

Project Eligibility

- 1. My project is located in a DAC in a County other than Los Angeles or Ventura County. Could I still participate in this RFO?**

Please refer to the RFO Protocol Section 2.b. for DAC-GT and CS-GT locational eligibility requirements.

- 2. Would CPA consider enabling a 3rd party host owning the Green Attributes (RECs) if the projects fulfill all other requirements of the RFO?**

No. CPA intends to collect all relevant Energy, Environmental Attributes, and Resource Adequacy (RA) benefits from projects, as applicable.

- 3. Please provide context, definition, and/or regulatory reference for the use of the term “in-front-of-the meter” with respect to this RFO. How, if at all, does the reference to “in-front-of-the meter” relate to the definition of Facility Meter in the Pro-Forma PPA?**

In order to be eligible for DAC-GT or CS-GT programs, projects must be in-front-of-the-meter, that is, all energy produced by the project must be exported to the CAISO grid. For CS-GT projects, no energy produced by the project may be used to directly offset the project site’s load, and demand response projects are not eligible to participate.

- 4. May the owner of the Community Solar Project (the bidder) be different than the Owner of the building and/or the owner of the location upon which the solar project is installed?**

Yes. Please see the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved [\(“D.”\)18-06-027](#) *Alternate Decision Adopting Alternatives to Promote Solar Distributed Generation in Disadvantaged Communities* adopting three new programs to promote the installation of renewable generation among residential customers in disadvantaged communities (“DAC”) and Resolution E-4999.

Program Enrollment and Participation

- 5. Who is ultimately responsible for signing up end-use customers for a given CS-GT project’s capacity? And when must this full end-use customer enrollment for a given project be completed by?**

Customers may enroll in CPA’s Power Share program by visiting CPA’s website or contacting CPA Customer Service. It is the role of the community sponsor to spread the word to the community about the CS-GT project, educate residents, and help people sign up. CPA will provide training as needed to community sponsors to enable them to support and facilitate customer enrollment via an online enrollment tool and will support community sponsor outreach by making presentations and participating in community events. CPA’s Power Share Tariff and terms of service available at <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/power-share/> and <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Power-Share-Tariff-for-web.pdf>

Twenty-five percent of each project's capacity must be subscribed by eligible low-income residents prior to the Commercial Operation Date (COD).

- 6. If the host site is government owned housing or a non-profit which pays its own energy bill, can a third-party partnership make use of the bill discount? What are the provisions for the bill discount in this scenario?**

The project site for a CS-GT project is eligible to receive up to 25% of a sponsored project's clean power capacity. The community sponsor is eligible to receive a 20% discount on its electric bill. If the project site owner is also the CS-GT project's community sponsor, then the entity is eligible to receive a 20% discount on its electric bill and up to 25% of the project's clean power capacity. A third-party who is not the community sponsor is not eligible to receive a 20% discount on its electric bill.

RFO Administration and Process

- 7. Could the Clean Power Alliance consider providing a webinar in January 2022, providing a demonstration of the Evaluation Tool for a hypothetical project?**

CPA is considering hosting a second Bidder Webinar in 2022. If CPA chooses to host a second webinar, the date and participation instructions for such webinar will be shared with registered Bidders in advance. For now, we encourage Bidders to review the "Clean Energy RFO Evaluation Web Application Training Guide" which can be accessed on the splash screen of the Evaluation Tool, available at:

<https://cleanpower.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7ef4e3b449340a6b30322122bd1860d>. This training guide contains information on how to use the Evaluation Tool for voluntary environmental screening or for the DAC Customer Count tool.

- 8. Could Clean Power Alliance post the presentation provided at the Bidder's Conference to the RFO Website?**

The 2021 DAC-GT and CS-GT RFO Bidder Webinar will be posted by January 6, 2022 to the RFO webpage at <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/2021-dac-gt-and-cs-gt-power-share-request-for-offers/>

- 9. What are acceptable financial instruments for all Seller Security Requirements?**

Please refer to the RFO Protocol Section 7. Exclusivity Agreement and the Exclusivity Agreement for information on Seller Security.

- 10. Does the CPA have a target number of projects for each of the two components of this RFO (i.e., DAC-GT and CS-GT)?**

CPA is soliciting competitive proposals to fill its DAC-GT and CS-GT program allocations of 12.19 MW and 3.37 MW, respectively. CPA may contract with multiple projects and does not have a predetermined procurement target for this RFO.

