

**TOWN OF GLASTONBURY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES  
RPGL-2022-08**

**DUE DATE AND TIME: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 by 11:00 AM**

The Town of Glastonbury will be accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to the Town and Glastonbury Public Schools.

Interested individuals and firms should obtain the complete RFP and related information from the Town's website at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov). Responses to the Proposal must be submitted electronically no later than the time and date indicated above. **LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Responses can be submitted at the following link: <https://app.negometrix.com/buyer/2832>, under the RFP title "**RPGL-2022-08 – Renewable Energy Certificates**". Respondents will be required to create a profile before submitting their proposal. Step-by-step instructions on how to register as a vendor are available at this website:

<https://help.negometrix.com/en/support/solutions/articles/9000177626-register-on-negometrix4>

The Town reserves the right to waive informalities or reject any part of, or the entire proposal, when said action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Mary F. Visone  
Purchasing Agent

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- Attachment A: Proposal Response Form

**SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The Town of Glastonbury participates in the Sustainable CT Program. The Town is committed to purchasing a portion of its annual municipal and educational electricity requirement from clean, renewable sources.

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to receive proposals from prospective Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) suppliers.

**B. QUANTITY, TERM, AND SCHEDULE**

The Town is seeking the purchase of RECs in the following quantities for the periods indicated:

<b>Fiscal Year Period</b>	<b>Town Quantity (MWh)</b>	<b>BOE Quantity (MWh)</b>
1 Nov 2021– 30 June 2022	1,809	5,900
1 July 2022– 30 June 2023	1,900	6,200
1 July 2023– 30 June 2024	2,000	6,500
1 July 2024– 30 June 2025	2,100	6,800
1 July 2025– 30 June 2026	2,200	7,100

The selected respondent shall start delivery on November 1, 2021.

**C. ORDERING AND PAYMENT**

Payment for the RECs will be made by both the Town of Glastonbury and the Glastonbury Public Schools in the approximate proportions of 1/3 and 2/3, respectively. The Town and Glastonbury Public Schools' Fiscal Year runs from 1 July through 30 June. The Town and Glastonbury Public Schools will each issue a purchase order, upon award of this contract, for their respective shares of the RECs for the period **November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**. Thereafter, the Town and Glastonbury Public schools will each issue a purchase order on or about 1 July of each year for their respective shares of the RECs for the period 1 July through 30 June of the following years. Upon receipt of the purchase orders the supplier will invoice and, subsequently, be paid for the year's RECs. Other billing cycles and frequencies may be considered upon mutual agreement between the Town and the selected respondent, respondents may offer alternate payment options.

## **SECTION 2 – CONSIDERATIONS & RESTRICTIONS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- All reports, data, and other documents prepared by the Consultant according to this Agreement shall be submitted to the Town for its review and approval. Resulting work products of the Consultant pursuant to this solicitation shall become property of the Town of Glastonbury.
- No such approval shall in any way be construed to relieve the Consultant of responsibility for technical adequacy or operate as a waiver of any of the Town's rights under this Agreement. The Consultant shall remain liable to the Town according to applicable laws and practices for all damages to the Town caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.
- The Town shall not be obligated to accept any proposal and the Town shall reserve the sole right to determine the appropriateness of any proposal for this work.

### **A. PROJECT SUBMITTALS**

The respondent shall be expected to be present at meetings which may need to be conducted with user groups, either at the Town, on site, or elsewhere. Specifics will be identified prior to start of work in conjunction with the Respondent.

### **B. PROJECT COORDINATION**

The Respondent will work closely with the David Sacchitella, Building Superintendent through all phases of the project. The Town will provide access to the property, and make available plans and drawings as applicable.

## **SECTION 3 – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **A. REC REQUIREMENTS**

The RECs to be purchased/sold through this solicitation must meet the following minimum criteria:

- RECs shall be generated from wind, solar, small scale hydroelectric (certified by Low Impact Hydropower Institute), landfill gas, wave or tidal, geothermal, or biomass.
- One (1) REC shall represent and include all RECs associated with one (1) MWh of energy generated by the renewable generating facility and delivered from the facility to the grid.
- RECS shall be certified by the Center for Resource Solutions' Green-E program or as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes as Connecticut Class 1 renewable energy sources.
- Each REC shall include all fuel, emissions, air quality, or other environmental characteristics, credits, benefits, reductions, offsets, and allowances resulting from the purchase, generation, or use of energy.

