

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

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DPUC Receives 80 Project Registrations from 45 Bidders in RFP launched under Energy Independence Act

The Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) has received 80 bidder registration packages from 45 different entities in response to the RFP issued on September 15, 2006 soliciting requests for new or additional generation or conservation in order to reduce energy rates for Connecticut ratepayers. Upon the completion of the registration period on September 29, 2006, DPUC Chairman Don Downes said, "We are pleased to see such broad and extensive interest in this procurement process. Both the number of proposals received and the diversity of bidders will help us craft the best solution for decreasing energy costs for Connecticut ratepayers while meeting key policy objectives like reducing peak electric demand and environmental emissions."

The 80 project registrations represented a combined total of more than 8,000 MW of capacity. The projects registered included generation, demand-side reduction, conservation and energy efficiency technologies – the full spectrum of resources that the RFP was designed to solicit. The 45 entities who registered with the DPUC constitute a wide array of participants in the electricity sector, ranging from national independent power producers to local utilities to companies focused on demand side activities.

The DPUC, authorized by the legislature's Energy Independence Act, is taking a proactive and innovative approach to address Connecticut's energy challenges in designing this procurement process, and will attempt in part through this process to reduce and stabilize Connecticut end consumer rates.

The DPUC and London Economics International, the RFP coordinator, will be hosting a Pre-Bid Conference for interested parties in Room 2C at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, CT on October 10, 2006 from 10 AM to 5 PM. All bidders and stakeholders will be invited to attend this conference, though attendees are requested to register with the RFP coordinator by October 6, 2006 by sending an email to RFPCoordinator@Connecticut2006rfp.com. The October 10, 2006 conference will also serve as the technical meeting to discuss the revised contract templates, which are available for download at the RFP website.

For more information on the RFP, please visit the RFP website at: www.Connecticut2006RFP.com or contact the RFP Coordinator at: RFPCoordinator@Connecticut2006RFP.com.