



EITF News

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SECURING ARMY INSTALLATIONS WITH ENERGY THAT IS CLEAN, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Regarding Domestic and Foreign Content in Renewable Energy Generation Systems

The intent of EITF News is to keep stakeholders informed about specific topics relevant to our large-scale renewable energy projects. We have recently been asked about the EITF's policy on installing Renewable Energy Generation Systems (REGS) with domestic and foreign content on Army installations. All EITF projects must comply with local, state, and federal statutes and protect the integrity of the operations on our installations. However, there are some clarifications to the EITF policy worth highlighting.

The Buy American Act (BAA) was enacted in 1933 and provides a statutory preference for American manufactured goods when acquired for public use. This year's proposed NDAA language, if passed, expands the scope to include all "photovoltaic devices installed" on DoD property including those purchased by third parties.

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Executive Director Amanda Simpson presents Renewable Energy Programs Director Alan King with a remembrance of his contribution to Army Projects during his retirement ceremony celebrating 31 years of public service.

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This proposed new NDAA language affects all EITF projects due to the substitution of one word – an “and” to an “or”:

(1) **COVERED CONTRACT** – The term “covered contract” means a contract awarded by the Department of Defense that provides for a photovoltaic device to be —

(A) installed inside the United States on Department of Defense property or in a facility owned by the Department of Defense; **OR**

(B) reserved for the exclusive use of the Department of Defense in the United States for the full economic life of the device ⁽¹⁾

(1) S. 2410, 113th Cong. § 829 (2014): Carl Levin National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

Specifically, this proposed NDAA language affects EITF photovoltaic projects that are not for the exclusive use of the Army for the full economic life of the solar array, such as Enhanced Use Leases, **as any photovoltaic device installed on DoD property must be BAA compliant, regardless of who purchased or owns the device.**

Beyond Congressionally-mandated compliance with the BAA, the Army must take national security concerns into consideration for each infrastructure project. While EITF projects are evaluated and structured to contribute to the energy security of the host installation, the operational security of our Army installations is paramount. The Army is concerned with potential infrastructure vulnerabilities. Accordingly, the EITF will give attention to supplies and services originating from foreign sources. The Army is considering adding contractual language requiring pre-notification of the source of critical components. Furthermore, contractors should understand that access to Army installations is restricted and individuals requesting access for the construction and maintenance of the REGS must be appropriately cleared for unescorted access.

The EITF is working hard to ensure each REGS is cost conscience and facilitates energy security. In addition, we want to continue to refine and streamline processes. We also have an obligation to comply with all regulations and statutes that are applicable. We encourage developers and bidders to understand and consider how these regulations and statutes impact proposed projects. Doing so may avoid delays and potentially expensive mitigation during the design, construction, and operational phases.

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The first issue of the EITF News was published one year ago. Now as then, it is our commitment to communicate openly and frequently to ensure transparency in our goals and operations. If you have a specific topic you wish to see addressed in future issues, please drop me a note.

– **Amanda Simpson**, Executive Director, Army Energy Initiatives Task Force

USACE Qualifies Additional MATOC

Small Businesses

The US Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville Center announced the addition of 11 small businesses to the Army Solar MATOC qualification pool. The July 25th announcement brings the total number of awards to **90** of which **49** companies are qualified to bid on Solar Task Orders.

Website Update

The EITF website is transitioning from a **.com** to a **.mil** account. The site will be located within the ASA (IE&E), Energy & Sustainability site to provide users streamlined information about EITF projects, news and events.

Go live announcements via email and social media will be made when the website is ready. To help ease the transition for our stakeholders, the **.com** property will redirect traffic to the new site for up to one year.



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Redstone Solar/MATOC Update

July celebrates the announcement of the Redstone Arsenal (RSA) large-scale renewable energy solar project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center Huntsville, publically released the first solar Task Order under the Multiple Award Task Order Contracts (MATOC). The MATOC is a pool of 49 pre-screened, highly qualified solar technology contractors standing by to submit proposals on Army projects.



The RSA project is a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), whereby the Army offers to procure annually up to 18,000 megawatt-hours of on-site solar generated renewable electricity. The target Notice of Intent to Award NOIA date is January 2015, with an actual PPA Contract Award for mid-2015 to achieve a commercial operations date before December 31, 2016.

Planning for an August 20, 2014 industry day event at RSA is vigorously underway. The industry day will provide MATOC attendees a better understanding of the project's general procurement process, specific evaluation considerations and a project site tour. See the EITF web site for additional information on the industry day event.

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