- RECs provided under this RFP shall be warranted by the seller to ensure the Town receives clear title and ownership to the RECs purchased and to ensure the environmental benefits contained in the RECs have not been double-claimed or double-sold.
- REC documents shall be delivered to the Town and/or Board of Education within 60 days after the end of the calendar year.
- REC's purchased for a given contract year must meet REC "vintage" requirements for that year.

## B. PRICING

Respondents shall provide prices in U.S. dollars (inclusive of all applicable charges and fees). Quotes shall be on a unit price basis with a quote provided for each of the periods indicated. Respondents shall indicate any additional discounts for volume and/or contract periods that are available and specify any alternative or flexible pricing structures offered. Respondents shall identify any discounts that may be offered for Town participation in the Sustainable CT Program.

## Section 4 - Proposal Submission Requirements

### A. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

By submitting a proposal, Respondent represents that they have thoroughly examined and become familiar with the scope of services outlined in this RFP and you are capable of performing the work to achieve the Town's objectives.

- Respondents submitting a proposal for this solicitation are directed to respond online through a secure e-Procurement portal. Responses can be submitted at the following link: <https://app.negometrix.com/buyer/2832>, under the RFP title "**RPGL-2022-08 – Renewable Energy Certificates**". Respondents will be required to create a profile before submitting their proposal. Step-by-step instructions on how to register as a vendor are available at this website:

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Respondents will be required to upload their response as ONE (1) consolidated pdf file which includes the following:

1. Proposal Response as per the requirements herein
  2. Attachment A - Town of Glastonbury Response Page
- All respondents are required to submit the information detailed below. **Responses shall be organized and presented in the order listed below to assist the Town in reviewing and rating proposals.** Responses should be presented in appropriate detail to thoroughly respond to the requirements and expected services described herein.
1. Table of Contents to include clear identification of the material provided by section and number.

2. A letter of transmittal indicating the firm's interest in providing the service and any other information that would assist the Town in making a selection. This letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the firm to a contract.
3. Name, email address and telephone number of person(s) to be contacted for further information or clarification.
4. Provide a background and qualifications statement, including description and history of your firm and the servicing office. Describe similar products being provided and clients being serviced. Elaborate on any resources that are available to and likely to be used to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Highlight significant accomplishments and awards as well as alliances or partnerships that may be relevant.

Provide, as an appendix, documentation to expand on any of the points included in this section. The Town reserves the right to contact the clients identified in this section regarding the services or products provided by the respondent. (Limit this section to 3 pages. Appendix: as required).

5. Respondent shall provide a list of 3-5 references and examples of previous similar projects successfully completed within the last five years, with the contact name, address and telephone number of the owners' representative in each project. The Town reserves the right to contact these organizations regarding the services performed by the firm.
6. Briefly describe the approach to the project, resources available to and envisioned for the requirement, and respondent's experience and ability to provide the products and services required.
7. Describe the respondent's ability to meet the Town's proposed schedule.
8. Provide specifics as to the technical aspects of the proposal to include:
  - Vintage of RECs offered
  - Mix and locations of energy resources
  - Certification or certifiability (Green-e, ERT, etc.) or other validation (DPUC recognition, letters of attestation, etc.) of RECs offered
  - Attestation and/or warranty as to the exclusive ownership of the RECs and all benefits associated with them by the Town
  - Marketing and promotional assistance available to the Town
  - Sample of actual certificate to be provided
  - Other clients that have purchased the RECs offered
9. Provide the proposed unit price in US dollars, by fiscal year, for the RECs. Include:
  - Price proposal including unit prices for the respective quantities and periods identified along with any proposed discounts.
  - Billing and payment options
10. A concluding statement as to why the respondent is best qualified to meet the needs of the Town.

