

**Attachment B. Public Release of Bid Facility Information and Community Engagement Plan**

Proposers can refer to Section 4.3.8 of RESRFP25-1 for full guidance on submitting the information requested here. All Proposers must provide a complete Attachment B. Proposers are advised to not report any confidential information.

<b>Bid Facility Information</b>	
Bid Facility Name:	Campbell Creek
Proposer:	Campbell Creek, LLC
Technology:	PV + BESS
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts AC):	PV 130: BESS 100
Interconnection Queue Number:	C24-224
Interconnecting Utility:	NYSEG
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	25-02369
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	TBD
Proposed In-Service Date:	December 2029

**General description of Project (250 words or more)**

The Campbell Creek Project (the “Bid Facility”) is a proposed utility-scale solar photovoltaic generation and energy storage facility located in the Town of Howard, Steuben County, New York. Designed as a zero-emission energy source, the Bid Facility will play a critical role in advancing New York State’s clean energy objectives under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the State Energy Plan. By delivering renewable electricity to the grid, the Bid Facility will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a more sustainable energy future.

Beyond its environmental benefits, the Bid Facility offers substantial economic and community advantages. It will diversify the state’s energy supply, enhance grid reliability, and create new employment opportunities both during construction and through permanent operational roles. The Bid Facility will generate increased revenues for the Town of Howard, Steuben County, and the local school districts, while also providing direct payments to participating landowners. Additionally, the influx of workers and Bid Facility-related activities will support the local hospitality sector and stimulate demand for goods and services from area businesses.

The Bid Facility is in early-stage development and is prioritizing responsible development practices to minimize environmental impacts. The proposed Bid Facility is making all efforts to avoid MSG 1-4 impacts, as demonstrated in the design. As the Bid Facility design progresses, the Proposer will minimize further impacts associated with the Bid Facility, including but not limited to viewshed, wetlands, and impacts on agricultural land.

AES is a global leader in energy with extensive experience in developing, owning, and operating energy facilities. AES currently has over 11GW of operational renewable energy projects across the U.S., along with 7.5GW of projects in development. This portfolio exemplifies AES’ ability to safely deliver projects at scale. The vertically integrated model and global procurement capabilities enable AES to manage supply risk and maintain execution discipline across the full project lifecycle.

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Information					
County(ies):	Steuben County				
City/Town /Village(s):	Town of Howard				
Taxing School District(s):	Avoca Central School District Canisteo-Greenwood School District				
Located in Agricultural District? (Yes/No)	Yes, 72% of the parcels are located within agricultural districts. Namely, districts 3 and 7.				
Local Elected Official Name(s), Contact Information, and Tenure:	Name	Title and Office	Elected/ Appointed	Tenure	Contact
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**Description of local outreach strategies, engagement activities, and public events to date**

The Bid Facility is in early-stage development. The Proposer has contacted the town supervisor to begin community engagement and inform him about the Bid Facility's participation in RESRFP25-1. Looking ahead, the Proposer plans to organize and host a public meeting in Q1 or Q2 of 2026. The meeting will build community engagement and allow stakeholders to get some preliminary project updates and understand the proposed project timeline, process, and ask relevant questions.

The Proposer is looking forward to implementing a robust community engagement plan to foster communication, transparency, and collaboration between local government, residents, stakeholders, and community organizations about the Bid Facility. The Proposer will establish a website which can be used to provide key information and project updates. The Proposer is committed to being a partner in the communities in which we develop, own and operate facilities, and supporting local and regional initiatives through social impact and sponsorship programs.

Outreach to date:

- Email communications to the Howard Town Supervisor; and
- Reached the Supervisor via phone to set up an introductory project meeting, virtually, in mid-December. Overall supportive conversation.

**Description of planned local outreach strategies, engagement activities, and public events**

The Proposer will implement a comprehensive and proactive outreach strategy throughout the development of the Bid Facility to engage stakeholders and community members in the Town of Howard and surrounding areas. This strategy will include the coordination of public events, targeted stakeholder engagement, and strategic partnerships with local organizations to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and community benefit.

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The Proposer has tentatively planned the following outreach activities and public events:

- Proposer to attend town board meeting to introduce the Bid Facility and Bid Facility representatives by March 2026;
- Beginning in Q1 2026, the Proposer will schedule targeted meetings with school representatives, community organizations, and nonprofit organizations to introduce the Bid Facility Representatives and the Bid Facility;
- Host an Open House about the Bid Facility by the end of June 2026;
- Attend periodic town board meetings, as needed and relevant, to share updates about the Bid Facility; and
- Host a Pre-Application Community Meeting in accordance with ORES regulations.

The Proposer intends to facilitate open communication with community members and stakeholders via:

- Regular Updates to Town Supervisor;
- Regular Bid Facility updates to be posted on the website; and
- Monitoring the Bid Facility email and Proposer's phone line Monday through Friday during business hours. The Proposer will return inquiries within 2 business days.

By implementing these outreach, engagement, and public event strategies, the Proposer aims to build strong community relationships, promote transparency, and be able to effectively advance the Bid Facility through the development process.

**Description of benefits to disadvantaged communities that would be realized with the development and construction of the Bid Facility**

The Proposer is dedicated to a just transition, aligning with the goals of the Climate Act and is committed to ensuring that Social Impact spending in New York directly benefits disadvantaged communities.

As such, the Proposer will use the criteria and guidance finalized by the New York State Climate Justice Working Group (as of March 27, 2023) to ensure that investments in social impact funding are directed toward designated Disadvantaged Communities.

