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## Renewable Electric Power RFP (Palo Alto, CA) & Fuel Cell Power Generation RFP (Inland Empire, CA)

### Palo Alto Has Extended It's Deadline for Renewable Electric Power RFP Responses

The City of Palo Alto's ("City") deadline for responses to its Request for Proposals for Renewable Electric Power ("RFP") has been extended to April 28, 2009, allowing extra time for electric power providers using new

renewable resources to submit their proposals. To meet its renewable portfolio targets, the City, whose financial condition is sound, seeks to contract for up to 150 GWh per year of renewable electric power from any eligible renewable resource for terms of up to 30 years. The RFP process entails soliciting electric power supplies and entering into one or more Power Purchase Agreements at different times within a six-month to two-year period after awarding the initial contract.

#### Links to RFP information

- [Renewable Electric Power RFP \(Palo Alto, CA\)](#)
- [Fuel Cell Power Generation RFP \(Inland Empire, CA\)](#)

**RFP Issued: March 17, 2009**

**Proposals Deadline Extended To: April 28, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**

Renewable electric power includes bundled electric energy, capacity, and environmental attributes. Renewable resources include wind, small hydroelectric (30 MW maximum), geothermal, landfill gas, biomass, photovoltaic, solar thermal (with or without natural gas assist), qualifying municipal solid waste conversion, digester gas, fuel cells employing renewable fuel, ocean wave, ocean thermal, wave and tidal current. Solar proposals must be at least 50 kW per year, and may consist of multiple smaller units at



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different locations that in aggregate meet the minimum size requirement. Projects other than solar must be at least 1 MW in size. Each proposal shall be for only one proposed energy resource, and may include more than one generator of like kind. However, proposals may contain more than one project and/or alternate price structures, project terms, and business/ownership structures. Projects within California are preferred, and proposed projects must have a delivery point located within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) region. Projects within California must have an online date on or after January 1, 1997; those outside California must have an online date after January 1, 2005; and all projects must have a projected online date on or before December 31, 2012.

### **Inland Empire Utilities Agency Fuel Cell Power Generation Systems Design-Build RFP**

Proposals are being accepted by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency ("Agency"), a municipal water district, for design-build services for fuel cell power systems at three Agency facilities—its Regional Plant #1, Regional Plant #2, and an optional installation at Regional Plant #5 Solids Handling Facility. The Agency currently utilizes biogas generated by anaerobic digesters for the cogeneration of 28% of the total load required for operation of five regional waste treatment plants. The purpose of the proposed fuel cell construction is to supplement the current power generation system and utilize digester gas as the primary fuel supply. Based on preliminary information, the Agency estimates that the available digester gas at Regional Plant #1 will support a 1.4 MW fuel cell, and that the available digester gas at Regional Plant #2 will support a .5 MW fuel cell. The Agency also wishes to pursue the option of installing a Fuel Cell Power Plant at the Regional Plant #5 Solids Handling Facility site. The fuel supply for this site would be either generated on site by future digestion process, or would be imported from the Regional Plant #2 site through existing gas supply lines.

**RFP Issued: April 14, 2009**  
**Mandatory Pre-Proposal Briefing: April 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Last Date for Written Questions: April 30, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Submittal Closing: May 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**

The Agency desires vendors to propose alternate fuel cell products, designs, and installations to meet or exceed these estimated capacities. All proposals should be based upon the available

digester gas and be designed to utilize 100% of this fuel supply without the need for supplemental fuel.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the City of Palo Alto's RFP and Update Addendums or the Inland Empire Utilities Agency RFP or if you have questions regarding this or other opportunities, please contact Patrick Perry, Emily Murray or Kaylynn Kim. We are attorneys at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, a law firm in Los Angeles. Our practice includes assisting renewable energy clients with all aspects of their business, from siting and permitting, to compliance and litigation.

To that end, we think your company may be interested in these renewable energy opportunities. We would be happy to tell you more about our renewable energy practice and expertise. You can also obtain a copy of the RFPs at this [link](#).

Sincerely yours,

Patrick Perry, Emily Murray and Kaylynn Kim

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