

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) intends to manage the acquisition, design, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Barren Ridge Switching Station Static VAR Compensator (SVC)/Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project goal is to provide a voltage support solution in order to accommodate further interconnection requests in the Barren Ridge area in order to meet LADWP's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) goals; and

WHEREAS, LADWP desires to advertise one Request for Proposals with one agreement containing two parts, which may be awarded in whole or in part at LADWP's discretion, using the competitive sealed proposal method that permits negotiations after proposals have been submitted to allow clarifications and changes to the proposal; and

WHEREAS, Part One of the Request for Proposals will be the engineering, design and procurement of the SVC/STATCOM system, and testing and commissioning of the new equipment; and Part Two will be for the option to purchase full or partial construction of all equipment procured under Part One; and

WHEREAS, Section 371(b) of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles provides that as an alternative to an award pursuant to open and competitive bidding, a contract may be let pursuant to a competitive sealed proposal method, in accordance with criteria adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Council. The competitive sealed proposal method may permit negotiations in accordance with criteria as established by the Ordinance authorizing the use of such alternative method; and

WHEREAS, due to the lengthy duration time to fabricate major components, schedule uncertainties in the permitting process, and the possible inclusion of extended warranties, a Contract term of five years is requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) finds that adherence to the rule that the award be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is not practicable or advantageous and that the competitive sealed bid proposal method is in the best interests of the City due to the expertise required and complexity of the Project and the large number of exceptions and clarifications that can reasonably be anticipated for this type of project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Charter Section 1022, the services advertised for in this Request for Proposals is for expert services which require knowledge and skills that are not available within LADWP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves and recommends to the Los Angeles City Council adoption by Ordinance of the proposed criteria to be used in the selection of the contractor(s) for the proposed Barren Ridge SVC/STATCOM Project pursuant to Section 371(b) of the Charter and that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners be permitted to award the contract(s) for said equipment and construction for a term not to exceed five years without further approval by the Los Angeles City Council pursuant to section 674 of the Charter.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held.

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Secretary

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