"STATEWIDE CUSTOMER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION"

Request for Proposal (RFP)1284

$9 Million Available

Proposals Due: June 12, 2009
by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time*

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) requests proposals for the design and implementation of a multi-year, multifaceted, statewide outreach and education program in support of the New York State Public Service Commission's (PSC) Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) initiative and other energy-related issues. The overarching goal of the EEPS program and this RFP is to motivate customers to take advantage of opportunities to maximize the efficient use of energy, either by participating in the EEPS programs available to them or by taking recommended do-it-yourself energy efficiency measures.

The EEPS and this RFP are funded by the System Benefits Charge (SBC). SBC programs are administered by NYSERDA on behalf of the PSC in the service territories of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., KeySpan Energy of New York, KeySpan Energy of Long Island, National Fuel Gas Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, National Grid, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Proposers must describe how they will plan and execute an outreach and education strategy targeting a range of market segments and must demonstrate familiarity with local markets in New York State as well as be familiar with behavioral economics or behavioral marketing (i.e., approaches that obtain a desired reaction from customers). The proposer should also demonstrate the ability to conduct a statewide outreach and education campaign that influences consumer behavior towards a desired response or action, and demonstrate knowledge of and/or experience with utilizing community-based organizations to accomplish outreach and education objectives. The community-based organization component is envisioned as a subcontracting effort in which larger, intermediary community-based networking organizations are utilized to select, manage and coordinate the grassroots programs of individual community-based organizations.

Work under this RFP is expected to start in August of 2009 through a contract with NYSERDA, in coordination with the PSC. The contract is expected to run three years. Up to $9 million may be available per year; however, campaign specifics and budgets will be identified as needed. The work will be implemented on a task-order basis. More than one proposer may be recommended for funding based on experience, qualifications, and ability to provide the services identified in this RFP.

Proposal Submission: Proposers must submit ten (10) copies of the proposal with a completed and signed Proposal Checklist attached to the front of each copy, one of which must contain an original signature. Proposals must be clearly labeled and submitted to:

Roseanne Viscusi, RFP 1284
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Pursuant to §139-j(2)(a) of the State Finance Law, the individuals below have been designated as persons who may be contacted by Proposers relative to this procurement. The designated individuals may be reached as indicated below by e-mail or by phoning (518) 862-1090 and selecting the appropriate

extension: Technical or content questions on this RFP should be directed to Susan Moyer at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3420, or sbm@nyserda.org. Contractual questions should be directed to Venice Forbes at (518) 862-1090, ext. 3507, or vwf@nyserda.org.

*Late proposals and proposals lacking the appropriate completed and signed Proposal Checklist will be returned. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. Proposals will not be accepted at any other NYSERDA location other than the address above. If changes are made to this solicitation, notification will be posted on NYSERDA's web site at www.nyserda.org.

I. Introduction

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is a public benefit corporation whose mission is developing innovative solutions to some of the State's most difficult energy and environmental problems, while providing economic development benefits to the State. The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates privately owned cable, electric, gas, steam, telecommunications and water utilities in New York State. Its mandate is to ensure that consumers receive safe and reliable utility service at reasonable rates with the least adverse effect on the environment (Public Service Law, Article 4, Section 65). The Department of Public Service (DPS) is the staff arm of the PSC.

NYSERDA requests proposals for the design and implementation of a multi-year, multifaceted statewide outreach and education program in support of the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) initiative and other energy-related issues. The overarching goal of the outreach and education program is to motivate customers to take advantage of every opportunity to maximize the efficient use of energy, by participating in the EEPS programs available to them or by taking recommended do-it-yourself energy efficiency measures.

Proposers must describe how they will plan and execute an outreach and education program that reaches all market segments and must demonstrate familiarity with local markets in New York State. The proposer should also be familiar with behavioral economics or behavioral marketing, and demonstrate the ability to conduct an outreach and education campaign that influences consumer behavior towards a desired response or action. In addition, the proposer will work with the DPS as it encourages and coordinates efforts of community-based organizations and other public and private organizations to promote the initiative. The proposer will establish a plan to evaluate the impacts of the program.

The outreach and education program is expected to start in June of 2009 and will be funded by the System Benefits Charge (SBC). Services will be contracted by NYSERDA (as the administrator of public benefit programs funded by SBC monies) and coordinated with the DPS, who will be responsible for directing program design, development and implementation. The contract is expected to run three years. Up to $9 million may be available per year; however, campaign specifics and budgets will be identified as needed and a portion of the work may be implemented on a task-order basis based on the outreach and education plan that will be developed by the selected proposer and approved by NYSERDA, the PSCand the DPS. More than one proposer may be recommended for funding based on experience, qualifications, and ability to provide the services identified in this RFP.

II. Program Description

A. Background

DPS staff works to ensure that New York State's utility customers have an awareness and understanding of the services and programs provided by the DPS, NYSERDA, the State's public utilities and competitive providers. Through this solicitation, outreach and education programs are to be expanded to encourage customer participation in an increasing array of new programs and address other energy –related issues emanating from the EEPS initiative. The statewide outreach and education program will target a wide range of market segments and requires a comprehensive implementation plan, including a strong community-based initiative, to reach such target audiences as rural and urban populations, low-income customers and the growing number of elderly and non-English speaking utility customers. The majority of the outreach and education program will focus on the EEPS initiative with the goal of motivating consumers to take specific actions to implement energy-efficiency measures as well as adopt energy efficient behaviors.

EEPS Initiative

In May 2007, the PSC established a new, statewide effort to realize significant energy reductions and contribute to achieving New York State's goal of reducing electricity usage by 15% of the projected levels for 2015. This effort was named the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard initiative and is one of the most aggressive energy efficiency programs in the nation. Benefits from implementation include: reduced need to build new generation, reduced uncertainty about fuel supply, a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, and lower energy bills for customers.

In June 2008, the PSC issued an order implementing an initial suite of expedited "Fast Track" EEPS programs and approving an increase in SBC collections to provide funding for a new statewide outreach and education program to support the EEPS initiative. The PSC stated the following in its Order:

> *The success of fast track and long-term programs hinges in large part on public awareness, understanding, and willingness to participate. A new statewide outreach and education program must be an integral part of a successful EEPS strategy. We look forward to a dynamic, multifaceted statewide effort that harmonizes the need for a consistent program identity, identifiable by all customers, with the opportunities for full and active participation by all interested parties*.

A comprehensive and effective outreach and education program is thus deemed critical to the success of the EEPS initiative. A well planned and executed effort will ensure that customers understand the benefits of energy efficiency and know how to participate in the numerous energy efficiency programs that will be offered across the State. The ultimate goal is to achieve the PSC's aggressive energy reduction targets, with significant participation by and contributions from all customer classes.

B. Program Characteristics

A successful outreach and education program raises consumer awareness of energy-related topics and motivates customers to take positive steps to reduce their energy consumption. The outreach and education program should increase participation in EEPS programs and motivate customer action on do-it-yourself measures. A successful program should also provide consistent, understandable, unbiased, and easily accessible information about the programs available to customers.

The campaign must involve development of communication strategies and educational materials geared to the diverse audiences in New York State, and should eliminate language, education and other barriers to awareness, understanding, and action among participants.

In addition to the Statewide outreach and education program, there will be outreach and education/marketing efforts supporting individual energy efficiency programs sponsored by other entities such as NYSERDA, the utilities, and other third-party providers. The statewide campaign should serve as a platform to integrate and support the outreach and education/marketing campaigns conducted by other parties offering energy efficiency services. Creating a framework that achieves this objective is a critically important part of the statewide program. Special efforts should be made to work with community-based organizations who, through their unique understanding of and interaction with the communities they serve, can effectively assist in raising awareness of energy efficiency and encourage consumer action.

The PSC's decision implementing the initial group of EEPS programs covers a three-year period. The outreach and education program should present at least a three-year plan which demonstrates how the program is initially established, subsequently sustained, and can be enhanced in succeeding years. The plan should include quantifiable measures of success for each year and a process for measuring and reporting the results.

C. Goals

The goals of the Statewide customer outreach and education program include the following:

Regarding the EEPS initiative –

- Convey the benefits of energy efficiency to all classes of utility customers;
- Create broad awareness and understanding of EEPS programs;
- Motivate end-user actions to either participate in EEPS programs or take recommended do-it-yourself energy efficiency measures;
- Ensure that consumers know how to get needed information on energy efficiency programs and services, and do-it-yourself measures; and
- Establish benchmarks for key measures such as awareness, understanding, attitudes, and participation rates, and track progress.

Regarding other energy and utility related issues and programs –

- Increase understanding of the PSC's role, responsibilities, policies and initiatives;
- Ensure consumer awareness and understanding of their rights and protections, and the options available to them to resolve complaints and obtain payment assistance;
- Enable consumers to make informed choices with respect to the services and programs provided by both regulated utilities, other state agencies and authorities, and competitive suppliers;
- Establish a two-way dialogue with consumers to obtain consumer input regarding awareness and understanding, attitudes and informational needs; and
- Increase consumer understanding of how to get additional information and provide comment on energy and utility related issues and programs.

