VENDOR CONTRACT

Between		and
	(Company Name)	<u></u>

THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) For RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES #05042315

General Information

The vendor contract shall include the contract, the terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, any agreed upon amendments, as well as all of the sections of the solicitation and the awarded vendor's proposal. Once signed, if an awarded vendor's proposal varies or is unclear in any way from the TIPS contract, TIPS, at its sole discretion, will decide which provision will prevail. Other documents to be included are the awarded vendor's proposals, task orders, purchase orders and any adjustments which have been issued.

The following pages will constitute the contract between the successful vendors(s) and TIPS. Bidders shall state, in a separate writing, and include with their proposal response, any required exceptions or deviations from these terms, conditions, and specifications. If agreed to by TIPS, they will be incorporated into the final contract.

The Vendor Contract ("Contract") made and entered into by and between The Interlocal Purchasing System (hereinafter referred to as "TIPS" respectfully) a government cooperative purchasing program authorized by the Region VIII Education Service Center, having its principal place of business at 4845 US Hwy 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. This contract consists of the provisions set forth below, including provisions of all Attachments referenced herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions set forth below and those contained in any Attachment, the provisions set forth shall control.

Definitions

PURCHASE ORDER is the TIPS member's approval providing the authority to proceed with the negotiated delivery order under the contract. Special terms and conditions as agreed to between the vendor and TIPS member will be added as addendums to the PO. Items such as certificate of insurance, bonding requirements, small or disadvantaged business goals are some of the addendums possible.

PREMIUM HOURS are defined as those hours not included in regular hours or recognized holidays. Premium hours are to be approved by the TIPS member for each delivery order and noted in the delivery order proposal as a line item during negotiations.

REGULAR HOURS are defined as those hours between the hours of 7 AM and 6 PM Monday thru Friday.

Terms and Conditions

Freight

All deliveries shall be freight prepaid, F.O.B. destination and shall be included in all pricing offered unless otherwise clearly stated in writing.

Warranty Conditions

All supplies equipment and services shall include manufacturer's minimum standard warranty unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Vendor shall be an authorized dealer, distributor or manufacturer for all products. All equipment proposed shall be new unless clearly stated in writing.

Customer Support

The Vendor shall provide timely and accurate customer support to TIPS members. Vendors shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request. Vendor shall provide training regarding products and services supplied by the Vendor unless otherwise clearly stated in writing at the time of purchase. (Unless training is a line item sold or packaged and must be purchased with product.)

Contracts

All contracts and agreements between Vendors and TIPS Members shall strictly adhere to the statutes that are set forth in the Uniform Commercial Code as most recently revised. **Contracts for purchase** will normally be put into effect by means of a purchase order(s) executed by authorized agents of the participating government entities. Davis Bacon Act requirements will be met when Federal Funds are used for construction and/or

Tax exempt status

repair of buildings.

A taxable item sold, leased, rented to, stored, used, or consumed by any of the following governmental entities is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter: (1) the United States; (2) an unincorporated instrumentality of the United States; (3) a corporation that is an agency or instrumentality of the United States and is wholly owned by the United States or by another corporation wholly owned by the United States; (4) the State of Texas; (5) a Texas county, city, special district, or other political subdivision; or (6) a state, or a governmental unit of a state that borders Texas, but only to the extent that the other state or governmental unit

exempts or does not impose a tax on similar sales of items to this state or a political subdivision of this state. Texas Tax Code § 151.309.

Assignments of contracts

No assignment of contract may be made without the prior written approval of TIPS. Payment can only be made to the awarded Vendor or vendor assigned dealer.

Disclosures

- 1. Vendor affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this contract.
- 2. Vendor shall attach, in writing, a complete description of any and all relationships that might be considered a conflict of interest in doing business with participants in the TIPS program.
- The vendor affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this contract.

Renewal of Contracts

The RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES contract is for one (1) year with an option for renewal for 2 consecutive years. Total term of contract can be up to 3 years if sales are reported through the contract and both parties agree.

Shipments

The Vendor shall ship ordered products within five (5) working days after the receipt of the order. If a product cannot be shipped within that time, the Vendor shall notify TIPS and the requesting entity as to why the product has not shipped and shall provide an estimated shipping date, if applicable. TIPS or the requesting entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

Invoices

The Vendor or vendor assigned dealer shall submit invoices, to the TIPS participant. Each invoice shall include the TIPS participant's purchase order number. The shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of TIPS participant receipt shall be made available upon request. The Vendor or vendor assigned dealer shall not invoice for partial shipments unless agreed to in writing in advance by TIPS and the TIPS participant.

Payments

The TIPS participant will make payments directly to the Vendor or vendor assigned dealer at net 30 days after receiving invoice.

Pricing

The Vendor contracts to provide pricing to TIPS and its participating governmental entities that is the lowest pricing available to like cooperative purchasing customers and the pricing shall remain so throughout the duration of the contract.

The Vendor agrees to promptly lower the cost of any product purchased through TIPS following a reduction in the manufacturer or publisher's direct cost to the Vendor. Price increases will be honored. However, the Vendor shall honor previous prices for thirty (30) days after written notification to TIPS of an increase.

All pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the Two Percent (2%) participation fee to be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor. Vendor will not show adding the 2% to the invoice presented to customer.

Participation Fees

Vendor or vendor assigned dealer contracts to pay 2% of all sales to TIPS on a monthly scheduled report. TIPS will email a Monthly Submission Report to each vendor. The Vendor or vendor assigned dealer is responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS contract. Report may be sent to TIPS electronically while check for 2% is mailed. Failure to pay 2% participation fee will result in termination of contract.

Indemnity

- 1. Indemnity for Personality Contracts. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS member(s), officers and employees, from and against all claims and suits for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's performance of this contract, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part, upon allegations of negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, invitees, whether or not such claims are based in whole or in part upon the negligent acts or omissions of the TIPS, TIPS member(s), officers, employees, or agents.
- 2. Indemnity for Performance Contracts. The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS member(s), officers and employees from and against all claims and suits for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's work under this contract, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part, upon allegations

of negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees. Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS member(s), officers and employees, from and against all claims and suits for injuries (including death) to an officer, employee, agent, subcontractor, supplier or equipment lessee of the Vendor, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's work under this contract whether or not such claims are based in whole or in part upon the negligent acts or omissions of the TIPS, TIPS member(s), officers, employees, or agents.

