 Winthrop Street
Bldg. 7, Camp Keyes
Augusta, Maine, 04330

3. Questions and comments regarding the *project design specifications or drawings* shall be directed in writing to the Consultant during the bid period prior to the question and comment deadline of **2:00 p.m. on 22 October 2026**.

Annabelle Collins (annabelle.m.collins.nfg@army.mil)
Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Management

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4. ☒ Bid security is required on this project.
The Bidder shall include a satisfactory Bid Bond (section 00 43 13) or a certified or cashier's check for 5% of the bid amount with the completed bid form submitted to the Owner. The Bid Bond form is available on the BGS website.

5. ☒ Performance and Payment Bonds are required on this project.
If noted above as required, or if any combination of Base Bid and Alternate Bids amounts selected in the award of the contract exceeds \$125,000.00, the selected Contractor shall furnish a 100% contract Performance Bond (section 00 61 13.13) and a 100% contract Payment Bond (section 00 61 13.16) in the contract amount to cover the execution of the Work. Bond forms are available on the BGS website.

6. Filed Sub-bids *are not required* on this project.

7. ☒ Pre-qualified General Contractors are not utilized on this project.

8. ☒ An on-site pre-bid conference (☒ *mandatory*) will be conducted for this project.
The pre-bid conference is intended for General Contractors. Subcontractors and suppliers are welcome to attend. Contractors who arrive late or leave early for a mandatory meeting may be prohibited from participating in this meeting and bidding.

*8 October 2026 @ 10am
64 Mount Apatite Park
Auburn, Maine 04210*

9. Bid Documents may be examined at:
*AGC Maine
188 Whitten Road, Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-4741*

*Construction Summary
734 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104
603-627-8856*