D. Services to be Provided

NYSERDA is requesting proposals from firms that can plan and execute an integrated outreach and education strategy providing a full range of public outreach and education services. The successful proposer will develop an overarching Outreach and Education plan which will be submitted to the PSC for approval prior to implementation. Then, as part of the collaborative effort with DPS staff, the successful proposer may be expected to provide, among other things, the following services:

1. **Consumer Outreach and Education Strategies**
   Design and coordinate consumer outreach and education strategies**,** particularly as they relate to the EEPS initiative. Activities may include, but not be limited to:

a. Development of messages, i.e., themes, slogans, logos, graphics and communication tools and methods appropriate for widely diverse consumer groups in the State. Messages shall be in simple, non-technical language. Where applicable, messages may be delivered in large print format for elderly and vision-impaired consumers and may be translated by the proposer or subproposer into additional languages (primarily Spanish) for non-English speaking target audiences.

b. Development of a public relations plan designed to extend the reach of priority messages.

c. Development and distribution of collateral and support materials, including creative concepts (e.g., design, layout, copy writing, graphics) for attractive, plain language publications such as brochures, tip strips, posters and other printed materials.

d. Development of an integrated media strategy, including a mass media (television, radio, print, "out of home" [e.g. billboards, bus cards, subway platform posters], Internet) communications plan, including creative development, production and placement.

e. Development of an outreach event campaign, including identification of outreach opportunities such as grassroots outreach events and presentations (e.g., fairs and home shows), participation in special events, sponsorships/advertisements at arenas and sporting venues, community events, and newspaper supplements.

f. Development of exhibit and display materials (including maintenance, storage and transport), and educational materials branded with campaign messages, Web addresses and toll-free numbers.

g. Development of a tracking, monitoring and evaluation plan.

2. **Familiarity with Existing Campaigns**
Become familiar with previous and ongoing consumer education campaigns to fully understand the nature of the proposed work. Identify and review outreach and education/marketing campaigns, particularly as they relate to energy efficiency issues and programs, developed by the DPS, NYSERDA, State energy utilities, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Energy and other states. Special attention should be given to seasonality of some programs and their synergy with the requested consumer education services.

3. **Community-based Outreach and Education**
Local community-based organizations help consumers understand the benefits of energy efficiency by sharing and demonstrating these benefits close to home. Community-based organizations can help consumers take advantage of energy efficiency resources and programs.

Provide a detailed, Statewide Community-based Organization Outreach Plan that reflects regional differences including: identification of potential partner organizations (such as not-for-profits, community-based organizations, service organizations and local governments), opportunities for joint/coordinated outreach efforts, and development and implementation of outreach and education campaigns that will effectively incorporate these Centers of Influence. The preferred approach is one in which larger, intermediary community-based organizations are selected as subcontractors through competitive bidding. These organizations would be responsible for the selection, management and coordination of the grassroots programs of individual community-based organizations.

4. **Market Research**
Conduct market research and/or provide other services to gather consumer input necessary to develop and evaluate outreach and education programs.

5. **Coordination with DPS and NYSERDA**
   Explain how the proposer will ensure close coordination with DPS and NYSERDA for the duration of the contract including, at a minimum, the process for identifying and addressing emerging problems and attending meetings at the discretion of DPS staff and NYSERDA. Further, explain how the proposer will provide advice, counsel, and assistance to DPS staff and NYSERDA on matters pertaining to marketing and advertising including, but not limited to, direct marketing, marketing/advertising, policies, behavioral marketing, issues resolution, research, and annual plans to ensure DPS and NYSERDA benefit to the fullest extent possible from the proposer's specialized knowledge and experience.

6. **Project Plans**
   Provide:
   - Task description – e.g., copy design, layout of four-color, four-panel brochure
   - Identification of target audience
   - Schedule – include milestones such as first draft, revisions, anticipated completion and delivery
   - Budget – include breakdown of proposer costs (personal services, creative and production services, estimated travel, and expenses.)

III. Proposal Requirements

Proposals must be submitted in two parts. Part I must consist of responses to the management and qualification items. Part II must consist of contract cost and pricing information. Each Part must be complete so that it can be evaluated independently. Proposers must submit ten [10] copies of each Part to the attention of Roseanne Viscusi at the address on the front of this Request for Proposal. A completed and signed Proposal Checklist must be attached as the front cover of your proposal, one of which must contain an original signature. **Late proposals and proposals lacking the appropriate completed and signed Proposal Checklist will be returned.** Faxed or e-mailed copies will not be accepted.

Procurement Lobbying Requirements

Executive Order 127 and State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k – In compliance with Executive Order 127 and §139-j and §139-k of the State Finance Law, for proposals submitted in response to this solicitation that could result in agreements with an annual estimated value in excess of $15,000, an additional form (or forms) must be completed and filed with proposals: (1) a signed copy of the proposal checklist referenced in this solicitation **(mandatory)**, (2) a completed Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-Responsibility form **(mandatory)**, and (3) a Proposer's Designated Contact(s) form (if applicable). Procurement lobbying requirements contained in State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k became effective on January 1, 2006. (The text of the laws are available at http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutogs/regulations/advisoryCouncil/StatutoryReferences.html). NYSERDA has integrated the requirements of these laws into the Proposal Checklist and Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-Responsibility forms furnished with this solicitation. Additional information is available under the General Conditions below and at the New York State Office of General Services web site at http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html

Proposals should not be excessively long or submitted in an elaborate format that includes expensive binders or graphics. Unnecessary attachments beyond those sufficient to present a complete, comprehensive, and effective response will not influence the evaluation of the proposal. Each page of the proposal should state the name of the proposer, the RFP number, and the page number. The proposal must be in the following format:

A. Proposal Checklist

A completed and signed Proposal Checklist must be attached to the front of all ten (10) copies. At least one copy of the Proposal Checklist must contain an original signature. Be sure that the individual signing the checklist is authorized to commit the proposer's organization to the proposal as submitted. **Proposals lacking the appropriate completed and signed Proposal Checklist will be returned.**

B. Introduction

Briefly identify the proposer or proposing team (identify all subproposers), and summarize your capability to provide the requested services. Also discuss how a contract resulting from your proposal would provide economic development benefits to New York State. The Introduction should not exceed one page.

C. Qualifications and Project Staff

Prior to the proposal due date for this RFP, your company must be a going concern whose principals have a minimum of three (3) years experience providing the types of outreach and education services described in “services to be provided” section above.

Identify all project team member organizations (name, address, telephone number) and their qualifications to undertake the proposed work. Provide in an appendix a letter of commitment to participate from each subproposer, if applicable. Identify key personnel to be assigned to the project and their roles. Include in an appendix a resume for each of the key personnel. Address your overall staffing situation and your ability to assign staff or acquire subproposers as needed to support this RFP.

List 1-2 of the most recent relevant or related projects, including high level goals and results that have been undertaken and successfully completed by the project team members, and provide references with contact information for each of those projects. You may provide samples of outreach and education plans or materials produced for those projects as an attachment - however, please limit the material to a reasonable quantity for review purposes. If audio or video material is submitted, it must be restricted to samples of other relevant work, and must not exceed four minutes in length. Excessive quantities of material may not be reviewed. Be sure to attach the material to each of the 10 copies of the proposal to ensure all reviewers have the opportunity to review the material. Letters of reference may be provided in an appendix.

D. Outreach and Education Program

Propose a statewide customer outreach and education program that will address the issues, achieve the goals and objectives, and provide the services stated in this solicitation. Provide an overview of the goals, strategies, theme, messages, approaches, and timing. Identify synergies with other related campaigns and opportunities to collaborate with, or otherwise leverage, those campaigns to increase effectiveness.

The customer outreach and education program should address, but not be limited to, the following:

- An overall outreach and education strategy;
- A community-based organization strategy in which larger, intermediary community-based organizations are selected as subcontractors through competitive bidding;
- A media strategy, including plans for specific media markets such as New York City; Appropriate traditional and non-traditional vehicles for target segments;
- Web site and other Internet-based strategies;
- Identification and plan to target Key market segments and target audiences (low income, seniors, environmental justice communities, etc.);
- Key messages, including appropriate message for diverse audiences;
- Potential cooperative activities with other marketing and outreach efforts;
- Promotional and public relations activities; and

- A tracking, monitoring and evaluation plan.

E. Coordination with Other Programs and Messages

As described in Section IIB. “Program Characteristics,” it is likely that there will be outreach and education/marketing efforts supporting individual energy efficiency programs sponsored by other entities such as NYSERDA; gas and electric utilities; State, local, and NYC government agencies; community-based organizations; service organizations; not-for-profits; and other third-party providers. The Statewide campaign should serve as a platform from which the outreach and education/marketing campaigns conducted by other parties offering energy efficiency services can be supported and integrated to maximize the effectiveness of all parties’ efforts. Describe the plan for coordinating the Statewide program with the potential programs of other parties/entities so that programs are complementary. Include an explanation of how a consistent Statewide theme and identity can be made to work in coordination with other messages.

F. Evaluation Plan

Describe how you will capture, quantify, and evaluate impacts, such as awareness and understanding levels, consumer actions, changes in behavior, consumer attitudes regarding energy efficiency, electricity and environmental savings, or other measures for program success. Describe how the work will be tracked, monitored and reported. The Proposer shall be required to submit quarterly reports to NYSERDA and DPS for purposes of evaluation. Metrics provided in the quarterly reports shall include, but not be limited to:

- Media reach and frequency based on audience segments, including total number of customer impressions from all media and marketing campaigns, dollars paid by media type for ads, number of ads placed by type, etc.;
- Changes in awareness and understanding of energy-efficient products and services;
- Changes in consumer behavior and quantification of actions taken;
- Results of all marketing and outreach methods/activities including promotional and educational events and media, but not limited to print advertising, television and radio advertising, Internet-based applications, etc.; and
- Events and attendance.

G. Cost Proposal

Submit separately from the foregoing management and qualification materials, your cost proposal for performing the work using the attached "Project Personnel and Rates" form (Attachment C) as a template, for performing the work under Section IIC, “Goals and Services to be Provided”. Your cost proposal should clearly indicate the hourly rate range for each title or individual you propose to use, including subproposers. You must also include all overhead rates and multipliers. For each overhead rate or multiplier, provide the base on which the rate(s) would be applied (e.g., direct labor, materials, etc).

Attach supporting documentation to support indirect cost (overhead) rate(s) included in your proposal as follows:

1. Describe the basis for the rates proposed (i.e., based on prior period actual results; based on projections; based on federal government or other independently-approved rates).

2. If rate(s) is approved by an independent organization, such as the federal government, provide a copy of such approval.

