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Subject: VIP Alert - Request for Input regarding Solar Energy Systems and State Energy Program Plan

This is a VIP Notice to alert interested State agencies and Purchasing Cooperative Members regarding an upcoming solicitation. That solicitation will receive offers from qualified photovoltaic system providers (Offerors) for the design, installation, and maintenance of photovoltaic power generating systems (also referred to as "solar energy systems"). Subsequent to solicitation for solar energy systems' design(s), installation and maintenance may be implemented at varying public facilities (i.e., public sites).

State agencies and Purchasing Cooperative Members that are interested are encouraged to submit general questions and/or concerns to the Procurement Officer (Don Ellwanger) by e-mail at Don.Ellwanger@azdoa.gov by July 17, 2009. Subsequent to a review of the questions and/or concerns received, a focus meeting will be held. Notice of that focus meeting will be posted to interested State agencies and Purchasing Cooperative Members by separate e-mail after July 17 with the meeting's location, data and time, and an overview of the questions and/or concerns received as noted above.

Be advised that in the State's Energy Program Plan, there are a number of categories that may have funds allocated for the installation of solar energy systems on public sites.

To assist those who may wish to research the State's Energy Program Plan and its Renewable Energy, interested State agencies and Purchasing Cooperative Members are encouraged to acquaint themselves with some of the aspects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the State's web sites for information that may be applicable to the purpose of the solicitation. Some web site starting points may include the State of Arizona Governor's "Economic Recovery" (<http://az.gov/recovery/index.html>) and the State of Arizona Department of Commerce's home page (<http://www.azcommerce.com/Home>).

In addition, the Arizona Department of Commerce - Energy Office provides a web page for "Renewable Energy" (<http://www.commerce.state.az.us/Energy/Renewable>) and the "Arizona Solar Electric Roadmap Study" (http://www.azcommerce.com/doclib/energy/az_solar_electric_roadmap_study_full_report.pdf). Also, you may wish to view "The 21st Century Energy Grant Program" (<http://www.commerce.state.az.us/Energy/21st+Century+Energy+Grant.htm>) and the "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Schools Grants Program" (<http://www.commerce.state.az.us/Energy/EECBG.htm>) or the Arizona Incentives/Policies for Renewables & Efficiency (<http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/index.cfm?CurrentPageID=1&State=AZ&RE=1&EE=1>).

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