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

From the Desk of the Executive Director

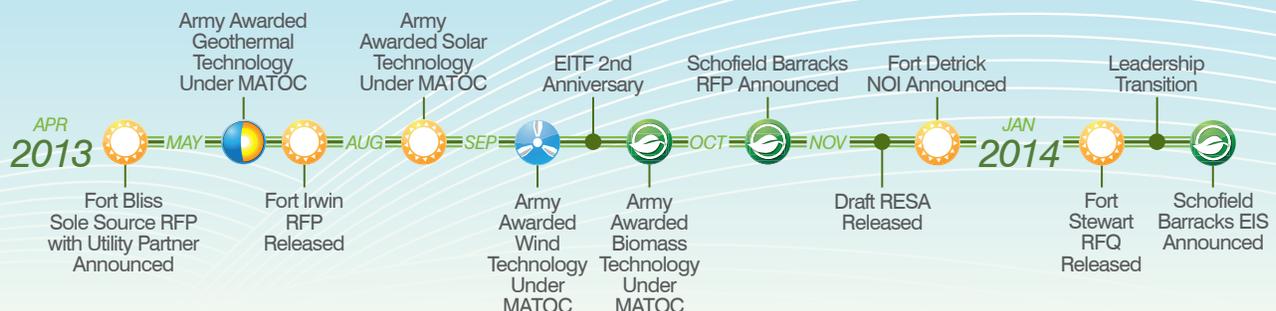
Thank You and Goodbye 2013

At the end of the year, it's always a good practice to review prior year accomplishments. By the end of 2013, the EITF had firmly established the U.S. Army in the renewable energy environment. We concluded the year with the Notice of Intent to Award a Power Purchase Agreement and associated lease for a solar array at Fort Detrick, MD. We released a draft Renewable Energy Service Agreement (RESA) Performance Work Statement (PWS) template to standardize and streamline the acquisition process for future renewable energy contracts. We issued awards to 58 qualified companies, to include 13 small businesses that received 15 awards, on our Renewable Energy Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC). Earlier in 2013, a project for Fort Irwin entered the procurement phase. Somehow, we were able to make these significant strides in light of sequestration, federal furloughs, government shutdowns, and snow and ice storms as recently as last week.

It's exciting to look forward to what we will be achieving in the coming year. We enter 2014 with nine projects in the procurement phase that include Fort Detrick, Fort Drum, Fort Bliss, Schofield Barracks, Fort Irwin, Fort Huachuca, Fort Stewart and two projects at Redstone Arsenal, which represent a potential for over 205 megawatts (MW) of power. Three of these projects are in final negotiations and we intend to make some announcements within the next few months - if not weeks.

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EITF Year in Review



The EITF team is completing the drafts of two Request for Proposals (RFPs) for MATOC Task Orders and these solicitations are expected to be released soon. We also commenced the year by offering land for our first Enhanced Use Lease project at Fort Stewart, GA. In addition, some upcoming significant milestones include our first ground-breaking on a project in the spring and a second ground-breaking in the fall.

2014 also brings challenges to the organization. I am quite certain it is universally agreed that the Army process of developing, soliciting, competing, awarding, and signing contracts needs to be faster and simpler to be able to respond to and support market conditions. As an organization, we are aware of the need to analyze what has been working and where there are opportunities to further improve and streamline our acquisition processes. In January, the EITF and our procurement partners, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Defense Logistics Agency, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, held a day long After Action Review to determine how best to maximize the success of our operations and partnerships. We are working to implement several immediate improvements due to this event, and will research several other actions to address the suggestions offered. One recommendation being investigated includes further streamlining 'internal' coordination requirements necessary for project approvals within the Army and Department of Defense. And of course, we will constantly be challenged to identify new project opportunities and bring them to industry to meet our aggressive Departmental, Congressional, and Presidential renewable energy mandates as well as economic and energy security goals.

While we applaud our accomplishments of 2013 and the team that has afforded us the prospects of 2014, I look forward to working with you as we look ahead to the exciting opportunities of the New Year.

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

EITF Updates

The EITF continues to move forward with large-scale renewable energy projects. The current EITF pipeline of projects represents the potential for over 205 MW of power capacity from a mix of technologies.

Schofield Barracks EIS Announced

The Army invites the public to provide comments on the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 50 MW biofuel-capable power generation plant at Schofield Barracks, City and County of Honolulu, O'ahu. Written comments to the EIS can be submitted during the 45-day scoping period from January 17 to March 3, 2014.



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