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PRICING ATTRIBUTE	
Criteria	How to Demonstrate
Substantially all of the project is located on previously developed or impacted land. For the purposes of this criteria, "previously developed or impacted land" means areas covered by impervious surfaces, capped landfills or brownfield sites as defined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP defines a "brownfield site" for purposes of this attribute as a site that has been awarded federal Brownfields funding for assessment or cleanup.	DEP Clearance Letter, or equivalent issued by Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC)

PROJECT ATTRIBUTES		
	Criteria	How to Demonstrate
	Siting Attributes	
1	<p>A project that does not qualify for the price evaluation criteria in #1, but for which at least 75% of the project is located on one or more of the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Areas covered by impervious surfaces, capped landfills or brownfield sites as determined by DEP or LUPC, as applicable, and which have not received the pricing attribute. b) An existing opened or reclaimed gravel pit licensed (currently or formerly) by DEP or LUPC. c) A developed area but excluding previously developed or impacted land as defined in 1.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For projects located outside the LUPC's service area, "developed area" means an area as defined by 06-096 C.M.R. Ch. 500 § 3(D). 2) For projects located within LUPC's service area, a "developed area" includes impervious area, landscaped area, or unvegetated area as determined by LUPC. d) A site covered by a Site Location permit issued on or before December 31, 2019 by DEP pursuant to the Site Location and Development Law 38 M.R.S. §§ 481 to 489-E. 	DEP Clearance Letter, or equivalent issued by LUPC
2	The project impacts, either directly or indirectly, less than 4,300 square feet of freshwater wetlands, as those impacts are assessed by DEP or LUPC, as applicable, pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act (38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A to 480-J).	DEP Clearance Letter, or equivalent issued by LUPC
3	<p>The project does not impact high and moderate value inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat or significant vernal pool habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For projects located outside the LUPC's service area these are areas as defined in 38 M.R.S. § 480-B(10) and 06-096 C.M.R. Ch. 335, or b) For projects located in LUPC's service area, these are areas as identified in specific locations by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W). 	DEP Clearance Letter, or equivalent issued by LUPC

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4	The project is sited such that, based on current documentation maintained by the IF&W and available information, there are no known adverse impacts to Maine-listed endangered or threatened species or habitats on the project site or in the immediate vicinity.	Clearance Letter from IF&W
5	The project is sited such that there are no known adverse impacts to Maine-listed rare, threatened, or endangered plants, or to rare and exemplary natural communities, as determined by the Maine Natural Areas Program within the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF).	Clearance Letter from DACF/Maine Natural Areas Program
6	<p>The project is not located in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a municipal shoreland zone. For the purposes of this attribute, "municipal shoreland zone" means the shoreland area subject to municipal shoreland zoning consistent with the Shoreland Zoning Act, 38 M.R.S. §§ 435-449, or b) an area that meets the description of any of the following land use subdistricts, as they would apply to waterbodies or wetlands in the LUPC's Service area: P-AL, P-GP, P-GP2, P-RR, P-RT, or P-SL. Land use subdistrict descriptions are provided in 01-672 CMR Ch. 10. 	Confirmation from Municipality that Shoreland Permit is not needed, or equivalent from LUPC
7	The project includes less than ten acres of newly cleared forested area. For the purposes of this attribute, "newly cleared forested area" means any forested area that would be cleared or where vegetation will be actively managed as part of the development and operation of a project, along with any forested area previously cleared as part of a timber harvest since January 1, 2019. "Forested area" means an area that meets the stocking requirements outlined in 01-669 Ch. 20 § 4(C)(2).	Affidavit from a Forester licensed by the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
8	<p>Dual-use agricultural projects. For the purposes of this attribute, this means a site where agricultural production and electricity production occur simultaneously on the same piece of land. To qualify for this attribute the site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) contain at least five (5) contiguous acres; and b) is currently used for farming, agriculture or horticulture activities. c) contributed a gross income of at least \$2,000 from the sale of agricultural products, as defined in 7 M.R.S. § 152(2), produced on the site in at least one of the 2, or 3 of the 5, years prior to the construction of the project. <p>Horticulture for this purpose means land which is engaged in the production of vegetables, tree fruits, small fruits, flowers and woody or herbaceous plants.</p> <p>In addition, once operational, the project must not cause the tract to produce less than 50% of the average annual agricultural production that occurred in the past 5 years, excluding years in which the value of the agricultural production was less than \$2,000.</p>	Joint affidavit from project developer and land owner/operator

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9	Project is sited such that no more than 10% of the project is located on land containing soils defined by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services as "Prime Farmland" or "Farmland of Statewide Importance," as determined by a field-based survey conducted by a licensed soil scientist.	Affidavit from a Soil Scientist licensed by the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
Value-Added Attributes		
10	Project is sited so as to provide demonstrable benefits to the distribution system.	Confirmation from Interconnecting Utility
11	The project is paired with energy storage. To qualify, the capacity of the storage must be sufficient to materially enhance the value of the project.	Demonstration by Bidder in Application
12	A solar project that includes tracking capabilities such that the facility can materially enhance its exposure to sunlight.	Demonstration by Bidder in Application

For purposes of this attribute list, "Project" means any area occupied by a solar power or other renewable energy development, including any area needed for the operation or maintenance of the facility, such as: access roads, collector lines to the point where they interconnect with the transmission or distribution system, any areas needed to be maintained in a non-forested state for operational reasons (e.g. shade management, to eliminate wind turbulence), and any electricity storage facility associated with the renewable energy development.

As directed by statute, the siting attributes have been developed in consultation with the Department of Environmental protection, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land Use Planning Commission, and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Form affidavits will be made available on the Procurement Website as soon as possible, and no later than April 2, 2020.