3. If rate(s) is based on estimated costs or prior period actual results, include calculations to support proposed rate(s). Calculation should provide enough information for NYSERDA to evaluate and

confirm that the rate(s) are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for indirect costs.

NYSERDA reserves the right to audit any indirect rate presented in the proposal and to make adjustment for such difference. Requests for financial statements or other needed financial information may be made if deemed necessary.

For media placement services, cost proposals **must include** a proposed across-the-board mark-ups. Also include a detailed explanation of how service and agency fees are generated. Indicate whether you would also propose alternate billing arrangements such as a percentage, flat rate, hourly rate, etc. for developing media plans, evaluating ad-hoc media offers, placing buys, tracking and measuring results/reach and reporting successes. Explain your agency's billing procedures and how special media rates obtained benefit NYSERDA. Describe how NYSERDA will benefit from preferential, volume, or other pricing values achieved by the proposer as a result of a contract for services. Provide example billings to illustrate how proposer is compensated. The overall approach to Media Placement Services should clearly indicate that NYSERDA and DPS will receive the best cost available for these services.

The budget should NOT include costs to operate a hotline, if a hotline is proposed in the marketing strategy. Hotline costs will be addressed through a program currently managed by NYSERDA.

H. Appendices and Attachments

- Letters of commitment, if applicable, for all team members, funding partners, etc.
- Resumes of key personnel involved with the project
- Samples of relevant material

IV. Proposal Evaluation

Proposals meeting the submission requirements will be reviewed by a Technical Evaluation Panel consisting of NYSERDA and DPS staff and selected outside reviewers. A two-phase evaluation format may be used, with one or more proposers whose written proposals were favorably reviewed being invited to present their proposals at NYSERDA's facility in Albany, New York. Selection of the successful proposal or proposals will be made based upon the following criteria, which are not listed in terms of importance:

- The extent the proposer demonstrates an understanding of, and develops a proposal to address, the project requirements;
- Potential to provide economic development benefits in New York State;
- The quality of the proposer's approach as reflected by the responsiveness, thoroughness, and creativity of the outreach and education program and the potential for the approach to successfully achieve program goals;
- Proven experience in developing and implementing a comprehensive outreach and education program, particularly one that resulted in changes to consumer behavior;
- Knowledge and experience in performing outreach and education through a network of community-based organizations;
- Extent of statewide coverage of proposed outreach activities;
- Demonstration of previous relevant experience in developing similar type projects including coordination with government agencies, community-based organizations, not-for-profits and service organizations;
- Proposer's qualifications, knowledge, skills, expertise in the subject area, familiarity with markets in New York State, experience with behavioral marketing strategies, and ability to provide public education, administrative, technical and other expertise necessary to fulfill the needs of the solicitation;
- Proven experience in media buying across a wide range of vehicles;

- Responsiveness to requirements of the solicitation;
- Cost effectiveness; and
- Presentation, if applicable.

V. General Conditions

Proprietary Information - Careful consideration should be given before confidential information is submitted to NYSERDA as part of your proposal. Review should include whether it is critical for evaluating a proposal, and whether general, non-confidential information, may be adequate for review purposes. The NYS Freedom of Information Law, Public Officers law, Article 6, provides for public access to information NYSERDA possesses. Public Officers Law, Section 87(2)(d) provides for exceptions to disclosure for records or portions thereof that "are trade secrets or are submitted to an agency by a commercial enterprise or derived from information obtained from a commercial enterprise and which if disclosed would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the subject enterprise." Information submitted to NYSERDA that the proposer wishes to have treated as proprietary, and confidential trade secret information, should be identified and labeled "Confidential" or "Proprietary" on each page at the time of disclosure. This information should include a written request to except it from disclosure, including a written statement of the reasons why the information should be excepted. See Public Officers Law, Section 89(5) and the procedures set forth in 21 NYCRR Part 501 www.nyserda.org/nyserda.regulations.pdf. However, NYSERDA cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information submitted.

Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 - It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority- and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subproposers, and suppliers on its procurement Agreements.

Information on the availability of New York subproposers and suppliers is available from:

Empire State Development
Division For Small Business
30 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12245

A directory of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

Empire State Development
Minority and Women's Business Development Division
30 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12245

State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k - NYSERDA is required to comply with State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k. These provisions contain new procurement lobbying requirements which can be found at
http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutogs/regulations/advisoryCouncil/StatutoryReferences.html
The attached Proposal Checklist calls for a signature certifying that the proposer will comply with State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k and the Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-responsibility form includes a disclosure statement regarding whether the proposer has been found non-responsible under section 139-j of the State Finance Law within the previous four years.

Tax Law Section 5-a - NYSERDA is required to comply with the provisions of Tax Law Section 5-a, which requires Proposers, prior to entering an agreement with NYSERDA, to certify whether the proposer, its affiliates, its subproposers and the affiliates of its subproposers have registered with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The Department of Taxation and Finance has developed guidance and a certification form (ST-220) for Proposers which is available at www.nystax.gov/sbc/nys_proposers.htm. The completed Form ST-220

(which is available upon request or at http://www.nyserda.org/Funding/stdforms.asp), will be incorporated in the agreement between NYSERDA and the Proposer.

Contract Award - NYSERDA anticipates making one or more awards under this solicitation. It may award a contract based on initial applications without discussion, or following limited discussion or negotiations. Each proposal should be submitted using the most favorable cost and technical terms. NYSERDA may request additional data or material to support applications. NYSERDA will use the Sample Agreement to contract successful proposals. NYSERDA expects to notify proposers in approximately 10 -12 weeks from the proposal due date whether your proposal has been selected to receive an award.

Limitation - This solicitation does not commit NYSERDA to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in preparing a proposal, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. NYSERDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received, to negotiate with all qualified sources, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the solicitation when it is in NYSERDA's best interest.

Disclosure Requirement - The proposer shall disclose any indictment for any alleged felony, or any conviction for a felony within the past five years, under the laws of the United States or any state or territory of the United States, and shall describe circumstances for each. When a proposer is an association, partnership, corporation, or other organization, this disclosure requirement includes the organization and its officers, partners, and directors or members of any similarly governing body. If an indictment or conviction should come to the attention of NYSERDA after the award of a contract, NYSERDA may exercise its stop-work right pending further investigation, or terminate the agreement; the proposer may be subject to penalties for violation of any law which may apply in the particular circumstances. Proposers must also disclose if they have ever been debarred or suspended by any agency of the U.S. Government or the New York State Department of Labor.

VI. Attachments:

Attachment A - Proposal Checklist
Attachment B - Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-responsibility (mandatory)
Attachment C - Project Personnel and Rates (Contract Pricing Proposal Form)
Attachment D - Sample Agreement

NYSERDA

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Attachment A - RFP No. 1284 PROPOSAL CHECKLIST (MANDATORY)

Proposal Title		Due Date	
Primary Contact (Prime Contractor)		Title	
Company		Phone	Fax
		e-mail	
Address	City	State or Province	Zip
Secondary Contact		Title	
Company		Phone	Fax
		e-mail	
Address	City	State or Province	Zip

THE PRIME CONTRACTOR MUST SIGN THIS FORM BELOW and ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Do you accept all Terms & Conditions in the Sample Agreement? (if no, explain on separate pg) __ Yes __ No
(NYSERDA anticipates considering only specifically listed exceptions in negotiations.)

Have you been indicted/convicted for a felony within the past 5 years? (if yes, explain on separate pg) __ Yes __ No

Are you a Minority or Women-Owned Business Enterprise? __ Yes __ No

Does your proposal contain Minority or Women-Owned Business enterprises as subcontractors? __ Yes __ No

Are you submitting the required number of copies? (See proposal instructions.) __ Yes __ No

Is other public funding pending/awarded on this and/or very similar topic (prior and/or competing proposals)? __ Yes __ No
(if yes, explain on separate page)

ON WHAT PAGE IN YOUR PROPOSAL CAN THESE ITEMS BE FOUND?

Qualifications and Project Staff p.____ Outreach and Education Program p.____ Coordination with Other Programs and Messages p.____ Evaluation Plan p.____ Cost Proposal p.____	Indictment/Conviction of Felony (if applicable) NYSERDA Contracts Awarded (if applicable) Prior and/or Competing Proposals (if applicable) Exceptions to Terms & Conditions (if applicable) Completed and Signed Contract Pricing Proposal Form(s) Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-responsibility Form

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information, and all information submitted in connection with State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k, is complete, true, and accurate, and that the proposal requirements noted have been completed and are enclosed. I affirm that I understand and will comply with NYSERDA's procedures under §139-j(3) and §139-j(6)(b) of the State Finance Law. I understand that this proposal may be disqualified if the solicitation requirements are not met. I the undersigned am authorized to commit my organization to this proposal.

Signature	Name
Title	Organization
Phone	

NOTE: This completed form **MUST** be signed and attached to the front of all copies of your proposal.

(Attachment B)
Disclosure of Prior Findings of Non-responsibility Form

(Mandatory)

Name of Individual or Entity seeking to enter the procurement contract:		
Address:		
Date:		
Solicitation or Agreement Number: Name and Title of Person Submitting this Form:		
Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the Individual or Entity seeking to enter the Procurement Contract in the last four years? (Please indicate with an "X")		Yes
		No
Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to due to a violation of §139-j of the State Finance Law? (Please indicate with an "X")		Yes
		No
Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a Governmental Entity? (Please indicate with an "X")		Yes
		No
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility below.		
Government Agency or Authority:		
Date of Finding of Non-responsibility:		

Basis of Finding of Non-responsibility: (Add additional pages as necessary)

Has any Governmental Entity or other governmental agency terminated or withheld a Procurement Contract with the above-named Individual or Entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information? (Please indicate with an “X”)		Yes
		No

If you answered yes, please provide details below.
Government Agency or Authority:
Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract:
Basis of Termination or Withholding: (Add additional pages as necessary) Offerer certifies that all information provided to NYSERDA with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true, and accurate. By:_____ Date:_____ Signature Name:_____ Title:_____

Attachment C - Project Personnel and Rates

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Contract Pricing Proposal Form			Solicitation/Contract No.		Page
Contractor:			Name of Proposed Project:		
Address:					
Location (where work is to be performed):			NYSERDA funding:		
			Total Project Cost:		
Cost Element			Total Project Cost	Funding & Co-funding via NYSERDA	Cost-sharing & Other Co-funding
1. Direct Materials					
a. Purchased Parts					
b. Other					
Total Direct Materials					
2. Materials Overhead	Rate:				
3. Direct Labor (specify names/titles)	Hours	Rate/hr			
Total Direct Labor					
4. Labor Overhead	Rate %	$ Base			
Total Labor Overhead					
5. Outside Special Testing					
6. Equipment					
7. Travel					
8. Other Direct Costs					
9. Subcontractors/Consultants					
Total Subcontractors/Consultants					
10. General & Administrative Expense	Rate %	Element(s)			
11. Fee or Profit (If allowable) Rate:					
12. Total Estimated Project Cost					
This proposal reflects our best estimates as of this date, in accordance with the instructions to proposers.					
Typed Name and Title:		Signature:			Date:

Has any executive agency of the U.S. government performed any review of your records in connection with any prime contract or subcontract within the past twelve months? ____ Yes ____ No
If yes, identify:

Supporting Schedule - Contract Pricing Proposal Form

Element No.	Item Description	Amount

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF COST ESTIMATE

Your cost proposal may be the basis of contract negotiation; it should be specific and complete in every detail. Supporting schedules (as described in Section B) providing the basis for your estimates must be provided.

A. GENERAL

The schedule must be submitted on NYSERDA's Contract Pricing Proposal Form.

B. INSTRUCTIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SUPPORT DETAIL

(Title each supporting schedule and cross-reference it to the item number on the Contract Pricing Proposal Form)

1a. DIRECT MATERIALS - PURCHASED PARTS

Provide the following information for each proposed item with an estimated unit cost in excess of $15,000.

- Description of item
- Proposed vendor
- Quantity needed
- Unit cost
- Basis for cost (i.e., catalog, prior purchase, quote, etc.)
- Total cost
- Evidence of a competitive selection process in accordance with the requirements of the Subcontract Procedures section of the attached Sample Agreement.

1b. OTHER DIRECT MATERIALS

In accordance with the requirements of the Subcontract Procedures section of the attached Sample Agreement, for all items in excess of $5,000, provide whatever information would be necessary to understand what is being obtained, how it is being obtained, what it will cost and how the estimated cost was determined with justification for all items.

2. MATERIALS OVERHEAD (also applicable to other Indirect Rate categories: 4. LABOR OVERHEAD and 10. G&A EXPENSE)

- If Government-approved indirect rates are proposed, then supply a copy of an appropriate Government document verifying those rates.
- If Government-approved rates are not proposed, supply the following, unless previously provided, for the years comprising the proposed period of contract performance.
  - A description (chart or other) of the organization of the indirect cost center.
  - The budget of indirect costs, by account, for each proposed indirect expense rate.
  - The budget for the base, for each proposed rate, (direct labor dollars, hours, costs, etc.) itemized as to contract hours or costs, research and development hours of costs, and any other direct base effort.
  - Actual incurred rates for the prior three years, including actual base and pool amounts.

3. DIRECT LABOR

a. Commercial Enterprises

(1) Attach supporting schedules showing:
- Each category or type of labor being estimated
- Applicable labor rates per hour (straight-time)

(2) Explain the method used for computing the rates (i.e., actual of an individual, actual average of a category or other grouping, etc.) Also identify any proposed labor escalation and the bases for it.

b. Educational Institutions

Provide the following for each calendar year of the contract:

(1) For individuals not on an "actual hours worked" basis:
- individual's name
- annual salary and the period for which the salary is applicable (preferably in weeks)
- the proportionate time to be charged to this effort.

(2) For individuals who maintain time records as the basis for charging costs, supply the detail as requested in Instructions 3(a)(1)

4. LABOR OVERHEAD (Same as Instructions for 2. MATERIALS OVERHEAD)

5. OUTSIDE SPECIAL TESTING
   a. Describe the effort.
   b. Provide the units of time (hours, days, weeks), cost rates, and the vendor.
   c. In accordance with the requirements of the Subcontract Procedures section of the attached Sample Agreement, provide the basis for selection of the vendor. Identify M/WBE vendors contacted for quotes and if none, explain why. Explain and justify the basis for any non-competitive selection.

6. EQUIPMENT

   Capability to perform the work with existing facilities and equipment is assumed. It is NYSERDA's policy not to compensate for general purpose facilities or equipment. If some special purpose items are needed solely for this contract and are not available by other means (contractor assets, lease, etc.), then provide the following information for each item of required equipment.
   - vendor
   - model number
   - quantity
   - competitive selection process
   - unit cost and source of cost/price (i.e., quote, catalog, purchase history)
   - description of the use or application (NYSERDA dedicated, contract dedicated, other)

7. TRAVEL
   a. NYSERDA will accept as a direct charge only that travel required to perform the statement of work.
   b. Attach a schedule indicating the need for the proposed travel, the estimated number of person-trips required, destinations, mode and cost of transportation, and number of days subsistence per trip for each destination.
   c. Identify and support any other special transportation costs required in the performance of this project.

8. OTHER DIRECT COSTS
   a. Identify the type of cost (i.e. postage, telephone, publications, graphics, etc.)
   b. Provide cost details for the amounts estimated (hours or units, rates, etc.)
   c. If any internal service center rates are applied, provide details similar to that required in Instruction #B.
   d. For computer costs identify the make, model and type of computer, hours of service and appropriate rates, and whether the machine is company owned or leased.

9. SUBCONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS
   a. Explain the specific technical area in which such service is to be used and identify the contemplated consultants.
   b. State the number of days and the hours per day of such service estimated to be required and the consultant's quoted rate per day. Document when/where the consultant has received the proposed rate in performing similar services for others.

10. GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE (G&A) EXPENSE (Same as instructions for 2. MATERIALS OVERHEAD)

11. FEE OR PROFIT

    List the rate proposed for profit. No fee or profit is allowed under product development, demonstration or other certain cost-sharing projects.

Attachment D

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
AGREEMENT

1. Agreement Number:
2. Contractor:
3. Contact:
4. Award Date:
5. Project Period:
6. Federal ID:
7. Total Amount of Award:
8. Commitment Terms and Conditions

This Agreement consists of this form plus the following documents:

- Exhibit A, Statement of Work;
- Exhibit B, General Contract Provisions, Terms and Conditions;
- Exhibit C, Standard Terms and Conditions;
- Exhibit D, Prompt Payment Policy Statement;
- Exhibit E, Report Format and Style Guide; and
- Exhibit F, Rate Schedule.

9. ACCEPTANCE

By _____

Name _____

Title _____

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By _____
Jeffrey J. Pitkin
Treasurer

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 2006, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individuals(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the document.

_____
Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Article I

Definitions

Section 1.01. Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined below shall have, for all purposes of this Agreement, the respective meanings set forth below, the following definitions to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of any of the terms defined.

Agreement: The Agreement and Exhibits A, B, C, D and E hereto, all of which are made a part hereof as though herein set forth in full.

Budget: The Budget set forth in individual Task Orders consistent with the rates set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

Contract Administrator: NYSERDA's Director of Contract Management, Cheryl L. Earley, or such other person who may be designated, in writing, by NYSERDA.

Contract Data: Technical Data first produced in the performance of the contract, Technical Data which are specified to be delivered under the contract, or Technical Data actually delivered in connection with the contract.

Contractor: The Contractor identified in Item 2 of page one of the Agreement.

Effective Date: The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date appearing in Item 4 of page one of the Agreement.

Person: An individual, a corporation, an association or partnership, an organization, a business or a government or political subdivision thereof or any governmental agency or instrumentality.

Proprietary Data: Technical Data which embody trade secrets developed at private expense, such as design procedures or techniques, chemical composition of materials, or manufacturing methods, processes, or treatments, including minor modifications thereof, provided that such data:

(i) are not generally known or available from other sources without obligation concerning their confidentiality;

(ii) have not been made available by the owner to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; and

(iii) are not already available to NYSERDA without obligation concerning their confidentiality.

Statement of Work: The Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A, including Work defined in individual Task Orders.

Subcontract: An agreement for the performance of Work by a Subcontractor, including any purchase order for the procurement of permanent equipment or expendable supplies in connection with the Work.

Subcontractor: A person who performs Work directly or indirectly for or on behalf of the Contractor (and whether or not in privity of contract with the Contractor) but not including any employees of the Contractor or the Subcontractors.

Task Order: A written Task Order issued by NYSERDA pursuant to Exhibit A of this Agreement, specifically an approved work scope and budget.

Technical Data: Recorded information regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental or developmental, or demonstration, or engineering work, or be usable or used to define a design or process, or to procure, produce, support, maintain, or operate material. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media such as drawings or photographs, text in specifications or related performance or design type documents or computer software (including computer software programs, computer software data bases, and computer software documentation). Examples of Technical Data include research and engineering data, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identification, and related information. Technical Data as used herein does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and other information incidental to contract administration.

Work: The Work described in the Exhibit A and individual Task Orders (including the procurement of equipment and supplies in connection therewith), and the performance of all other requirements imposed upon the Contractor under this Agreement.

Unlimited Rights: Rights to use, duplicate, or disclose Contract Data, in whole or in part, in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever, and to permit others to do so.