Attorney's Fees--Texas Local Government Code § 271.159 is expressly referenced.

Pursuant to §271.159, Texas Loc. Gov't Code, in the event that any one of the Parties is required to obtain the services of an attorney to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party, in addition to other remedies available, shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs of court.

Multiple Vendor Awards

TIPS reserves the right to award multiple vendor contracts for categories when deemed in the best interest of the TIPS membership. Bidders scoring 80% or above will be considered for an award. Categories are established at the discretion of TIPS.

State of Texas Franchise Tax

By signature hereon, the bidder hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code.

Miscellaneous

The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that continued participation in TIPS is subject to TIPS sole discretion and that any Vendor may be removed from the participation in the Program at any time with or without cause. Nothing in the contract or in any other communication between TIPS and the Vendor may be construed as a guarantee that TIPS participants will submit any orders at any time. TIPS reserves the right to request additional proposals for items already on contract at any time.

Purchase Order Pricing/Product Deviation

If a deviation of pricing/product on a purchase order occurs, TIPS is to be notified within 24 hours of receipt of order.

Cancellation for non-performance or contract deficiency

TIPS may terminate any contract if TIPS Members have not used the contract, or if purchase volume is determined to be "low volume" in any 12-month period. TIPS reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of this contract due to failure by awarded vendor to carry out any obligation, term or condition of the contract. TIPS may issue a written deficiency notice to awarded vendor for acting or failing to act in any of the following:

- Providing material that does not meet the specifications of the contract;
- Providing work and/or material that was not awarded under the contract;
- Failing to adequately perform the services set forth in the scope of work and specifications;
- Failing to complete required work or furnish required materials within a reasonable amount of time;
- Failing to make progress in performance of the contract and/or giving TIPS reason to believe that awarded vendor will not or cannot perform the requirements of the contract; and/or
- Performing work or providing services under the contract prior to receiving a TIPS reviewed purchase order for such work.

Upon receipt of the written deficiency, awarded vendor shall have ten (10) days to provide a satisfactory response to TIPS. Failure to adequately address all issues of concern may result in contract cancellation. Upon cancellation under this paragraph, all goods, materials, work, documents, data and reports prepared by awarded vendor under this contract shall become the property of the TIPS Member on demand.

TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures

Purchase orders are issued by participating TIPS member to the awarded vendor indicating on the PO "Contract Number 05042315". Purchase Order is emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tipsusa.com.

- Awarded vendor delivers goods/services directly to the participating member.
- Awarded vendor invoices the participating TIPS member directly.
- Awarded vendor receives payment directly from the participating member.
- Awarded vendor reports sales monthly to TIPS (unless prior arrangements have been made with TIPS to report monthly).

Form of Contract

The form of contract for this solicitation shall be the Request for Proposal, the awarded proposal(s) and best and final offer(s), and properly issued and reviewed purchase orders referencing the requirements of the Request for Proposals. If a vendor submitting an offer requires TIPS and/or TIPS Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.

Vendor contract documents: TIPS will review proposed vendor contract documents. Vendor's contract document shall not become part of TIPS's contract with vendor unless and until an authorized representative of TIPS reviews and approves it.

Licenses

Awarded vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by awarded vendor. Awarded vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the contract. TIPS reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel contract of any awarded vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.

Novation

If awarded vendor sells or transfers all assets or the entire portion of the assets used to perform this contract, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this contract. TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any new party. A simple change of name agreement will not change the contractual obligations of awarded vendor.

Site Requirements (when applicable to service or job)

Cleanup: Awarded vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by TIPS Member. Upon completion of work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition.

Preparation: Awarded vendor shall not begin a project for which TIPS Member has not prepared the site, unless awarded vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until TIPS Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order.

Site preparation includes, but is not limited to: moving furniture, installing wiring for networks or power, and similar pre-installation requirements.

Registered sex offender restrictions: For work to be performed at schools, awarded vendor agrees that no employee of a sub-contractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are or reasonably expected to be present. Awarded vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the TIPS Member's discretion.

Awarded vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. Safety measures: Awarded vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Awarded vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by the operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

Smoking

Persons working under contract shall adhere to local smoking policies. Smoking will only be permitted in posted areas or off premises.

Invoices

The awarded vendor shall submit invoices to the participating entity clearly stating "Per TIPS Contract". The shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification shall be made available upon request.

Marketing

Awarded vendor agrees to allow TIPS to use their name and logo within website, marketing materials and advertisement. Any use of TIPS name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press release, regarding this contract by awarded vendor must have prior approval from TIPS.

Supplemental agreements

The entity participating in the TIPS contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. TIPS, its agents, TIPS members and employees shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

Legal obligations

It is the responding vendor's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this RFP and any awarded contract thereof. Applicable laws and regulations must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

Audit rights

Awarded Vendor shall, at their sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by TIPS Member that utilizes this Contract. TIPS and Region 8 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. TIPS shall have authority to conduct random audits of Awarded Vendor's pricing that is offered to TIPS Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that TIPS is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible entities that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, TIPS shall have the ability to conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be provided in the format and at the location designated by Region 8 ESC or TIPS.

Force Majeure

If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and fully particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after

occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

Services

When applicable, performance bonds will be required on construction or labor required jobs over \$100,000 and payment bonds on jobs over \$25,000 or awarded vendor will meet the TIPS member's local and state purchasing requirements. Awarded vendors may need to provide additional capacity as jobs increase. Bonds will not require that a fee be paid to TIPS. The actual cost of the bond will be a pass through to the TIPS member and added to the purchase order.

