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To: All Interested Proposers

From: Kenneth Pete Jr., Renewable Resources Manager

Subject: Responses to Contractor Questions – Comprehensive Electrification Planning, Home Energy Audits, and Renewable Energy Feasibility Study RFP

Dear Interested Contractor,

Thank you for your interest in the Comprehensive Electrification Planning, Home Energy Audits, and Renewable Energy Feasibility Study for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. The Tribes received several questions regarding the scope and expectations of the RFP. The following constitutes the official response to all inquiries received.

**1. Property Addresses / Mapping**

A full list of residences included in this project, along with mapping information, will be provided to the selected contractor following contract execution.

**2. Housing Types Included**

The audit scope includes all residential housing types, including single-family homes, multiplex units, and apartments where present.

**3. Total Homes vs. DVHA-Managed Units**

DVHA manages approximately 330 units, while the overall project scope covers about 500 total homes across the Reservation. This includes DVHA-managed units and additional tribal homes.

**4. Unit Quantities and Sizes**

A complete inventory with unit counts, building types, and approximate sizes will be provided during project initiation.

#### 5. Utility Data Availability

The Tribes maintain partial utility data. Where data is incomplete, the Tribes will authorize the selected contractor to request records directly from Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative and other utilities as needed.

#### 6. Scope Limited to Housing

Correct. Only residential housing units are included in this RFP. No government or community facilities are part of this scope.

#### 7. Purpose of Tribal Member Training

Training is intended to build workforce capacity and support ongoing local energy initiatives. Certification (RESNET, BPI, etc.) is not required but may be supported if proposed.

#### 8. Training Schedule and Compensation

Training may occur either concurrently or after primary performance phases to maintain project efficiency.

#### 9. Required Audit Standards

The Tribes do not mandate a specific standard. Contractors may use BPI, RESNET, DOE Home Energy Score, or an equivalent professional methodology.

#### 10. Historical Utility Data Source

Some data is available internally. With Tribal authorization, the contractor may obtain additional historical utility data directly from utility providers or regulators.

#### 11. Integrated Resource Management Plan

The Tribes will provide the selected contractor with the most current Raft River Integrated Resource Management Plan.

#### 12. Required Economic Analysis Level

At minimum, simple payback should be provided. For higher-cost measures or renewable energy scenarios, lifecycle cost analysis (LCCA) and NPV/IRR are also expected where appropriate.

#### 13. Seasonal Access Considerations

Yes, certain locations may have restricted winter access due to weather or unpaved roads. Specific areas will be identified in advance.

#### 14. Minor Energy-Efficiency Upgrades

This will be limited to educational material that may be presented to all participating residents. Hands-on upgrades are no longer included in this grant.

#### 15. Definition of Conceptual Designs

Conceptual designs should include schematic-level layouts, system descriptions, assumptions, and recommended improvements. Construction-ready engineering drawings are not required.

#### 16. Acceptability of ROM Cost Estimates

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimates are acceptable for this phase of planning unless otherwise agreed upon for specific measures.

#### 17. Required Meetings

This project requires at least two community/homeowner engagement sessions, plus a project kickoff briefing and a final presentation to Tribal Council. Additional coordination meetings may be held as needed.

#### 18. Prior Reports and Relevant Documents

Yes. The Tribes will share previous assessments, solar reports, and related energy documentation with the selected contractor during project kickoff.

Should you require any further clarification, please contact:

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Thank you again for your interest in supporting the Tribes' transition toward energy independence and net-zero emissions.