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INTENT TO JOIN EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY AUTHORITY
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The City of Stockton (“the City”) intends to pursue the process of joining the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Joint Powers Agreement and implement a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. This decision is based on a CCA feasibility study that was presented to City Council in March 2021, which recommended a transition to a CCA agency. However, due to financial constraints, the City determined the only prudent path forward is to join an existing joint powers authority (JPA) to avoid the significant upfront costs and protect the City’s assets. The City is publishing Notice to better understand the CCA marketplace and determine if there are any other agencies that could offer more advantageous or suitable benefits to the City.

Specific objectives for such a project may include:

- No upfront cost to the City;
- Procure electricity at a lower cost than current cost for residents, businesses, and local government operations; and
- Funding for local energy efficiency projects and programs that will create jobs for local residents, provide benefits to customers, and bolster climate resilience.
- Governance structure that affords meaningful opportunities for the City to weigh in on decision making, particularly regarding rate setting.

The City intends to pursue membership with EBCE because it can fulfill the aforementioned objectives, such as offering lower or competitive electricity rates than PG&E for similar products. Furthermore, EBCE can deliver clean energy programs and projects using a stable, skilled workforce through such mechanisms as project labor agreements, or other workforce programs that are cost effective, designed to avoid work stoppages, and ensure quality. The City is interested in attracting these opportunities to create jobs and reap the benefits of clean energy programs. The City is also preferential to a local CCA that is responsive to regional priorities, such as electrifying major transit corridors. EBCE’s proximity to Stockton ensures these regional priorities are shared and will be acted upon in the near future.

This notice shall not be construed as a request for quotation, proposal, or as any commitment or obligation on the part of the City to issue a future solicitation. However, all responses received by the deadline will be considered by the City. A determination by the City not to join the proposed JPA based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the City. Information received will normally be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement.

Submission Instructions: Responses via email are due Wednesday, July 15, 2022, to Grant.Kirkpatrick@stocktonca.gov and must include the information requested below. Responses greater than three (3) double-sided pages (including all attachments) will not be considered. Late responses will not be accepted. This is strictly market research and the City will not entertain any questions.

No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this synopsis or any follow-up information requests. Respondents will not be notified of the results of the evaluation. We appreciate your interest and thank you in advance for responding to the Notice.

Qualified firms shall submit a statement of interest on company letterhead demonstrating the firm's qualifications to perform the defined work. Responses must be complete and sufficiently detailed to address the specific information. The documentation shall address, at a minimum, the following:

- A. Agency Profile to include:
 1. Agency name and address;
 2. Current membership information: names of all current members of the JPA;
 3. Year the agency was established, number of employees, and current electrical load served;
 4. Two points of contact (names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses);
- B. Documentation of the agency's ability to obtain financing, or use current financial reserves, to offer membership to the City at no upfront cost.
- C. Bonding capability.
- D. Documentation of the agency's ability to procure adequate resources to meet the current and projected electrical load of the City (response should be based on the data included in the City's publicly available [March 2021 CCA Feasibility Study](#)).^[OBJ]
- E. Documentation of the agency's current or planned energy efficiency projects and/or programs, and an explanation of how they could benefit the City.
- F. Signature block to include the following statement, "This information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Agent to print and sign name and title.