Scope of Services

The specific scope of work for each job shall be determined in advance and in writing between TIPS Member and Awarded vendor. It is okay if the TIPS member provides a general scope, but the awarded vendor should provide a written scope of work to the TIPS member as part of the proposal. Once the scope of the job is agreed to, the TIPS member will issue a PO with the estimate referenced as an attachment along with bond and any other special provisions agreed to for the TIPS member. If special terms and conditions other than those covered within this solicitation and awarded contracts are required, they will be attached to the PO and shall take precedence over those in the base contract.

Project Delivery Order Procedures

The TIPS member having approved and signed an interlocal agreement, or other TIPS membership document, may make a request of the awarded vendor under this contract when the TIPS member has services that need to be undertaken. Notification may occur via phone, the web, email, fax, or in person.

Upon notification of a pending request, the awarded vendor shall make contact with the TIPS member as soon as possible, but must make contact with the TIPS member within two working days.

Scheduling of Projects

Scheduling of projects (if applicable) will be accomplished when the TIPS member issues a purchase order that will serve as "the notice to proceed". The period for the delivery order will include the mobilization, materials purchase, installation and delivery, design, weather, and site cleanup and inspection. No additional claims may be made for delays as a result of these items. When the tasks have been completed the awarded vendor shall notify the client and have the TIPS member inspect the work for acceptance under the scope and terms in the PO. The TIPS member will issue in writing any corrective actions that are required. Upon completion of these items, the TIPS member will issue a completion notice and final payment will be issued.

Support Requirements If there is a dispute between the awarded vendor and TIPS member, TIPS or its representatives will assist in conflict resolution or third party (mandatory mediation), if requested by either party. TIPS, or its representatives, reserves the right to inspect any project and audit the awarded vendors TIPS project files, documentation and correspondence.

Special Terms and Conditions

It is the intent of TIPS to contract with a reliable, high performance vendor to supply products and services to government and educational agencies. It is the experience of TIPS that the following procedures provide TIPS, the Vendor, and the participating agency the necessary support to facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship. The specific procedures will be negotiated with the successful vendor.

- **Contracts:** All vendor purchase orders must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should an agency send an order direct to vendor, it is the vendor's responsibility to forward the order to TIPS at the email above within 24 business hours and confirm its receipt with TIPS.
- <u>Promotion of Contract</u>: It is agreed that Vendor will encourage all eligible entities to
 purchase from the TIPS Program. Encouraging entities to purchase directly from the Vendor
 and not through TIPS contract is not acceptable to the terms and conditions of this contract
 and will result in removal of Vendor from Program. Vendor is expected to use marketing
 funds for the marketing and promotion of this contract.
- <u>Daily Order Confirmation</u>: All contract purchase orders will be approved daily by TIPS and sent to vendor. The vendor must confirm receipt of orders to the TIPS member (customer) within 24 business hours.
- <u>Vendor custom website for TIPS</u>: If Vendor is hosting a custom TIPS website, then updated pricing must be posted by 1st of each month.
- <u>Back Ordered Products</u>: If product is not expected to ship within 3 business days, customer is to be notified within 24 hours and appropriate action taken based on customer request.

Check one of the following responses to the General Terms and Special Terms and Conditions: () We take no exceptions/deviations to the general and special terms and conditions. (Note: If none are listed below, it is understood that no exceptions/deviations are taken.) () We take the following exceptions/deviations to the general and special terms and conditions. All exceptions/deviations must be clearly explained. Reference the corresponding general or special terms and conditions that you are taking exceptions/deviations to. The proposer must clearly state if you are adding additional

terms and conditions to the general or special terms and conditions. Provide details on

your exceptions/deviations below:

Exceptions:		

Date	Subject	Message
02/02/15	PDF Files	All PDF files are Fillable PDF Forms. You have to download the file to your computer, fill out the form, save the form, and upload the form to the "response attachments" section.
		If a signature is required you have to fill out the form, print the form, sign the form, scan the form, and upload the form to the "response attachments" section.

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	Yes - No	Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprise - D/M/WBE (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a D/M/WBE? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" D/M/WBE CERTIFICATES section.	No
	Yes - No	Highly Underutilized Business - HUB (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a HUB? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section.	No
	Yes - No	Certification of Residency (Required by the State of Texas) Company submitting bid is a Texas resident bidder?	No
	Company Residence (City)	Vendor's principal place of business is in the city of?	Marco Island
	Company Residence (State)	Vendor's principal place of business is in the state of?	Florida
	Felony Conviction Notice:	(Required by the State of Texas) My firm is, as outlined on PAGE 5 in the Instructions to Bidders document: (Questions 7 - 9)	(No Response Required)
	Yes - No	A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable?	No
	Yes - No	Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony?	Yes
	Yes - No	Is owned or operated by individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony? If answer is YES, a detailed explanation of the name(s) and conviction(s) must be uploaded to the "Response Attachments" FELONY CONVICTION section.	No
0	Pricing Information:	Pricing information section. (Questions 11 - 14)	(No Response Required)
1	Yes - No	In addition to the typical unit pricing furnished herein, the Vendor agrees to furnish all current and future products at prices that are proportionate to Dealer Pricing. If answer is NO, include a statement detailing how pricing for TIPS participants would be calculated in the PRICING document that is uploaded to the "Response Attachments" PRICING section.	Yes
2	Yes - No	Pricing submitted includes the 2% TIPS participation fee?	No
3	Yes - No	Vendor agrees to remit to TIPS the required 2% participation fee?	Yes
4	Yes - No	Additional discounts to TIPS members for bulk quantities or scope of work?	Yes

