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SOLAR ENERGY PROPOSALS FOR LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY SOUGHT

Livermore, CA -- The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration announced today it is seeking proposals for a solar electrical-generation system onsite at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Specifically, proposals are being solicited from developers to establish a solar energy system at the Laboratory's Livermore site on a 10-acre location in the northwest buffer zone along Vasco Road. The solar energy developer would design, finance, build, operate, and maintain a ground-mounted solar energy system for at least 20 years. The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), on behalf of DOE/NNSA, would purchase the power generated from this system through a power purchase agreement with the developer. The developer would be required to enter into a license with DOE/NNSA as well.

"This solar project would provide both a clean, renewable source of energy and an additional capability for Laboratory energy research and development efforts," said National Nuclear Security Administration Livermore Site Office Manager Kim Davis. "The move toward solar energy will enhance the Laboratory's sustainability initiatives and performance, with a focus on renewable energy."

"The Laboratory supports the Federal government's national energy security, clean energy economy, and greenhouse gas reduction goals", stated Laboratory Director Parney Albright. "In support of these goals, the Laboratory looks forward to working with the entire DOE complex and scientific communities to design, build and operate a fully operational solar energy system, as well as staying the course on continued DOE initiatives to strengthen our overall sustainability performance."

An Opportunity Notice was issued on October 31, 2012 and can be accessed through the following website: <https://llnl-solar.llnl.gov>. Solar energy developers are encouraged to visit Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on November 13, 2012 in anticipation of submitting proposals. The visit requires pre-registration no later than November 8, 2012. Final proposal submissions will be due January 18, 2013. The project is anticipated to be awarded in the February/March 2013 timeframe.

Specific questions regarding the call for proposal will be answered by submitting an email to llnlsolarproject@nnsa.doe.gov.