11. Proposal Response Form (**ATTACHMENT A**).
12. Description of any exceptions taken to this RFP. If any proposal involves any exception from the stated requirements and specifications, they must be clearly noted as exceptions and attached to the proposal.
12. Respondent is required to review the Town of Glastonbury Code of Ethics adopted July 8, 2003 and effective August 1, 2003 and revised October 29, 2013 and effective November 8, 2013. Respondent shall acknowledge that they have reviewed the document in the area provided on **ATTACHMENT A**. The selected respondent will also be required to complete and sign an Acknowledgement Form prior to award. The Code of Ethics and the Acknowledgment Form can be accessed at the Town of Glastonbury website at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov). Upon entering the website click on the **Bids & Proposals Icon** which will bring you to the links for the **Code of Ethics** and the **Acknowledgement Form**.
13. Any technical questions regarding this RFP shall be made in writing and directed to David Sacchitella, Building Superintendent, by email at [Dave.sacchitella@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:Dave.sacchitella@glastonbury-ct.gov). For administrative questions concerning this proposal, please contact Mary F. Visone, Purchasing Agent, by email at [purchasing@glastonbury-ct.gov](mailto:purchasing@glastonbury-ct.gov). All questions, answers, and/or addenda, as applicable, will be posted on the Town's website at [www.glastonbury-ct.gov](http://www.glastonbury-ct.gov) (Upon entering the website click on Bids & Proposals Icon, click on the **Bid Title** to view all proposal details and document links). **It is the respondent's responsibility to check the website for addenda prior to submission of any proposal.** Note: Responses to requests for more specific contract information than is contained in the RFP shall be limited to information that is available to all respondents and that is necessary to complete this process. The request must be received at least five (5) business days prior to the advertised response deadline.

No other Glastonbury Town employee, elected official, or evaluation committee member should be contacted concerning this RFP during the proposal process. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.

**Failure to include any of the above-referenced items in the submitted proposal may be grounds for disqualifying said proposal.**

## **B. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- The Town of Glastonbury shall select the responsible and responsive Proposal which is determined by the Town to be the best suited, most advantageous, and provides the best value to the Town on the basis of the criteria included in this Request for Proposal. The Town shall not be obligated to accept any proposal and the Town shall reserve the sole right to determine the appropriateness of any proposal for this work. The Town expressly reserves the right to negotiate with the selected firm prior to an award of any contract pursuant to this RFP. Best value shall be determined by consideration of the following factors.
  - The specific background, qualifications and relevant experience of the respondent in providing the requirements contained in the RFP.

- The respondent's ability to meet the Technical Requirements of the proposal.
- Respondent's approach to provide the products and services required.
- Proposed schedule and demonstrated commitment to the Town of Glastonbury's timetable for the project.
- Price proposal, proposed discounts and billing and payment options offered, if any.
- Overall quality, thoroughness, and responsiveness to the Town's requirements as summarized herein, including any exceptions attached or contained in the proposal.

## **REFERENCES**

As part of the overall evaluation, The Town of Glastonbury shall review references provided in the respondent's proposal to determine the quality of services performed for other clients.

## **C. SELECTION PROCESS**

- This request for proposal does not commit the Town of Glastonbury to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal to this request. All proposals submitted in response to this request become the property of the Town of Glastonbury. The Town of Glastonbury reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with the selected respondents, the right to extend the contract for an additional period or to cancel in part or in its entirety the RFP, if it is in the best interests of the Town to do so.
- A Selection Committee, appointed by the Town Manager, will evaluate all proposals received for completeness and the respondent's ability to meet all requirements as outlined in this proposal. The Committee will then short list the specific firms whose proposals best meet all criteria required and may conduct interviews with these firms. Upon completion of interviews, the Selection Committee will forward to the Town Manager a list of firms recommended for further consideration.
- Based on the results of the interview process the top-rated firms will be invited to submit a proposed Scope of Services and fee proposal. The Town Manager or his designee will review the Scope of Services, fee proposals, and other factors with the top-rated firm(s) and negotiate a specific agreement based on these discussions.
- Additional technical information may be requested from any respondent for clarification purposes, but in no way changes the original proposal submitted.



**D. TIMELINE**

The Town intends to adhere to the schedule listed below as closely as possible, but reserves the right to modify the schedule in the best interest of the Town as required.