15	Start Time	Average start time after receipt of customer order is working days?	30
16	Years Experience	Company years experience in this category?	6
17	Yes - No	The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States?	Yes
18	States Served:	If answer is NO to question #17, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX)	
19	Company and/or Product Description:	This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.)	LED Lighting retrofits for parking lots, street lights, office, classrooms, auditoriums. USA made with 10 year warranty and DLC listed for rebates. Average 75% energy savings and rated to last over 20 years. low cost project financing or rental programs make retrofitting easy.
20	Resellers:	Does the vendor have resellers that it will name under this contract? (If applicable, vendor should download the Reseller/Dealers spreadsheet from the Attachments section, fill out the form and submit the document in the "Response Attachments" RESELLERS section.	No
21	Primary Contact Name	Primary Contact Name	Mark Fiacable
22	Primary Contact Title	Primary Contact Title	VP Sales and Marketing
23	Primary Contact Email	Primary Contact Email	mark.fiacable@gnpenergy.com
24	Primary Contact Phone	Primary Contact Phone - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	312-970-1533
25	Primary Contact Fax	Primary Contact Fax - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	866-286-1588
26	Primary Contact Mobile	Primary Contact Mobile- Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	708-269-6451
27	Secondary Contact Name	Secondary Contact Name	Price Sowers
28	Secondary Contact Title	Secondary Contact Title	VP Business development
29	Secondary Contact Email	Secondary Contact Email	price.sowers@gnpenergy.com
30	Secondary Contact Phone	Secondary Contact Phone - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	630-433-8572
31	Secondary Contact Fax	Secondary Contact Fax - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	866-286-1588
32	Secondary Contact Mobile	Secondary Contact Mobile - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	708-269-6451
33	2% Contact Name	2% Contact Name	Mark Fiacable
34	2% Contact Email	2% Contact Email	mark.fiacable@gnpenergy.com
35	2% Contact Phone	2% Contact Phone - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	312-970-1533 (1LED)
36	Purchase Order Contact:	This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS. (Questions 37 - 39)	(No Response Required)
37	Purchase Order Contact Name	Purchase Order Contact Name	Mark Fiacable
38	Purchase Order Contact Email	Purchase Order Contact Email	mark.fiacable@gnpenergy.com
39	Purchase Order Contact Phone	Purchase Order Contact Phone - Format (xxx) xxx-xxxx	312-970-1533 (1LED)
40	Company Website	Company Website	www.gnpenergy.com

Federal ID Number: Federal ID Number also known as the Employer 26-1105592 Identification Number. 42 **Primary Address Primary Address** 1000 N Collier Blvd Suite14-#110 Primary Address City Primary Address City 43 Marco Island Primary Address State Primary Address State Florida 44 Primary Address Zip Primary Address Zip 34145 Search Words: Please list search words to be posted in the TIPS LED, LED Lights, LED retrofits, 46 database about your company that TIPS website users street lights, shoebox, parking lot might search. Words may be product names, lights, LED tubes, LED bulbs, High manufacturers, or other words associated with the bays, can lights, energy saving, category of award. YOU MAY NOT LIST GNP energy LED, NON-CATEGORY ITEMS. (Limit 500 words) (Format: product, paper, construction, manufacturer name, etc.) Do you wish to be eligible to participate in a TIPS contract Yes - No in which a TIPS member utilizes federal funds on contracts exceeding \$100,000? (Non-Construction) (If YES, vendor should download the Federal Funds Over \$100,000 Certification document from the Attachments section, fill

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Provisions for purchase with federal funds for contracts exceeding \$100,000 These forms are for non-construction contracts

Many TIPS members (grantees and sub-grantees) purchase goods and services with federal funds. When a member engages a contract exceeding \$100,000 and paid with federal funds, provisions are triggered by various Code of Federal Regulations requirements. Primarily 34 CFR 80.36 from the Department of Education and 7 CFR 3015 & 3016 from the Department of Agriculture for School Lunch Program. There may be other Federal programs from time to time that are not enumerated above that may fund certain projects using outside vendors. These are not optional for the contracting entity and in order to spend the federal funds certain provision and certifications must be in place to ensure legal compliance.

If you company wishes to be eligible to participate in a TIPS contract in which a member utilizes federal funds on contracts exceeding \$100,000, you must complete the following forms can provide the certifications as required on the subsequent pages.

Do you wish to be eligible to participate in a TIPS contract in which a member utilizes federal funds on contracts exceeding \$100,000?

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Check your	response?	
YES	NO	
Ma	I Flance	
Signature o	f Authorized Company Official	Date
Printed Nar	ne of Authorized Company Official	
Company N	lame	
Attach to th	is page a current W-9 form	
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Please complete the forms below

Legal Compliance

It is the proposing company's duty and responsibility to have knowledge of and be responsible for the
compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations as they apply to this procurement process and any
subsequent award. The vendor agrees to comply, in all relevant respects, with all Federal, State, and Local laws,
rules and regulations related to the performance of services or supply of goods to TIPS or TIPS members?

Does vendor agree?	YES	Initial of Authorize	d Company	Official

Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

By submitting a proposal in response to a Request for Proposals or other procurement device containing this clause, you certify that you are authorized to certify to the following:

- 1) This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other Bidder or with any Competitor;
- 2) This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other Bidder, Competitor or potential competitor:
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
- 4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the Bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transactions to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. Covered transactions include procurement for goods or services equal to or in excess of \$100,000.00. Contractors receiving individual awards for \$25,000.00 or more and all sub-recipients must certify that the organization and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

You certify that no suspension or disbarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract under the Federal OMB, A-102, common rules

The vendor has not been debarred?	YES	Initial of Authorized	Company Official

Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than

\$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbing," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name of Organization	
Address of Organization	
Name / Title of Submitting Official	
Signature of Submitting Official	
Signature Date	

Provisions for purchase with federal funds for contracts exceeding \$100,000

Federal Rule (1) Administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. (Contracts more than the simplified acquisition threshold)

Notice: Pursuant to Federal Rule (1) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does vendor agree? YES _____ Initial of Authorized Company Official

Federal Rule (2) Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)

Pursuant to Federal Rule (2) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for cause after giving the vendor an appropriate opportunity and up to 30 days, to cure the causal breach of terms and conditions. TIPS Member reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for convenience with 30 days notice in writing to the awarded vendor. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and the District reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in the best interest of the District.

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Federal Rule (7) Notice of awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to reporting.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (7) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member requires that the proposer certify that during the term of an award by the TIPS Member resulting from this procurement process the vendor will provide reports and documentation required by all applicable law and state and federal regulations upon request by the TIPS Member or any relevant state of federal agency.

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Federal Rule (8) Notice of awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under such contract.

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Pursuant to Federal Rule (8) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member shall address any requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under such contract in the contract document and absent language to the contrary or if the contract silent on the subject, the District retains all rights thereto.

Does vendor agree? YES Initial of Authorized Company Official

Federal Rule (9) Awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to copyrights and rights in data.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (9) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member requires the proposer certify that during the term of an award by the TIPS Member resulting for this procurement process the vendor will surrender upon request any copyrighted materials owned by the TIPS Member but used in the awarded contract performance unless otherwise agreed in a written document by the parties. TIPS Member reserves the rights to all data created or provided to the vendor for the purpose of contract performance resulting for this procurement process and the vendor will surrender such data upon request unless otherwise agreed in a written document by the parties. If the contract is silent or not dispositive on the subject matter data or copyrights TIPS Member retains all rights in the data developed or gathered during the contract term.

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Federal Rule (10) Access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (9) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member requires the proposer certify that during the term and after the awarded term of an award by the TIPS Member resulting for this procurement process the vendor will grant access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

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Federal Rule (11) Retention of all required records for three years after grantees or
subgrantees make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (11) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS
Member, TIPS Member requires the proposer certify that the awarded vendor
retain of all required records for three years after grantees or subgrantees make
final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

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Federal Rule (12) Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000)

Pursuant to Federal Rule (12) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member requires the proposer certify that in performance of the contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).

Does vendor agree? YES Initial of Authorized Company Official

Federal Rule (13) Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (13) above, when federal funds are expended by TIPS Member, TIPS Member requires proposer certify that during the term of an award by the TIPS Member resulting for this procurement process the vendor will be in compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

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SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT CERTIFICATE

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transactions to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. Covered transactions include procurement for goods or services equal to or in excess of \$100,000.00. Contractors receiving individual awards for \$25,000.00 or more and all sub-recipients must certify that the organization and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

You certify that no suspension or disbarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract under the Federal OMB, A-102, common rules

Information may be found at https://www.sam.gov/index.html

Has the vendor been deba	arred form participation in Federal funds contracts?
NO Initial of Aut	horized Company Official
YES Initial of Aut	horized Company Official
Company Official:	
Company:	

CONTRACT Signature Form

The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish goods and/or services in compliance with the terms, specifications and conditions at the prices quoted unless noted in writing. The undersigned further certifies that he or she is an authorized agent of the company and has authority to negotiate and contract for the company named below.

GNP energy LED

Company Name:						
Mailing Address:	1000 N Collier Blvd Suite14-#110					
City:	Marco Island					
State:	FI					
Zip:	34145					
Telephone Number:	(312) 970-1533					
Fax Number:	(866) 286-1588					
Email Address:	mark.fiacable@gnpenergy.com					
Authorized Signature:	Mark Finance					
Printed Name:	Mark Fiacable					
Position:	VP Sales and Marketing					
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References GNP Energy LED

** Must have at least 3 References. References must be School, City, County, University, State Agency or Other Government.

Organization	City	State	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Project Type
City of Wood Dale	Wood Dale	IL	Jeffrey Mermuys	630-766-4900	Street Lights
City of Elgin	Elgin	IL	Greg Rokos	847-931-5966	Street Lights, fire station parking
Judson University	Elgin	IL	Len Nicosia	847-628-2481	exterior lighting, auditoriom
Garrett County	Oakland	MD	Jr. Uphold	301-334-1928	court house Tubes
Wauconda Library	Wauconda	IL	Tom Kern	847-526-6225	Parking Lot Lights
City of SanAntonio	SanAntonio	TX	Aaron M Stein	210-207-0269	Park road/walkway lights



STATEMENT OF LIMITED WARRANTY FOR GNP ENERGY LED

Subject to the exclusions set forth below, GNP Energy warrants it's commercial Solstice light emitting diode (LED) engine, including the LED arrays, fan, and integral control devices ("Products(s)"), to be free from defect in materials and workmanship (the "General Warranty") for a period of ten (10) years from the date of shipment from GNP Energy facilities or 100,000 operating hours, whichever is reached first. The LED arrays in the Product(s) will be considered defective in material or workmanship only if a total of 10% or more of the individual light emitting diodes in the Product(s) fail to illuminate. The supplied driver is warrantied for 5 years. GNP Energy will assist the customer in replacement of this product with the original OEM manufacturer. GNP Energy may choose to replace drivers with another OEM if necessary at its discretion.

LABOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WARRANTABLE LED MODULE REPLACEMENT.

GNP Energy may pay labor costs on a job with a 3% or greater failure rate due to a product defect, up to \$25 (twenty five dollars) per unit at GNP Energy discretion, associated with replacement of product deemed warrantable upon inspection of returned goods up to one year from date of purchase. Invoices for labor must be sent to GNP Energy_along with RGA (return goods authorization), and product to be inspected for warranty claim. If product defect is considered warrantable upon GNP Energy inspection, GNP Energy will reimburse labor expenses up to \$25 per module. Projects asking for Labor cost reimbursements must first get approval from GNP and be issued an RGA that includes labor costs. GNP will not be responsible for equipment rental or other additional costs that may occur. *This program is subject to change at GNP Energy discretion.

This warranty is not applicable to any Solstice Unit which is not installed and operated in accordance with the current edition of The National Electric Code (NEC), the Standards for Safety of Underwriters' Laboratory, Inc. (UL), the Standards for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and with GNP Energy instructions and guidelines.