Article II

Performance of Work

Section 2.01. Manner of Performance. Subject to the provisions of Article XII hereof, the Contractor shall perform all of the Work described in the Statement of Work, or cause such Work to be performed in an efficient and expeditious manner and in accordance with all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement. The Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with the current professional standards and with the diligence and skill expected for the performance of work of the type described in the Statement of Work. The Contractor

shall furnish such personnel and shall procure such materials, machinery, supplies, tools, equipment and other items as may reasonably be necessary or appropriate to perform the Work in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 2.02. Project Personnel. It is understood and agreed that the "Contact Person" identified in Item 3 of page one of the Agreement shall serve as Project Director and as such shall have the responsibility of the overall supervision and conduct of the Work on behalf of the Contractor and that the persons described in the Statement of Work shall serve in the capacities described therein. NYSERDA shall be notified in writing of any change of Project Director by the Contractor.

Article III

Deliverables

Section 3.01. Deliverables. All deliverables shall be provided in accordance with the Exhibit A Statement of Work.

Article IV

Payment

Section 4.01. Compensation. In consideration for this Agreement and as full compensation for the costs for the performance of all Work and in respect of all other direct and indirect costs, charges or expenses incurred in connection therewith, NYSERDA shall pay to the Contractor the actual cost incurred as set forth in individual Task Order Budgets up to a maximum amount set forth in Item 7 of page one of the Agreement subject to the provisions and restrictions contained herein. Such amount shall be paid only to the extent that costs are incurred by the Contractor in performance of the Work in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Budget and the following:

(a) Compensation. Compensation will be based on the Contractor's Rate Schedule for NYSERDA set forth in Exhibit E. Contractor fees for a Task Order assignment must be fully set forth in each Task Order budget and must be approved by NYSERDA. The Task Order budget must state a not-to-exceed cost cap or ceiling amount for each Task Order assignment. The Contractor shall not accrue billable costs beyond the not-to-exceed cost cap in the Task Order without approval in writing by NYSERDA.

Section 4.02. Progress Payments. The Contractor may submit invoices for progress payment no more than once each month or no less than once each calendar quarter for Work performed during such period. Invoices shall be addressed to NYSERDA, "Attention: Accounts Payable", and copies of the invoices shall also be submitted by the Contractor to the NYSERDA Project Manager and the DPS Project Manager. Such invoices shall make reference to the Agreement number shown in Item 1 of page one of the Agreement. Invoices shall set forth total project costs incurred. They shall be in a format consistent with the cost categories set forth in the Task Order Budget. Invoices shall provide reasonable documentation for the above to provide evidence of costs incurred.

The Contractor shall be notified by NYSERDA in accordance with Section 5.04.4 (b)(2) of NYSERDA's Prompt Payment Policy Statement, attached hereto as Exhibit D, of any such information or documentation which the Contractor did not include with such invoice.

In accordance with and subject to the provisions of such Exhibit D, NYSERDA shall pay to the Contractor, within the prescribed time after receipt of an invoice for a progress payment, the amount so requested, unless NYSERDA should determine that any such payment or any part thereof is otherwise not properly payable pursuant to the terms of the Agreement or the Budget.

Section 4.03. Title to Equipment. Title shall vest in NYSERDA to all equipment purchased hereunder.

Section 4.04. Final Payment. Upon final acceptance by NYSERDA of the Final Report and all other deliverables contained in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, pursuant to Section 6.02 hereof, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for final payment with respect to the Work, together with such supporting information and documentation as, and in such form as, NYSERDA may require. In accordance with and subject to the provisions of NYSERDA's Prompt Payment Policy Statement, attached hereto as Exhibit D, NYSERDA shall pay to the Contractor within the prescribed time after receipt of such invoice for final payment, the total amount payable pursuant to Section 4.01 hereof, less all progress payments previously made to the Contractor with respect thereto and subject to the maximum commitment set forth in Item 7 of page one of the Agreement.

Section 4.05. Release by the Contractor. The acceptance by the Contractor of final payment shall release NYSERDA from all claims and liability that the Contractor, its representatives and assigns might otherwise have relating to this Agreement.

Section 4.06. Maintenance of Records. The Contractor shall keep, maintain, and preserve at its principal office throughout the term of the Agreement and for a period of three years after acceptance of the Work, full and detailed books, accounts, and records pertaining to the performance of the Agreement, including without limitation, all bills, invoices, payrolls, subcontracting efforts and other data evidencing, or in any material way related to, the direct and indirect costs and expenses incurred by the Contractor in the course of such performance.

Section 4.07. Maximum Commitment. The maximum aggregate amount payable by NYSERDA to the Contractor hereunder is the amount shown in Item 7 of page one the Agreement. NYSERDA shall not be liable for any costs or expenses in excess of such amount incurred by the Contractor in the performance and completion of the Work.

Section 4.08. Audit Adjustment. Any payment made hereunder shall be subject to retroactive reduction for amounts included therein which are found by NYSERDA on the basis of any audit of the Contractor by an agency of the United States, State of New York or NYSERDA not to constitute an allowable charge or cost hereunder.

Article V

Assignments, Subcontracts and Purchase Orders

Section 5.01. General Restrictions. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this Article, the assignment, transfer, conveyance, subcontracting or other disposal of this Agreement or any of the Contractor's rights, obligations, interests or responsibilities hereunder, in whole or in part, without the express consent in writing of NYSERDA shall be void and of no effect as to NYSERDA.

Section 5.02. Subcontract Procedures. Without relieving it of, or in any way limiting, its obligations to NYSERDA under this Agreement, the Contractor may enter into Subcontracts for the performance of Work or for the purchase of materials or equipment. Except for a subcontractor or supplier specified in a team arrangement with the Contractor in the Contractor's original proposal, and except for any subcontract or order for equipment, supplies or materials from a single subcontractor or supplier totaling under $15,000, the Contractor shall select all subcontractors or suppliers through a process of competitive bidding or multi-source price review. A team arrangement is one where a subcontractor or supplier specified in the Contractor's proposal is performing a substantial portion of the Work and is making a substantial contribution to the management and/or design of the Project. In the event that a competitive bidding or multi-source price review is not feasible, the Contractor shall document an explanation for, and justification of, a sole source selection. The Contractor shall document the process by which a subcontractor or supplier is selected by making a record summarizing the nature and scope of the work, equipment, supplies or materials sought, the name of each person or organization submitting, or requested to submit, a bid or proposal, the price or fee bid, and the basis for selection of the subcontractor or supplier. An explanation for, and justification of, a sole source selection must identify why the work, equipment, supplies or materials involved are obtainable from or require a subcontractor with unique or exceptionally scarce qualifications or experience, specialized equipment, or facilities not readily available from other sources, or patents, copyrights, or proprietary data. All Subcontracts shall contain provisions comparable to those set forth in this Agreement applicable to a subcontractor or supplier, and those set forth in Exhibit B to the extent required by law, and all other provisions now or hereafter required by law to be contained therein.

Section 5.03. Performance. The Contractor shall promptly and diligently comply with its obligations under each Subcontract and shall take no action which would impair its rights thereunder. The Contractor shall not assign, cancel or terminate any Subcontract without prior written notification to the Contract Administrator as long as this Agreement remains in effect.

Article VI

Schedule

Section 6.01. Schedule. The Work shall be performed as expeditiously as possible in conformity with the schedule requirements contained herein and in Exhibit A, Statement of Work.

Section 6.02. Acceptance of Work. The completion of the Work shall be subject to acceptance by NYSERDA in writing of all deliverables as defined in Exhibit A, Statement of Work.

Article VII

Force Majeure

Section 7.01. Force Majeure. Neither party hereto shall be liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its respective obligations hereunder if and to the extent that such delay or failure is due to a cause or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of such party, including, without limitation, acts of God or the public enemy, expropriation or confiscation of land or facilities, compliance with any law, order or request of any Federal, State, municipal or local governmental authority, acts of war, rebellion or sabotage or damage resulting therefrom, fires, floods, storms, explosions, accidents, riots, strikes, or the delay or failure to perform by any Subcontractor by reason of any cause or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of such Subcontractor.

Article VIII

Technical Data

Section 8.01. Rights in Technical Data

(a) Technical Data: Rights in Technical Data shall be allocated as follows:

(1) NYSERDA shall have:

(i) Unlimited Rights in Contract Data except as otherwise provided below with respect to Proprietary Data; and

(ii) no rights under this Agreement in any Technical Data which are not Contract Data.

(2) The Contractor shall have:

(i) the right to withhold Proprietary Data in accordance with the provisions of this clause; and

(ii) the right to use for its private purposes subject to patent, or other provisions of this Agreement, Contract Data it first produces in the performance of this Agreement provided the data requirements of this Agreement have been met as of the date of the private use of such data.

The Contractor agrees that to the extent it receives or is given access to Proprietary Data or other technical, business or financial data in the form of recorded information from NYSERDA or a NYSERDA contractor or subcontractor, the Contractor shall treat such data in accordance with any restrictive legend contained thereon, unless another use is specifically authorized by prior written approval of the Contract Administrator.

Article IX

Warranties and Guarantees

Section 9.01. Warranties and Guarantees. The Contractor warrants and guarantees that:

(a) it is financially and technically qualified to perform the Work;

(b) it is familiar with and will comply with all general and special Federal, State, municipal and local laws, ordinances and regulations, if any that may in any way affect the performance of this Agreement;

(c) the design, supervision and workmanship furnished with respect to performance of the Work shall be in accordance with sound and currently accepted construction and design standards and best engineering practices;

(d) all materials, equipment and workmanship furnished by it and by Subcontractors in performance of the Work or any portion thereof shall be free of defects in design, material and workmanship, and all such materials and equipment shall be of first-class quality, shall conform with all applicable codes, specifications, standards and ordinances and shall have service lives and maintenance characteristics suitable for their intended purposes in accordance with sound and currently accepted construction and design standards and best engineering practices;

(e) neither the Contractor nor any of its employees, agents, representatives or servants has actual knowledge of any patent issued under the laws of the United States or any other matter which could constitute a basis for any claim that the performance of the Work or any part thereof infringes any patent or otherwise interferes with any other right of any Person;

(f) there are no existing undisclosed or threatened legal actions, claims, or encumbrances, or liabilities that may adversely affect the Work or the NYSERDA's rights hereunder;

(g) it has no actual knowledge that any information or document or statement furnished by the Contractor in connection with this Agreement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statement not misleading, and that all facts have been disclosed that would materially adversely affect the Work; and

(h) Contractor certifies that all information provided to NYSERDA with respect to State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k is complete, true and accurate.

Article X

Indemnification

Section 10.01. Indemnification. The Contractor shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless NYSERDA and the State of New York from and against all liabilities, losses, claims, damages, judgments, penalties, causes of action, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expenses) imposed upon or incurred by or asserted against NYSERDA or the State of New York resulting from, arising out of or relating to the performance of this Agreement. The obligations of the Contractor under this Article shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement, and shall not be limited by any enumeration herein of required insurance coverage.

Article XI

Insurance

Section 11.01. Maintenance of Insurance; Policy Provisions. The Contractor, at no additional cost to NYSERDA, shall maintain or cause to be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts specified in the Section hereof entitled Types of Insurance. All such insurance shall be evidenced by insurance policies, each of which shall:

(a) name or be endorsed to cover NYSERDA, the State of New York and the Contractor as additional insureds;

(b) provide that such policy may not be cancelled or modified until at least 30 days after receipt by NYSERDA of written notice thereof; and

(c) be reasonably satisfactory to NYSERDA in all other respects.

Section 11.02. Types of Insurance. The types and amounts of insurance required to be maintained under this Article are as follows:

(a) Commercial general liability insurance for bodily injury liability, including death, and property damage liability, incurred in connection with the performance of this Agreement, with minimum limits of $1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury or sickness or death of any one person, $1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury, sickness or death in any one accident or disaster, and $1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of property damage in any one accident or disaster; and

(b) Commercial automobile liability insurance in respect of motor vehicles owned, licensed or hired by the Contractor and the Subcontractors for bodily injury liability, including death and property damage, incurred in connection with the performance of this Agreement, with minimum limits of $500,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury, or sickness or death of any one person, $1,000,000 in respect of claims arising out of personal injury, sickness or death in any one accident or disaster, and $500,000 in respect of claims arising out of property damage in any one accident or disaster.

Section 11.03. Delivery of Policies; Insurance Certificates. Prior to commencing the Work, the Contractor shall deliver to NYSERDA certificates of insurance issued by the respective insurers, indicating the Agreement number thereon, evidencing the insurance required by this Article and bearing notations evidencing the payment of the premiums thereon or accompanied by other evidence of such payment satisfactory to NYSERDA. In the event any policy furnished or carried pursuant to this Article will expire on a date prior to acceptance of the Work by NYSERDA pursuant to the section hereof entitled Acceptance of Work, the Contractor, not less than 15 days prior to such expiration date, shall deliver to NYSERDA certificates of insurance evidencing the renewal of such policies, and the Contractor shall promptly pay all premiums thereon due. In the event of threatened legal action, claims, encumbrances, or liabilities that may affect NYSERDA hereunder, or if deemed necessary by NYSERDA due to events rendering a review necessary, upon request the Contractor shall deliver to NYSERDA a certified copy of each policy.

Article XII

Stop Work Order; Termination

Section 12.01. Stop Work Order.

(a) NYSERDA may at any time, by written Order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part of, the Work called for by this Agreement for a period of up to 90 days after the Stop Work Order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. Any such order shall be specifically identified as a Stop Work Order issued pursuant to this Section. Upon receipt of such an Order, the Contractor shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage consistent with public health and safety. Within a period of 90 days after a Stop Work Order is delivered to the Contractor, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, NYSERDA shall either:

(i) by written notice to the Contractor, cancel the Stop Work Order, which shall be effective as provided in such cancellation notice, or if not specified therein, upon receipt by the Contractor, or

(ii) terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination Section of this Agreement.

(b) If a Stop Work Order issued under this Section is cancelled or the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the Contractor shall resume Work. An equitable adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule, the estimated cost, the fee, if any, or a combination thereof, and in any other provisions of the Agreement that may be affected, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

(i) the Stop Work Order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the Contractor's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement, and

(ii) the Contractor asserts a claim for such adjustments within 30 days after the end of the period of Work stoppage; provided that, if NYSERDA decides the facts justify such action, NYSERDA may receive and act upon any such claim asserted at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

(c) If a Stop Work Order is not cancelled and the Work covered by such order is terminated, the reasonable costs resulting from the Stop Work Order shall be allowed by equitable adjustment or otherwise.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 12.01, the maximum amount payable by NYSERDA to the Contractor pursuant to this Section 12.01 shall not be increased or deemed to be increased except by specific written amendment hereto.

Section 12.02. Termination.

(a) This Agreement may be terminated by NYSERDA at any time during the term of this Agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days prior written notice to the Contractor. In such event, compensation shall be paid to the Contractor for Work performed and expenses incurred prior to the effective date of termination in accordance with the provisions of the Article hereof entitled Payment and in reimbursement of any amounts required to be paid by the Contractor pursuant to Subcontracts; provided, however, that upon receipt of any such notice of termination, the Contractor shall cease the performance of Work, shall make no further commitments with respect thereto and shall reduce insofar as possible the amount of outstanding commitments (including, to the extent requested by NYSERDA, through termination of subcontracts containing provisions therefor).

(b) NYSERDA reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, NYSERDA may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor as set forth in Article XV of this Agreement.

(c) NYSERDA reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Tax Law Section 5-a, was intentionally false when made. Upon such finding, NYSERDA may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor as set forth in Article XV of this Agreement.

Article XIII

Independent Contractor

Section 13.01. Independent Contractor. The status of the Contractor under this Agreement shall be that of an independent contractor and not that of an agent, and in accordance with such status, the Contractor, the Subcontractors, and their respective officers, agents, employees, representatives and servants shall at all times during the term of this Agreement conduct themselves in a manner consistent with such status and by reason of this Agreement shall neither hold themselves out as, nor claim to be acting in the capacity of, officers, employees, agents, representatives or servants of NYSERDA nor make any claim, demand or application for any right or privilege applicable to NYSERDA, including, without limitation, rights or privileges derived from workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage and retirement membership or credit.

Article XIV

Compliance with Certain Laws

Section 14.01. Laws of the State of New York. The Contractor shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in Exhibit C hereto.

Section 14.02. All Legal Provisions Deemed Included. It is the intent and understanding of the Contractor and NYSERDA that each and every provision of law required by the laws of the State of New York to be contained in this Agreement shall be contained herein, and if, through mistake, oversight or otherwise, any

such provision is not contained herein, or is not contained herein in correct form, this Agreement shall, upon the application of either NYSERDA or the Contractor, promptly be amended so as to comply strictly with the laws of the State of New York with respect to the inclusion in this Agreement of all such provisions.

Section 14.03 Other Legal Requirements. The references to particular laws of the State of New York in this Article, in Exhibit C and elsewhere in this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive and nothing contained in such Article, Exhibit and Agreement shall be deemed to modify the obligations of the Contractor to comply with all legal requirements.

Article XV

Publicity, Notices, Entire Agreement, Amendment

Section 15.01. Publicity.

(a) The Contractor shall collaborate with NYSERDA's Director of Technical Communications to prepare any press release and to plan for any news conference concerning the Work. In addition the Contractor shall notify NYSERDA's Director of Technical Communications regarding any media interview in which the Work is referred to or discussed.

(b) The Contractor shall not use NYSERDA's corporate name, logo, identity, any affiliation, or the service mark **New York Energy $mart℠**, and any related logo, without NYSERDA's prior written consent.

Section 15.02. Notices. All notices, requests, consents, approvals and other communications which may or are required to be given by either party to the other under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given for all purposes hereunder when delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, (I) if to NYSERDA, at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399 or at such other address as NYSERDA shall have furnished to the Contractor in writing, and (ii) if to the Contractor, at _____, or such other address as the Contractor shall have furnished to NYSERDA in writing.

Section 15.03. Entire Agreement; Amendment. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding between NYSERDA and the Contractor and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, this Agreement may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated only by an instrument in writing, signed by the party against which enforcement of such change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought.

EXHIBIT B

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STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL NYSERDA AGREEMENTS

(Based on Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts and Tax Law Section 5-a)

The parties to the attached agreement, contract, license, lease, amendment, modification or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the Agreement" or "this Agreement") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the Agreement (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than NYSERDA, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. In accordance with Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is an Agreement for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this Agreement shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement. If this is a building service Agreement as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of $50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this Agreement and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second subsequent violation.

2. WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work Agreement covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service Agreement covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law.

3. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT. In accordance with Section 2878 of the Public Authorities Law, if this Agreement was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor warrants, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further warrants that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to NYSERDA a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

4. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. If this Agreement exceeds $5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the Agreement, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the Federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the Agreement's execution, such Agreement, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify NYSERDA within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal. (See and compare Section 220-f of the Labor Law, Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, and 2 NYCRR 105.4).

5. SET-OFF RIGHTS. NYSERDA shall have all of its common law and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, NYSERDA's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this Agreement up to any amounts due and owing to NYSERDA with regard to this Agreement, any other Agreement, including any Agreement for a term commencing prior to the term of this Agreement, plus any amounts due and owing to NYSERDA for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto.

6. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Agreement (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Exhibit B, the terms of this Exhibit B shall control.

7. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

8. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily required) without the NYSERDA's written consent, but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

9. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law and Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon NYSERDA's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify NYSERDA, in writing, of each and every change of address to

which service of process can be made. Service by NYSERDA to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

10. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. If subsequent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, NYSERDA comes to know of any allegation previously unknown to it that the Contractor or any of its principals is under indictment for a felony, or has been, within five (5) years prior to submission of the Contractor's proposal to NYSERDA, convicted of a felony, under the laws of the United States or Territory of the United States, then NYSERDA may exercise its stop work right under this Agreement. If subsequent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, NYSERDA comes to know of the fact, previously unknown to it, that Contractor or any of its principals is under such indictment or has been so convicted, then NYSERDA may exercise its right to terminate this Agreement. If the Contractor knowingly withheld information about such an indictment or conviction, NYSERDA may declare the Agreement null and void and may seek legal remedies against the Contractor and its principals. The Contractor or its principals may also be subject to penalties for any violation of law which may apply in the particular circumstances. For a Contractor which is an association, partnership, corporation, or other organization, the provisions of this paragraph apply to any such indictment or conviction of the organization itself or any of its officers, partners, or directors or members of any similar governing body, as applicable.

11. PERMITS. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to acquire and maintain, at its own cost, any and all permits, licenses, easements, waivers and permissions of every nature necessary to perform the work.

12. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this Agreement will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law Section 165 (Use of Tropical Hardwoods), which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted by NYSERDA.

13. COMPLIANCE WITH TAX LAW SECTION 5-a. The following provisions apply to Contractors that have entered into agreements in an amount exceeding $100,000 for the purchase of goods and services:

1. Before such agreement can take effect, the Contractor must have on file with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance a Contractor Certification form (ST-220-TD).

2. Prior to entering into such an agreement, the Contractor is required to provide NYSERDA with a completed Contractor Certification to Covered Agency form (Form ST-220-CA).

3. Prior to any renewal period (if applicable) under the agreement, the Contractor is required to provide NYSERDA with a completed Form ST-220-CA.

4. Certifications referenced in paragraphs (b) and (c) above will be maintained by NYSERDA and made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference.

5. NYSERDA reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with Tax Law Section 5-a was false when made.

EXHIBIT D

PART 504

PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Section 504.1 Purpose and applicability. (a) The purpose of this Part is to implement section 2880 of the Public Authorities Law by detailing the authority's policy for making payment promptly on amounts properly due and owing by the authority under contracts. This Part constitutes the authority's prompt payment policy statement as required by that section.

(b) This Part generally applies to payments due and owing by the authority to a person or business in the private sector under a contract it has entered into with the authority on or after May 1, 1988. This Part does not apply to payments due and owing:

(1) under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law;

(2) as interest allowed on judgments rendered by a court pursuant to any provision of law except Section 2880 of the Public Authorities Law;

(3) to the Federal government; to any state agency or its instrumentalities; to any duly constituted unit of local government, including but not limited to counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, special districts or any of their related instrumentalities; to any other public authority or public benefit corporation; or to its employees when acting in, or incidental to, their public employment capacity;

(4) if the Authority is exercising a legally authorized set-off against all or part of the payment; or

(5) if other State or Federal law or rule or regulation specifically requires otherwise.

Section 504.2 Definitions. As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

(a) "Authority" means the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

(b) "Contract" means an enforceable agreement entered into between the Authority and a contractor.

(c) "Contractor" means any person, partnership, private corporation, or association:

(1) selling materials, equipment or supplies or leasing property or equipment to the Authority pursuant to a contract;

(2) constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating or repairing buildings, highways or other improvements for, or on behalf of, the Authority pursuant to a contract; or

(3) rendering or providing services to the Authority pursuant to a contract.

(d) "Date of payment" means the date on which the Authority requisitions a check from its statutory fiscal agent, the Department of Taxation and Finance, to make a payment.

(e) "Designated payment office" means the Office of the Authority's Controller, located at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

(f) "Payment" means provision by the Authority of funds in an amount sufficient

to satisfy a debt properly due and owing to a contractor and payable under all applicable provisions of a contract to which this Part applies and of law, including but not limited to provisions for retained amounts or provisions which may limit the Authority's power to pay, such as claims, liens, attachments or judgments against the contractor which have not been properly discharged, waived or released.

(g) "Prompt payment" means a payment within the time periods applicable pursuant to Sections 504.3 through 504.5 of this Part in order for the Authority not to be liable for interest pursuant to Section 504.6.

(h) "Payment due date" means the date by which the date of payment must occur, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 504.3 through 504.5 of this Part, in order for the Authority not to be liable for interest pursuant to Section 5.06.

(i) "Proper invoice" means a written request for a contract payment that is submitted by a contractor setting forth the description, price or cost, and quantity of goods, property or services delivered or rendered, in such form, and supported by such other substantiating documentation, as the Authority may reasonably require, including but not limited to any requirements set forth in the contract; and addressed to the Authority's Controller, marked "Attention: Accounts Payable," at the designated payment office.

(j)(1) "Receipt of an invoice" means:

(i) if the payment is one for which an invoice is required, the later of:

(a) the date on which a proper invoice is actually received in the designated payment office during normal business hours; or

(b) the date by which, during normal business hours, the Authority has actually received all the purchased goods, property or services covered by a proper invoice previously

received in the designated payment office.

(ii) if a contract provides that a payment will be made on a specific date or at a predetermined interval, without having to submit a written invoice the 30th calendar day, excluding legal holidays, before the date so specified or predetermined.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, if the contract requires a multifaceted, completed or working system, or delivery of no less than a specified quantity of goods, property or services and only a portion of such systems or less than the required goods, property or services are working, completed or delivered, even though the Contractor has invoiced the Authority for the portion working, completed or delivered, the Authority will not be in receipt of an invoice until the specified minimum amount of the systems, goods, property or services are working, completed or delivered.

(k) "Set-off" means the reduction by the Authority of a payment due a contractor by an amount equal to the amount of an unpaid legally enforceable debt owed by the contractor to the Authority.

Section 504.3 Prompt payment schedule. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation or in Sections 504.4 and 504.5 of this Part, the date of payment by the Authority of an amount properly due and owing under a contract shall be no later than 30 calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after such receipt.

Section 504.4 Payment procedures. (a) Unless otherwise specified by a contract provision, a proper invoice submitted by the contractor to the designated payment office shall be required to initiate payment for goods, property or services. As soon as any invoice is received in the designated payment office during normal business hours, such invoice shall be date-stamped. The invoice shall then promptly be reviewed by the Authority.

(b) The Authority shall notify the contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of an invoice of:

(1) any defects in the delivered goods, property or services;

(2) any defects in the invoice; and

(3) suspected improprieties of any kind.

(c) The existence of any defects or suspected improprieties shall prevent the commencement of the time period specified in Section 504.3 until any such defects or improprieties are corrected or otherwise resolved.

(d) If the Authority fails to notify a contractor of a defect or impropriety within the fifteen calendar day period specified in subdivision (b) of this section, the sole effect shall be that the number of days allowed for payment shall be reduced by the number of days between the 15th day and the day that notification was transmitted to the contractor. If the Authority fails to provide reasonable grounds for its contention that a defect or impropriety exists, the sole effect shall be that the payment due date shall be calculated using the original date of receipt of an invoice.

(e) In the absence of any defect or suspected impropriety, or upon satisfactory correction or resolution of a defect or suspected impropriety, the Authority shall make payment, consistent with any such correction or resolution and the provisions of this Part.

Section 504.5 Exceptions and extension of payment due date. The Authority has determined that, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 504.3 and 504.4 of this Part, any of the following facts or circumstances, which may occur concurrently or consecutively, reasonably justify extension of the payment due date:

(a) If the case of a payment which a contract provides will be made on a specific date or at a predetermined interval, without having to submit a written invoice, if any documentation, supporting data, performance verification, or notice specifically required by the contract or other State or Federal mandate has not been submitted to the Authority on a timely

basis, then the payment due date shall be extended by the number of calendar days from the date by which all such matter was to be submitted to the Authority and the date when the Authority has actually received such matter.

(b) If an inspection or testing period, performance verification, audit or other review or documentation independent of the contractor is specifically required by the contract or by other State or Federal mandate, whether to be performed by or on behalf of the Authority or another entity, or is specifically permitted by the contract or by other State or Federal provision and the Authority or other entity with the right to do so elects to have such activity or documentation undertaken, then the payment due date shall be extended by the number of calendar days from the date of receipt of an invoice to the date when any such activity or documentation has been completed, the Authority has actually received the results of such activity or documentation conducted by another entity, and any deficiencies identified or issues raised as a result of such activity or documentation have been corrected or otherwise resolved.

(c) If an invoice must be examined by a State or Federal agency, or by another party contributing to the funding of the contract, prior to payment, then the payment due date shall be extended by the number of calendar days from the date of receipt of an invoice to the date when the State or Federal agency, or other contributing party to the contract, has completed the inspection, advised the Authority of the results of the inspection, and any deficiencies identified or issues raised as a result of such inspection have been corrected or otherwise resolved.

(d) If appropriated funds from which payment is to be made have

not yet been appropriated or, if appropriated, not yet been made available to the Authority, then the payment due date shall be extended by the number of calendar days from the date of receipt of an invoice to the date when such funds are made available to the Authority.

Section 504.6 Interest eligibility and computation. If the Authority fails to make prompt payment, the Authority shall pay interest to a contractor on the payment when such interest computed as provided herein is equal to or more than ten dollars. Interest shall be computed and accrue at the daily rate in effect on the date of payment, as set by the New York State Tax Commission for corporate taxes pursuant to Section 1096(e)(1) of the Tax Law. Interest on such a payment shall be computed for the period beginning on the day after the payment due date and ending on the date of payment.

Section 504.7 Sources of funds to pay interest. Any interest payable by the Authority pursuant to this Part shall be paid only from the same accounts, funds, or appropriations that are lawfully available to make the related contract payment.

Section 504.8 Incorporation of prompt payment policy statement into contracts. The provisions of this Part in effect at the time of the creation of a contract shall be incorporated into and made a part of such contract and shall apply to all payments as they become due and owing pursuant to the terms and conditions of such contract, notwithstanding that the Authority may subsequently amend this Part by further rulemaking.

