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EITF Announces RFQ for Fort Stewart Renewable Energy Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Savannah District, in close coordination with the Army Energy Initiatives Task Force (EITF), released a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to lease 111 acres of land on Ft. Stewart, GA to a developer participating in the Georgia Power Advanced Solar Initiative (GPASI). This renewable energy project is estimated to have solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity of up to 20 megawatts (MW). The solicitation, SAVRE144016, is posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website at www.fbo.gov.

This is an open RFQ for Fort Stewart to lease land to a third-party developer who will construct, own and operate a solar photovoltaic system that will sell electricity to Georgia Power in response to their utility-scale Advanced Solar Initiative (GPASI) Request for Proposals. The Army will pre-qualify developers and issue a letter of intent to lease the land, provided developers meet minimum criteria to include, among other criteria, offering the fair market rental value or greater for the land and participating in the GPASI. Only one developer which has received an award of a contract with Georgia Power under the GPASI will receive a lease. All interested companies are encouraged to prepare a response to the solicitation, which closes on January 24, 2014.

"The Fort Stewart project has been developed in conjunction with one of our utility partners, Georgia Power. The EITF is continuing to perform due diligence and evaluating the viability of dozens of other renewable energy projects," said John Lushetsky, EITF Executive Director. "We look forward to continuing to work with our serving utilities, to add more projects like Fort Stewart, to the pipeline to help the Army meet its goal of one gigawatt of renewable energy by 2025."

An industry day event is planned for January 14, 2014 at Fort Stewart. The industry day will provide attendees a better understanding of the project's general procurement process, specific evaluation considerations and a project site tour. To register, visit <http://www.armyeitf.com/index.php/ftstewart-rfq>. Updates will be posted as they become available.

The EITF serves as the central management office for partnering with Army installations to implement cost-effective, large-scale renewable energy projects, leveraging private sector financing. The EITF focuses on renewable and alternative energy projects 10 MW or greater and located on Army installations in the United States. Established in 2011, the EITF is helping the Army meet its renewable energy goal of deploying one gigawatt of renewable energy by 2025.

For more details, view the Fort Stewart Fact Sheet.

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