This Statement of Limited Warranty ("Warranty") applies only when the Product(s) are installed in applications in which ambient temperatures are within the range of specified operating temperatures and are operated within the electrical values shown on the LED driver Label. GNP Energy will not be responsible under this Warranty for any failure of the Product(s) that results from external causes such as: acts of nature; physical damage; exposure to adverse or hazardous chemical or other substances; use of reactive cleaning agents and/or harsh chemicals to clean the Product(s); environmental conditions; vandalism; fire; power failure, improper power supply, power surges or dips, and/or excessive switching; induced vibration; animal or insect activity; fault or negligence of purchaser, any end user of the Product(s) and/or any third party not engaged by GNP Energy; improper or unauthorized use, installation, handling, storage, alteration, maintenance or service, including failure to abide by any product classifications or certifications, or failure to comply with any applicable standards, codes, recommendations, product specification sheets, or instructions of GNP Energy; use of the Product(s) with products, processes or materials supplied by any end user or third party; or any other occurrences beyond GNP reasonable control. Adequate records of operating history, maintenance, and/or testing must be kept by the end user and provided to GNP Energy upon request to substantiate that the Product(s) have failed to comply with the terms of this Warranty. Neither polycarbonate non acrylic material used in the Products is warranted against yellowing, as yellowing may naturally occur over time due to normal aging. The Product(s) are not warranted against costs that may be incurred in connection with changes or modifications to the Product(s) required to accommodate site conditions and/or faulty building construction or design. In addition, the Product(s) are not warranted against cost resulting from installation of a third party components, failures of third party supplied components, or failures of GNP Energy supplied Product(s) caused by a third party supplied component.

If GNP Energy determines, at its sole discretion, the Product(s) fail to comply with the terms of this Warranty, GNP Energy, at its option, will repair or replace the Product(s) with the same or a functionally equivalent Product(s) or component part(s). This Warranty excludes labor and equipment required to remove and/or



STATEMENT OF LIMITED WARRANTY FOR GNP ENERGY LED

reinstall original or replacement parts. This Warranty extends only to the Product(s) as delivered to, and is for the sole and exclusive benefit of, the original end user of the Product(s) at the original location. This Warranty may not be transferred or assigned by the original end user. The repair or replacement of any Product(s) or component part within the Product(s) is the sole and exclusive remedy for failure of the Product(s) to comply with the terms of this Warranty and does not extend the Warranty period. Warranty claims regarding the Product(s) must be submitted in writing within (30) days of discovery of the defect or failure to an authorized GNP Energy post-sales or customer service representative. Product(s) or component part(s) may be required to be returned for inspection and verification of non-conformance by GNP Energy, but no Product(s) or component part(s) will be accepted for inspection, verification or return unless accompanied by a "return authorization number" which can be obtained only from an authorized GNP Energy post-sales or customer service representative. GNP Energy is not responsible for any costs and expenses incurred in connection with shipment of Product(s) to GNP Energy, but GNP Energy shall bear all cost and expense incurred in connection with shipment of replacement Product(s) to the customer.

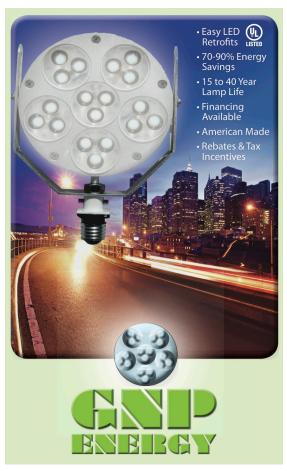
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GNP Energy reserves the right to modify or discontinue this Warranty without notice provided that any such modification or discontinuance will only be effective with respect to any Product(s) purchased after such modification or discontinuance.





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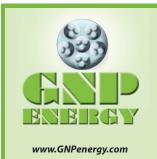
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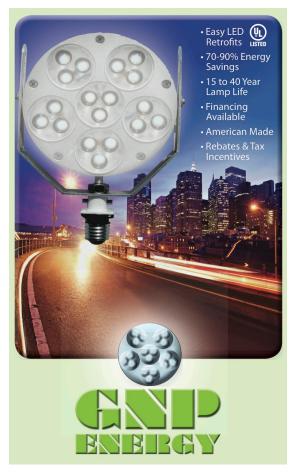


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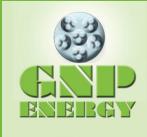
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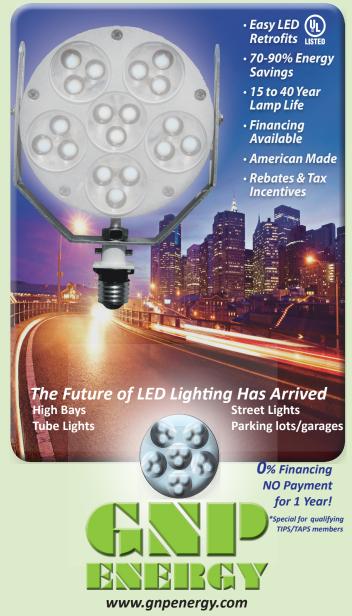


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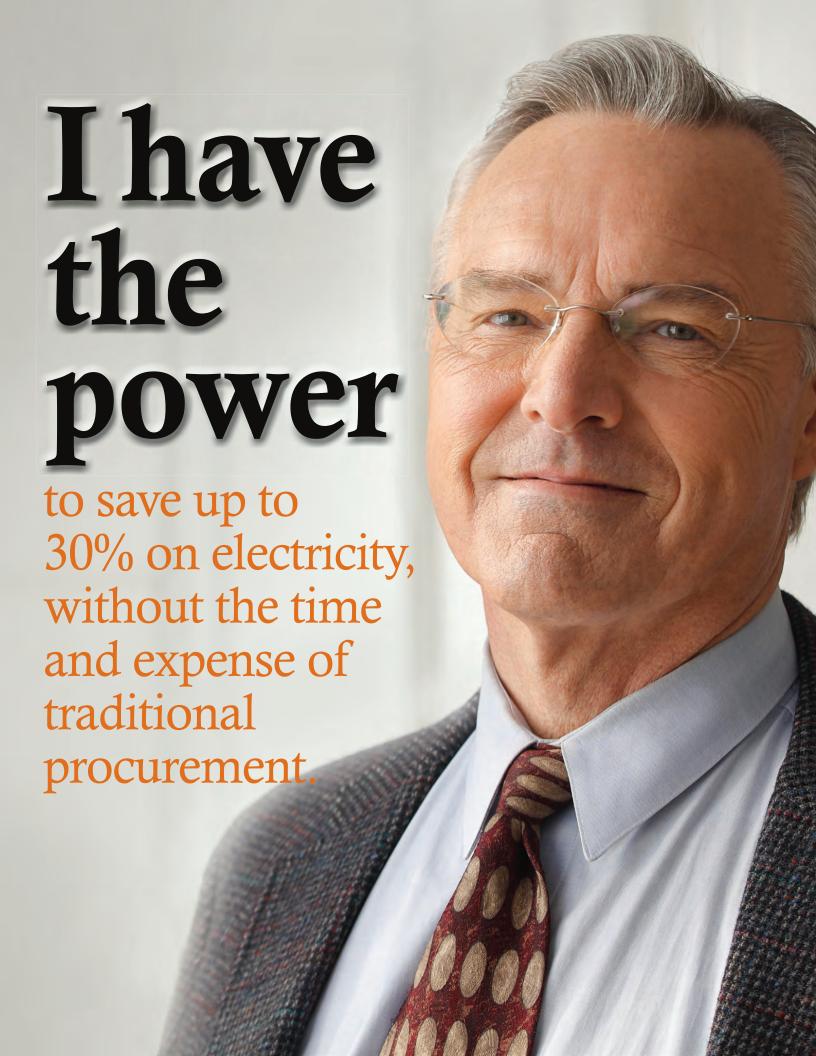
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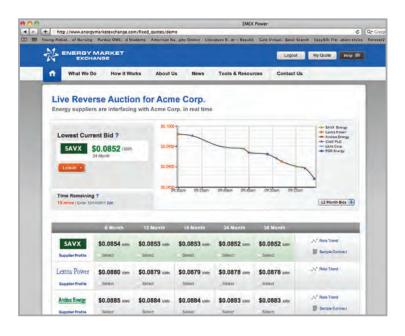






