



**SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.**

Special Meeting – September 29, 2015

Award Solar Photovoltaic System Consulting and Implementation Services (RFP 2015-32)


Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk
Niagara County Legislature



NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
NIAGARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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September 23, 2015

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Special Legislature Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Niagara County Legislature Chambers
Courthouse
Lockport, New York

Agenda


Solar Photovoltaic System Consulting and Implementation Services

Appointments to the Workforce Investment Board

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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Committee of the Whole DATE: 09/29/2015 RESOLUTION # CW-014-15

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes <u>0</u>
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

AWARD SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM CONSULTING and IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES (RFP 2015-32)

WHEREAS, the County is seeking to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment by reducing electrical utility costs, and

WHEREAS, the County has also sought to reduce energy costs incurred by the County, Refuse Disposal District and Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Proposals on May 29, 2015 for Solar Photovoltaic System Consulting and Implementation Services to identify and select the most qualified Photovoltaic System Vendor for the feasibility, design, fabrication, delivery, installation, operation, ownership and maintenance of a PV system located a select sites in the County , and

WHEREAS, the County has sought to qualify for monetary credits under the New York Public Service Commission Transition Plan for remote net metered solar projects, and

WHEREAS, the County has identified three sites to host Solar PV Arrays to take advantage of Remote Net Metering, and

WHEREAS, six proposals were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on July 14, 2015, and

WHEREAS, these proposals were independently evaluated, based upon the evaluation and award criteria in the RFP, by the Niagara County Department of Public Works staff with input from Fluent Energy, and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 7 and 24, 2015 interview sessions were conducted to the top three (3) ranked proposals of Solar Liberty Energy Systems, Inc., SolarCity Corporation and Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC, and

WHEREAS, Solar Liberty Energy Systems, Inc. was ranked number one (1) with the highest score from these independent evaluations, and

WHEREAS, Solar Liberty Energy Systems, Inc. obtained a number one (1) ranking because Solar Liberty Energy Systems, Inc.'s proposal was ascertained to be the most favorable to the Niagara County Refuse and Disposal District, the Niagara County Sewer District, and Niagara County as a whole, and said proposal was in the best interest and would provide the maximum beneficial outcomes for the Niagara County Refuse and Disposal District, the Niagara County Sewer District, and Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract awarding the ability to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the County for the Solar Photovoltaic System Consulting and Implementation Services (RFP 2015-32) be awarded to the best value proposal submitted by Solar Liberty Energy Systems, 6500 Sheridan Drive, Suite 120, Buffalo, New York 14221, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature, be and hereby is, authorized to execute the required documents.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE