

In August, the U.S. Army completed a solicitation of potentially interested bidders in an effort to identify the size and characteristics of the qualified pool of applicants. Using the information received, the Army is in the process of determining the type of solicitations that will be issued for the project task orders. Multiple award ID/IQ contracts are anticipated to be awarded in 2013, with successful bidders permitted to compete for PPA task orders during the following five years. Future solicitations are expected to contain additional detail about the structure of specific projects and bidding requirements. No further details have been released.

The expected future task orders will assist the Army in complying with its renewable energy mandate to consume or produce 25 percent of its power from renewable resources by 2025 and to lower greenhouse gas emissions through the development of large-scale renewable energy projects and the attainment of net zero energy status by its installations. Eligible energy resources will include solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass projects, and may also include projects using alternative energy sources that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce energy costs, or improve energy security.

Although the preliminary solicitation issued this summer sought expressions of interest from potential bidders in future solicitations, the actual solicitations to be issued by the Army likely will prefer providers having the following characteristics: (i) large providers of renewable energy technologies or projects that can deliver a standardized offering to the Army at a number of locations (this may offer both financial and operational economies of scale), (ii) providers that can deliver projects that are largely self-contained, without extensive supply chain or fuel requirements (e.g. solar, wind, waste-to-energy, or biomass using nearby fuel supplies), and (iii) providers with substantial existing relationships with the Army.

Ballard Spahr LLP has extensive experience with various forms of renewable energy, tax-exempt, and public-private partnership finance structures involving the U.S. Army and other branches of the U.S. military as well as related experience in other aspects of renewable energy project development and finance. If you have any questions on opportunities regarding energy projects with the Army, please contact Roger D. Stark at 202.661.7620 or [starkr@ballardspahr.com](mailto:starkr@ballardspahr.com), or Darin Lowder at 202.661.7631 or [lowderd@ballardspahr.com](mailto:lowderd@ballardspahr.com).