The EMEX Reverse Auction, from the Energy Market Exchange.

Now there is a simple, powerful, and completely transparent way for businesses and other organizations to procure competitive bids for electricity without using traditional brokers, RFPs or other time- and budget-consuming methods. It's the EMEX Reverse Auction, the innovative, real time, online auction that gives you the power to get your absolute best rate per kilowatt hour.



Save time

Researching, comparing and getting bids from a variety of suppliers, and making them available for review by all stakeholders, takes valuable time of staff that most organizations simply can't spare. That's why forward-thinking companies are turning to a new bidding mechanism, the online reverse auction, as a more efficient, effective and transparent method for competitive procurement. EMEX, from the Energy

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Simple online system puts you in control

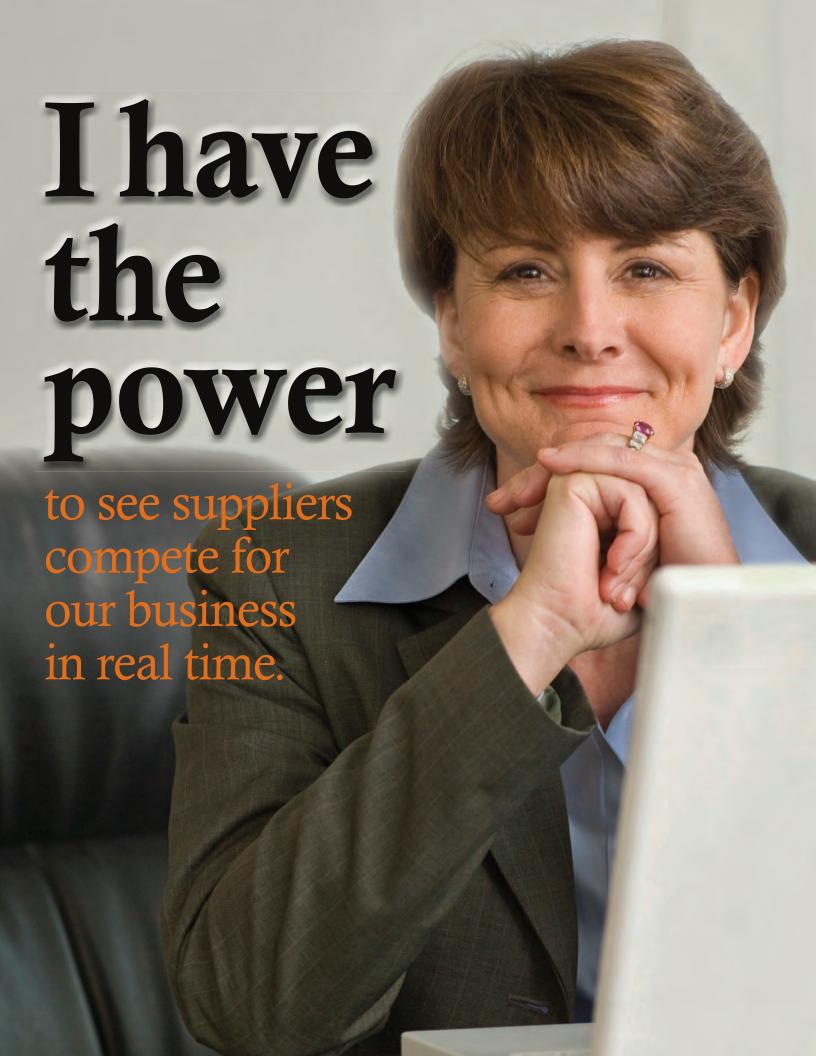
The EMEX Reverse Auction simplifies the task of energy procurement by uniquely combining an elegantly easy-to-use online interface with hands-on expertise from dedicated consultants. We help audit and project your electricity expenses, set the parameters for the auction, and review supplier contract terms to make certain that all bidders meet your predetermined specifications. This customized approach gives you complete control and more easily enables you to pre-qualify suppliers.

Realize significant savings – up to 30%

The result is a highly-tailored, highly-competitive and thoroughly transparent auction. With participating suppliers able to track their competition's latest offer in real time, we create an environment for exceptionally aggressive bidding, which can result in significant savings for EMEX users – up to 30%!

There's no cost to find your lowest rate

Best of all, you'll never get a bill from EMEX. The pre- and post-auction consulting is free. Setting up the auction and using the system is free. And utilizing the EMEX Reverse Auction takes only a fraction of the staff time required by traditional methods. There is no financial risk, as you are not even obligated to accept a bid once the auction is complete. When a bid is accepted and a contract signed, we do get paid – through the supplier.