Section 504.9 Notice of objection. Unless a different procedure is specifically prescribed in a contract, a contractor may object to any action taken by the Authority pursuant to this Part which prevents the commencement of the time in which interest will be paid by submitting a written notice of objection to the Authority. Such notice shall be signed and dated and concisely and clearly set forth the basis for the objection and be addressed to the Vice President, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, at the address set forth in Section 504.2(e). The Vice President of the Authority, or his or her designee, shall review the objection for purposes of affirming or modifying the Authority's action. Within 15 working days of the receipt of the objection, the Vice President, or his or her designee, shall notify the contractor either that the Authority's action is affirmed or that it is modified or that, due to the

complexity of the issue, additional time is needed to conduct the review; provided, however, in no event shall the extended review period exceed 30 working days.

Section 504.10 Judicial Review. Any determination made by the Authority pursuant to this Part which prevents the commencement of the time in which interest will be paid is subject to judicial review in a proceeding pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Such proceedings shall only be commenced upon completion of the review procedure specified in Section 504.9 of this Part or any other review procedure that may be specified in the contract or by other law, rule, or regulation.

Section 504.11 Court action or other legal processes. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the liability of the Authority to make an interest payment to a contractor pursuant to this Part shall not extend beyond the date of a notice of intention to file a claim, the date of a notice of a claim, or the date commencing a legal action for the payment of such interest, whichever occurs first.

(b) With respect to the court action or other legal processes referred to in subdivision (a) of this section, any interest obligation incurred by the Authority after the date specified therein pursuant to any provision of law other than Public Authorities Law Section 2880 shall be determined as prescribed by such separate provision of law, shall be paid as directed by the court, and shall be paid from any source of funds available for that purpose.

Section 504.12 Amendments. These regulations may be amended by resolution of the Authority, provided that the Chair, upon written notice to the other Members of the Authority, may from time to time promulgate nonmaterial amendments of these regulations.

EXHIBIT E

REPORT FORMAT AND STYLE GUIDE

PURPOSE

This document explains how to prepare a technical report for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). It describes editorial and production procedures and gives electronic data-transfer information. NYSERDA's contractors prepare the reports describing NYSERDA research and development projects that NYSERDA publishes. Please direct questions about format and style to Diane Welch of NYSERDA's Technical Communications unit: (518) 862-1090, ext. 3276; fax (518) 862-1091; e-mail dlw@nyserda.org

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REPORT FORMAT AND SEQUENCE

The following items are required in all technical reports and should be paginated in the following sequence:

- Title page (no page number)
- Notice (no page number)
- Abstract (iii)
- Acknowledgments (optional) (iv)
- Table of Contents, including listings of figures and tables (v or vii)
- Summary (S-1)

NOTE: the Abstract, Table of Contents, and each section begin on right-hand, odd-numbered pages.

Title Page

- The following information is required (see sample on last page):
  - Report title and type of report (i.e., final, interim, or summary)
  - Name of NYSERDA project manager(s)
  - Corporate name, city, and state of contractor(s), including contact person(s) or project manager(s)
  - Project cosponsors, including contact person(s) or project manager(s)
  - Contract number (e.g., 3178-ERTER-MW-94)

Notices

One of these legal notices or disclaimers is required:

- When NYSERDA is the project's sole sponsor, this notice must be used:

NOTICE

This report was prepared by _____ in the course of performing work contracted for and sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (hereafter "NYSERDA"). The opinions expressed in this report do not necessarily reflect those of NYSERDA or the State of New York, and reference to any specific product, service, process, or method does not constitute an implied or expressed recommendation or endorsement of it. Further, NYSERDA, the State of New York, and the contractor make no warranties or representations, expressed or implied, as to the fitness for particular purpose or merchantability of any product, apparatus, or service, or the usefulness, completeness, or accuracy of any processes, methods, or other information contained, described, disclosed, or referred to in this report. NYSERDA, the State of New York, and the contractor make no representation that the use of any product, apparatus, process, method, or other information will not infringe privately owned rights and will assume no liability for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from, or occurring in connection with, the use of information contained, described, disclosed, or referred to in this report.

- When there are other project cosponsors, use the following notice instead:

NOTICE

This report was prepared by _____ in the course of performing work contracted for and sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the _____ (hereafter the "Sponsors"). The opinions expressed in this report do not necessarily reflect those of the Sponsors or the State of New York, and reference to any specific product, service, process, or method does not constitute an implied or expressed recommendation or endorsement of it. Further, the Sponsors and the State of New York make no warranties or representations, expressed or implied, as to the fitness for particular purpose or merchantability of any product, apparatus, or service, or the usefulness, completeness, or accuracy of any processes, methods, or other information contained, described, disclosed, or referred to in this report. The Sponsors, the State of New York, and the contractor make no representation that the use of any product, apparatus, process, method, or other information will not infringe privately owned rights and will assume no liability for any loss, injury, or damage resulting from, or occurring in connection with, the use of information contained, described, disclosed, or referred to in this report.

Abstract and Key Words — right-hand, odd-numbered page [iii]

An abstract is a brief, 200-word description of project objectives, investigative methods used, and research conclusions or applications. This information will be used when NYSERDA registers the report with the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). A list of key words that describe the project and identify the major research concept should be submitted with the report. Four to six precise descriptors are generally sufficient and will be used for indexing, registering, and distributing the report through NTIS.

Acknowledgments (optional) — left-hand, even-numbered page [iv]

Acknowledgments precede the contents and should be no longer than two paragraphs.

Table of Contents and Lists of Figures and Tables — begin on odd-numbered, right-hand pages [v. vii, ix, etc.]]

The Table of Contents should list section numbers, titles, second-level headings, and their page numbers. Third-level headings also may be listed. If the report contains five or more figures or tables, they should be listed using the style of the Table of Contents. The following samples are boxed only to set them apart in this document.

Summary — right-hand, odd-numbered page [S-1]

The Summary, which immediately precedes the body of the text, should be written for a general audience. The Summary may be the only part of the technical report closely read by a number of people, many of whom lack a technical background. These may include industry and utility executives, government officials, legislators, the general public, and media representatives. The Summary should be 500-1000 words long.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The first reference to NYSERDA should read “the New York State Energy Research and

Development Authority (NYSERDA).” Subsequent references should read simply “NYSERDA.” When it is clear that you are referring to New York State, use State; otherwise, use New York State or the State of New York.

COPY

- Page format:
  - Margins should be 1.25 inches left and right; 1 inch top and bottom.
  - Use left-hand justification only.
  - Text should be in a 10-point serif font (i.e., Times Roman, Bookman, etc.); captions, tables, and figures should be in a sans-serif font (i.e., Helvetica, Arial, etc.).
  - Spacing should be 1.5 lines, printed on one side of the paper.
  - Block-style paragraphs should be used, with no indentation (except for fifth-level headings, which should be blocked on the left; see Heading Styles, below).
  - There should be two returns between a paragraph and the next heading.
- Material borrowed or adapted from external sources must be identified (i.e., document, source, date, and page). Written permission to use copyrighted illustrations, tables, or text taken from another publication must be submitted with the report.
- Avoid half-page and one-sentence paragraphs.
- Do not use contractions.
- When referring to a specific figure or table, spell out and capitalize the words "Figure" and "Table."
- Indented lists of material should be set off with bullets:
  - If a typographical bullet is unavailable, the bullet is a lower case "o," not zero.
  - One blank line should precede and follow a list.
  - Bulleted items should be indented left and right.
- All new sections should begin on a right-hand, odd-numbered page (e.g., 1-1, 2-1, A-1, etc.).
- Percentages should be written as follows: 1%, 76%, etc.
- Acronyms must be spelled out the first time used, followed by the acronym in parentheses.

HEADING STYLES

The heading styles illustrated below should be used. (Only section headings should be numbered.)

FIRST-LEVEL HEADING

Section 1

INTRODUCTION

The heading is upper case, centered, and boldfaced; the text is below the heading, at the left margin.

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The heading is upper case, at the left margin, and boldfaced; the text is at the left margin.

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The heading is upper and lower case, at the left margin, boldfaced, and underscored; the text is at the left margin.

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Fifth-Level Heading. The heading is upper and lower case, indented, boldfaced, and underscored with a period at the end. The text continues on the same line, with the remaining text indented left and right.

TABLES AND FIGURES

- Tables and figures must be numbered sequentially and titled individually.
- Place tables and figures as close as possible to the text in which they are mentioned.
- Distinguish tabular material from the text.
- Cite a source if the tabular material or figure content has not been generated by the contractor.
- Figure captions should be complete sentences when appropriate.
- Use "Figure 1," not "Fig. 1," or "Table 1." in the text, as well as for captions. Examples:
  - Table 1 details demand-side management options.
  - As shown in Figure 1, the demand-side management program offers numerous options.
- Figure captions should be typed in boldface.
  - **Figure 1. Demand-Side Management Options in New York State.**
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- Photographs and drawings should be limited in number, with the following guidelines:
  - Black-and-white line drawings or good-quality, clear halftones (black-and-white photographs) may be used. Color artwork and photos will be printed in black-and-white.
  - Slides should be converted to black-and-white photos before being submitted.
  - Photographs should be printed on glossy stock, preferably 5"x7".

REFERENCES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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Bibliographic entries should be listed alphabetically by author, as follows:

Hawkins, R.R. Scientific, Medical, and Technical Books Published in the United States of America. 2d ed. New York: Bowker, 1958.

REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Two hard copies of the draft final report must be submitted to NYSERDA's Manager of Technical. After review by the Project Manager and Technical Communications staff, the draft will be returned to the contractor for final corrections. The contractor is responsible for satisfactorily addressing technical comments from NYSERDA and other co-funders. When making editorial corrections, the contractor must ensure that technical content is not compromised.

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