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Army awards second technology under \$7 billion renewable energy MATOC

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Aug. 27, 2013) – Today, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, working with the Army Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF), awarded Multiple Award Task Order Contracts (MATOC) to a group of 22 qualified solar technology contractors.

Solar is the second of four technologies being awarded under \$7 billion Renewable and Alternative Energy Power Production for DoD Installations MATOC. The first, geothermal, was awarded May 3. The remaining technologies – wind and biomass – will be awarded on a staggered schedule by the end of the calendar year.

The contractors that are qualified through this process will be able to compete for future projects within their approved technology area for any renewable energy task order issued under the MATOC by the Army or Department of Defense (DoD). The MATOC leverages the DoD authority to contract up to 30 years under Title 10 USC 2922a.

“The MATOC represents a major step forward in the procurement of renewable energy for the Army and the other Services that will significantly reduce timelines by streamlining acquisition processes. Utilizing the MATOC in this way will assist the EITF in meeting the Army’s goal for one gigawatt renewable energy by 2025 as well as additional Congressional mandates,” said John Lushetsky, EITF’s Executive Director. This MATOC will be used to procure reliable, locally generated, renewable and alternative energy for DoD installations through power purchase agreements (PPA). The \$7 billion capacity will be expended for PPAs to procure energy during a period of up to 30 years from renewable energy generation systems that are designed, financed, constructed, operated and maintained by contractors using private sector financing.

The companies awarded contracts are:

- Acciona Energy North America Corporation, Chicago, Ill.
- Apex Wind Energy Holdings, LLC, Charlottesville, Va.
- Borrego Solar, San Diego, Calif.
- Cobra Industrial Services, Inc., Houston, Texas
- Dominion Energy, Inc.; Richmond, Va.
- Element Power US, LLC, Portland, Ore.
- Emerald Infrastructure, San Antonio, Texas
- Enel Green Power North America, Andover, Mass.
- Energy Matters, LLC, Arlington, Va.

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- Gehrlacher Solar America Corporation, Springfield, N.J.
- Johnson Controls Government Systems, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Lend Lease, Nashville, Tenn.
- LTC Federal, LLC, Detroit, Mich.
- New Generation Power, Chicago, Ill.
- NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, N.J.
- Photon Finance, LLC – SunPower, Mountain View, Calif.
- Siemens Government Technologies, Inc., Arlington, Va.
- Silverado Power LLC, San Francisco, Calif.
- Solar Power Ventures, Arlington, Va.
- Standard Solar, Inc., Rockville, Md. • Sunpower Corporation, Richmond, Calif.
- Washington Gas Energy Systems, Inc., McLean, Va.

Huntsville Center, working on behalf of USACE with the Army's EITF, issued the Request for Proposal for the \$7 billion Renewable and Alternative Energy Power Production for DoD Installations MATOC on Aug. 7, 2012.

These contracts will place the Army one step closer to meeting its congressionally mandated energy goal of 25 percent production and consumption of energy from renewable sources by 2025 and improving installation energy security and sustainability.

“Awarding these contracts for solar technology is an important milestone in the process of awarding contracts for the four technologies selected to help the Army meet renewable energy goals,” said Col. Robert Ruch, commander, U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville. “By pre-qualifying companies under each technology and awarding the contracts to them, we are situated to more quickly award task orders for individual future projects being developed by the Army or DoD. We look forward to working with the EITF and other potential DoD organizations to help implement renewable energy projects.”

In April 2012, the White House announced the Defense Department was making one of the largest commitments to clean energy in history, by setting a goal to deploy three gigawatts total of renewable energy – including solar, wind, biomass or geothermal – on Army, Navy and Air Force installations by 2025. The Army's goal is one gigawatt of that total. These efforts support the broader DoD goal to enhance installation energy security and reduce installation energy costs.