- 11. For DAC-GT, is CPA seeking to contract the full 12.19 MW representing the DAC-GT program allocation? Or a lower amount if DAC-GT contracts were concluded in RFO last year?**

CPA is soliciting competitive proposals to fill its DAC-GT program allocation of 12.19 MW. CPA may contract with multiple projects and does not have a predetermined capacity procurement target for this RFO.

- 12. Will it be possible to know the projects that were selected from the 2020 RFO?**

Please refer to CPA's September board materials at cleanpoweralliance.org/get-involved/agendas-minutes/ to see projects selected from the 2020 RFO.

- 13. Once the maximum thresholds for DAC and CS-GT are reached is it possible, predicated on CPA Board Approval, to expand the programs?**

CPA's DAC-GT and CS-GT program allocations are set by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Submissions

- 14. The RFO Protocol sets a limit of 1-2 paragraphs for the Project Summary. Are there page or paragraph limitations for items 2-8 in the Project Narrative?**

There are no additional page or paragraph limitations for the Project Narrative. Please see RFO Protocol, page 8 for additional information on the Project Narrative.

- 15. Will Clean Power Alliance provide short-listed bidders with end-use customer information requested by the Bidder within the geographic area adjacent to the proposed project? This information would be used by the successful bidder to recruit subscribers.**

Clean Power Alliance will not be providing end-use customer information to Bidders. CS-GT Bidders should work with Community Sponsors to gauge community interest and recruit participants.

- 16. The discussion of the PPA references "The Pro Forma PPA is the same for all counterparties, and CPA will only accept changes to the Pro Forma PPA related to Project-specific characteristics and information." Could you define or provide examples of what is meant by Project-specific characteristics?**

Some examples of project-specific characteristics include, but are not limited to, project name, MW capacity, and location.

- 17. What portion of the overall Bid Evaluation will be based upon Quantitative Criteria? What portion of the overall Bid Evaluation will be based upon Qualitative Criteria? How will the Qualitative Criteria be weighted?**

Submissions to this RFO will be evaluated holistically based on a combination of Quantitative and Qualitative criteria. No specific weighting of evaluation criteria will be used. Please review RFO Protocol, Section 4, pages 11-13.

18. How should specific entries within the Offer Form Template be labeled “confidential”? Within the corresponding cell? Another method?

Please refer to the RFO Protocol Section 11. Confidentiality and to the Non-Disclosure Agreement. Information in the Offer Form Template may not be marked as confidential directly in the cells; however, the file can be renamed as confidential or the bidder can specify which information is confidential in the Project Narrative.

19. What does “Negative LMP” stand for as set forth in Section 3.3b. of the PPA Pro-Forma?

Please refer to the PPA Article 1 Definitions for the meaning of the term “Negative LMP” as it is used within the CPA Pro Forma DAC-CS-GT PPA.

20. Can Clean Power Alliance please provide the specific chapter and codes being referenced when using the term “NERC Reliability Standards” in Exhibit D, section h) Scheduling Coordinator Responsibilities?

NERC Reliability Standards can be found here:
<https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/default.aspx>

21. With respect to Exhibit L, Form of Buyer Assignment Agreement, what are some examples under which CPA would assign the PPA under this type of agreement? What are some examples of types of entities to which this agreement would be assigned? Financial entities? Other types of entities? Why is the State of New York and not the State of California being used as the exclusive jurisdiction for this Buyer Assignment Agreement?

Authorized entities are subject to CPA’s discretion and judgment. Examples include but are not limited to prepayment structures available to tax-exempt agencies to reduce the cost of CPA’s power purchases. The State of California is CPA’s preferred jurisdiction.

22. In the Offer Form Template, Qualitative Assessment, Line 7, could you provide examples of the type of “current and planned surveys” you are referencing?

This refers to environmental surveys.

CAISO Participation

23. Is a pathway to participating in the CAISO market something CPA expects developers have knowledge of and be responsible for initiating and maintaining over the term of the PPA?

Yes, CPA expects that DAC-GT and CS-GT developers will understand how to initiate and maintain their project’s participation in the CAISO market.

24. Can rooftops be aggregated in a DAC community to achieve an aggregate project size?

For a multiple rooftop project, the rooftops can either be aggregated at a single point of interconnection and use a standard CAISO Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA), or if the multiple rooftops are delivering to multiple interconnection points within the same DAC community, the projects can use the [CAISO Distributed Energy Resource Provider](#) participation model to deliver to CAISO.

25. Is it correct that all projects under this RFO must participate in the CAISO market?

Yes.