Get your best energy rate in five simple steps.

1. Register with EMEX

Instead of having to create extensive documents, review and compare multiple replies over an extended period, and devote countless hours of staff time to the process, you can register with EMEX online and let us take it from there. The process requires very little of your time, and no financial investment at all.

2. Consult with EMEX energy experts

While you may choose to register and set up your auction completely on your own, EMEX also provides expert consultants to assist you, at no charge. We help you audit past use, forecast future demand, create a bidding profile for suppliers, and establish a reserve rate with which to begin the auction. We also review supplier contract terms ahead of the auction to "pre-qualify" all competitors according to your predetermined specifications.

3. Schedule your online auction

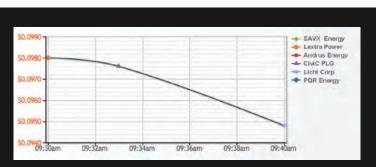
EMEX reverse auctions are held at a set time, which you determine. This ensures the availability and participation of the greatest number of leading energy suppliers, and creates a reliably prompt timeline for completing the process.

4. Watch energy suppliers compete

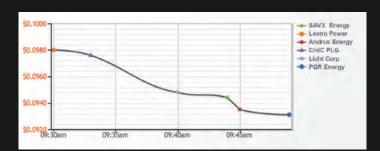
Auctions occur within a compact time window, as short as 30 minutes, providing efficiency and creating a beneficial "environment of urgency." You can watch in real time as suppliers vie to outdo each other. Bidders also have a real time view of the proceedings, inspiring an atmosphere of active competitiveness not unlike that of a classic trading floor. The spirited bidding this produces can result

in dramatic rate lowering – and it is a spirit inherently lacking in other procurement methods which force participants to bid blind.

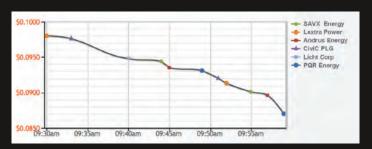
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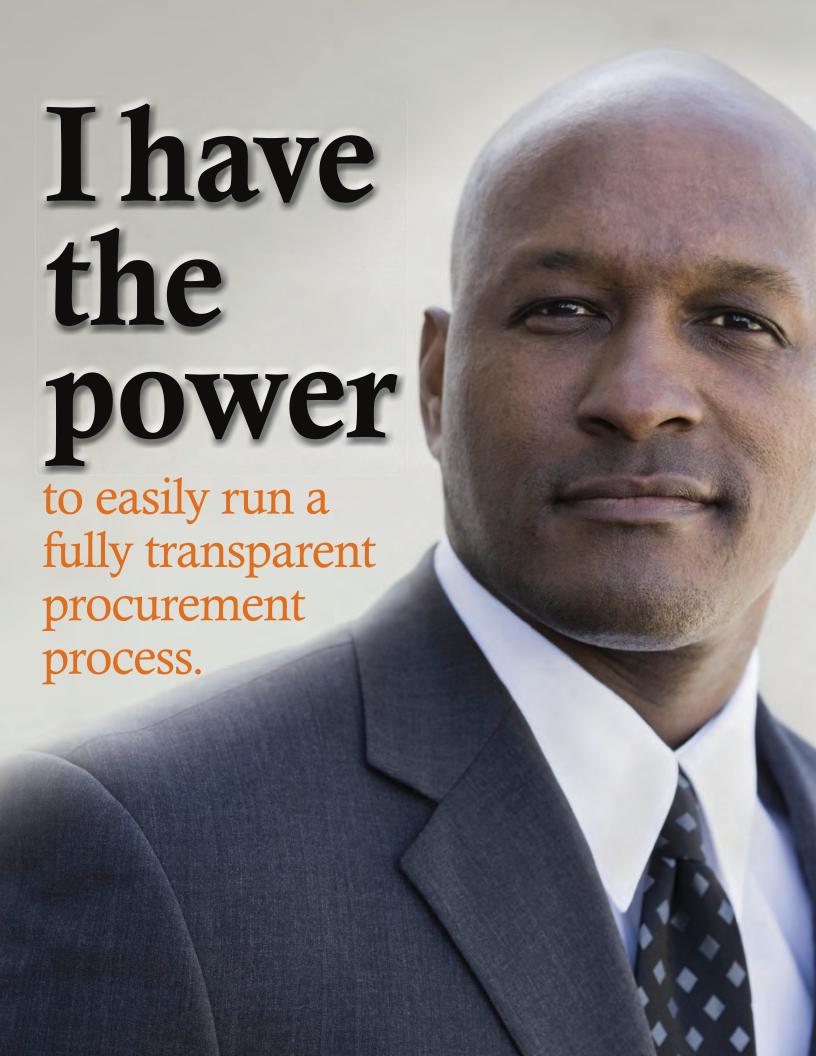
The bidding starts at your predetermined reserve.



Bids are tracked by supplier and exact time.



Bidding typically intensifies, to your benefit, near the end.





Satisfy the most demanding stakeholders.

Given today's challenging environment, with managers subject to a higher standard of accountability (and the intense scrutiny that comes with it), the more transparent and accessible a procurement process is, the better.

Full transparency in process

EMEX reverse auctions take place in real time. You and other key stakeholders can watch every bid and counterbid as they occur. Each participating supplier, equipped with their own special portal, watches exactly the same screens as they track and chart every bid, moment by moment. The result is a clear, level playing field with a clear, step-by-step digital record of events that you can easily make available for review.

Full accessibility, from virtually anywhere

Because EMEX is a browser-based online service, it is accessible to Internet-equipped devices. That includes desktop and laptop computers, electronic tablets and even the ever-present smartphone – which means you can include any stakeholder from practically any location.

Access to leading energy suppliers

As a decision-maker in the energy procurement process, you are responsible for securing the best overall value for your energy dollar. In short, you need to find the best combination of rate and reliability. With EMEX, you get access to many leading regional and national electricity providers, so you can rest assured that the great rate you lock-in will be accompanied by a proven record of consistency and service.

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