Publicize RFP	<b>September 9, 2021</b>
RFP Due Date	<b>September 23, 2021</b>
Shortlist of Proposals Received	<b>October 1, 2021</b>
Interviews with Top Respondents	<b>TBD</b>
REC Effective Date	<b>November 1, 2021</b>

**E. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

INSURANCE

The Respondent shall, at its own expense and cost, obtain and keep in force during the entire duration of the Project or Work the following insurance coverage covering the Respondent and all of its agents, employees and sub-contractors and other providers of services and shall name the **Town of Glastonbury and the Board of Education their employees and agents as an Additional Insured** on a primary and non-contributory basis to the Respondent’s Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies. **These requirements shall be clearly stated in the remarks section on the Respondent’s Certificate of Insurance.** Insurance shall be written with insurance carriers approved in the State of Connecticut and with a minimum Best’s Rating of A-VIII with all policies written on an occurrence form basis. In addition, all carriers are subject to approval by the Town. Minimum Limits and requirements are stated below:

1) Worker's Compensation Insurance:

- Statutory Coverage
- Employer’s Liability
- \$1,000,000 each accident/\$1,000,000 disease-policy limit/\$1,000,000 disease each employee
- A Waiver of Subrogation shall be provided in favor of the Town, Board of Education and their employees and agents.

2) Commercial General Liability:

- Including Premises & Operations, Products and Completed Operations, Personal and Advertising Injury, Contractual Liability and Independent Contractors.
- Limits of Liability for Bodily Injury and Building Damage  
Each Occurrence \$1,000,000  
Aggregate \$2,000,000 (The Aggregate Limit shall apply separately to each job.)
- A Waiver of Subrogation shall be provided in favor of the Town, Board of Education and their employees and agents.

3) Automobile Insurance:

- Including all owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned vehicles
- Evidence a Combined Single Limit of Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage: Per Accident \$1,000,000
- A Waiver of Subrogation shall be provided in favor of the Town, Board of Education and their employees and agents.

4) Errors and Omissions Liability or Professional Services Liability Policy

- Provide Errors and Omissions Liability or Professional Services Liability Policy for a minimum Limit of Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence or per claim. The awarded respondent(s) will be responsible to provide written notice to the Owner 30 days prior to cancellation of any insurance policy.
- The respondent agrees to maintain continuous professional liability coverage for the entire duration of this Project, and shall provide for an Extended Reporting Period in which to report claims for seven (7) years following the conclusion of the Project.

The respondent shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as "evidence" of General Liability, Auto Liability including all owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned vehicles, statutory Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability and Professional Services Liability coverage.

The respondent shall direct its Insurer to provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Town before any work is performed. The awarded Respondent(s) will be responsible to provide written notice to the Owner 60 days prior to cancellation or non-renewal of any insurance policy. The Certificate shall evidence all required coverages including the Additional Insured on the General Liability and Auto Liability policies and Waiver of Subrogation on the General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers Compensation policies. The respondent shall provide the Town copies of any such insurance policies upon request.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town, Board of Education and their consultants, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, attorneys and other professionals and court and arbitration costs) to the extent arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Respondent's work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission by the Respondent, or breach of its obligations herein or by any person or organization directly or indirectly employed or engaged by the Respondent to perform or furnish either of the services, or anyone for whose acts the Respondent may be liable.

ATTACHMENT A  
PROPOSAL RESPONSE PAGE



BID / PROPOSAL NO: RPGL-2022-08 DATE DUE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

DATE ADVERTISED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 TIME DUE: 11:00 AM

NAME OF PROJECT: RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES

The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum #1 \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial/Date) Addendum #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial/Date) Addendum #3 \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial/Date)

It is the responsibility of the respondent to check the Town's website for any Addenda before submitting the proposal.

**NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT:**

By submission of this proposal, the Respondent certifies that it is being submitted without any collusion, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to it with any other respondent or competitor. We understand that this proposal must be signed by an authorized agent of our company to constitute a valid proposal

**CODE OF ETHICS:**

I / We have reviewed a copy of the Town of Glastonbury's Code of Ethics and agree to submit a Consultant Acknowledgement Form if I /We are selected. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Respondent is advised that effective August 1, 2003, the Town of Glastonbury cannot consider any proposal where the respondent has not agreed to the above statement.

_____	_____
Type or Print Name of Individual	Doing Business as (Trade Name)
_____	_____
Signature of Individual	Street Address
_____	_____
Title	City, State, Zip Code
_____	_____
Date	Telephone Number / Fax Number
_____	_____
E-Mail Address	SS # or TIN#

(Seal – If proposal is by a Corporation)  
Attest