These efforts are designed to support equitable development, provide resources and opportunities to communities that have historically faced barriers, and ensure that the transition to renewable energy brings tangible benefits to those most in need.

During the development and construction of the Proposer's 2+ GW utility-scale renewable energy portfolio in New York including the Bid Facility, the Proposer intends to expand its Social Impact program, and this funding will be distributed in disadvantaged communities and households in the Town of Howard, and across New York State.

### Description of the direct benefits to the community

Since 2021, the Proposer has contributed over \$1.5 million in sponsorships and donations across New York in the host communities and regions of our utility-scale renewable energy projects. These contributions are intentional investments that lay the groundwork for successfully proposing and permitting these projects in host communities, including the Bid Facility. By supporting local organizations, schools, emergency services, and environmental initiatives, the Proposer demonstrates a long-term commitment to community well-being, economic growth, and sustainability. The Proposer focuses on building trust and fostering partnerships with the host communities to support the success of the Bid Facility through the following methods.

#### **Building Trust and Goodwill**

- Consistent Support: The Proposer's repeated sponsorships of career fairs, business expos, and community events show on-going engagement, not one-time gestures. This consistency signals reliability and genuine interest in local priorities that will continue with the development of the Bid Facility.
- Direct Impact: Donations to fire departments, EMS teams, and libraries address immediate community needs, improving safety, education, and quality of life. These tangible benefits will make the Proposer a valued partner in the Town of Howard, New York.

#### **Fostering Economic and Educational Opportunity**

- Workforce Development: Investments in scholarships, training programs, and educational infrastructure help local residents access new career paths, including those in renewable energy. This prepares the workforce for future project opportunities and ensures local participation. The Proposer intends to explore ways to invest in Steuben County and the Town of Howard.
- Inclusive Growth: Targeted support for disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations demonstrates the Proposer's commitment to equity, helping reduce barriers and promote broad-based prosperity.

#### **Advancing Environmental Stewardship**

- Alignment with Community Values: Funding for land preservation, clean energy education, and environmental infrastructure aligns the Proposer's business goals with local sustainability priorities.

#### **Strengthening Stakeholder Relationships**

- Visibility and Recognition: Sponsorships provide the Proposer with public recognition at events, in program materials, and through media coverage. This visibility strengthens relationships with local leaders, organizations, and residents.
- Collaborative Engagement: Many activities are coordinated with local stakeholders and partners, fostering ongoing dialogue and trust.

The Proposer's community investments and commitments will deliver tangible, lasting benefits to the

Town of Howard. By supporting local organizations, schools, emergency services, and environmental initiatives, the Proposer not only addresses immediate needs—such as safety, education, and quality of life—but also lays the foundation for long-term economic growth and sustainability. These efforts foster trust and goodwill, prepare residents for new career opportunities in renewable energy, and promote inclusive prosperity by targeting support for disadvantaged groups. Through visible engagement and collaborative partnerships, the Proposer strengthens relationships with local stakeholders, making the Town of Howard a valued partner in the transition to clean energy and ensuring that the benefits of these projects are felt throughout the community for years to come.

**Description of past or planned PILOT and HCA engagements**

Since 2021, the Proposer has fully negotiated or is in the process of negotiating more than 20 PILOT and HCA agreements in New York State. The Proposer anticipates beginning discussions regarding PILOT and HCA by 12/1/2026.

## **Description of local interests and concerns, including strategies to build support and/or mitigate concerns**

The Town of Howard, NY, like many New York communities, faces a range of local interests and concerns when considering new projects and developments, such as the Bid Facility. Understanding these interests and concerns is essential for building community support and effectively addressing potential opposition. The following description outlines common local interests and concerns, as well as general strategies—based on standard due diligence principles—to build support and mitigate concerns.

### **Local Interests**

- **Economic Development**: Residents often seek opportunities for job creation, increased local business activity, and expanded tax revenue to support public services.
- **Preservation of Rural Character**: Many in the Town of Howard value the town's scenic landscapes, agricultural heritage, and small-town feel, and may be wary of changes that threaten these aspects.
- **Environmental Protection**: Concerns about land, water, and air quality are common, especially when new projects may impact natural resources or agricultural land.
- **Infrastructure and Services**: There is often interest in improvements to roads, broadband, emergency services, and other infrastructure, but also concern about increased demand or costs.
- **Property Values and Taxes**: Homeowners frequently focus on how changes may affect their property values and tax rates.
- **Community Involvement**: Residents value transparent decision-making and opportunities for public input.

### **Local Concerns**

- **Potential Environmental Impact**: Worries about pollution, habitat loss, or depletion of natural resources.
- **Traffic and Noise**: Concerns about increased traffic, road wear, or noise from new developments.
- **Loss of Rural Identity**: Fears that large-scale projects or rapid population growth may erode the community's traditional way of life.
- **Inadequate Communication**: Frustration if residents feel left out of the decision-making process or lack clear information.
- **Economic Uncertainty**: Doubts about whether the promised jobs or revenues will actually materialize. General concerns about the potential for negative economic side effects.

### **Strategies to Build Support**

- **Transparent Communication**: Provide regular, clear updates about the Bid Facility, including potential benefits and risks. Use public meetings, and the Bid Facility website to share information.

- **Engage Stakeholders Early**: Involve local residents, businesses, and interest groups to identify stakeholder priorities and concerns.
- **Highlight Community Benefits**: Clearly articulate how the Bid Facility will create jobs, improve infrastructure, or enhance public services.
- **Preserve Local Character**: Develop Bid Facility plans that respect the Town's rural heritage and scenic beauty, such as maintaining open space or supporting local agriculture.
- **Environmental Safeguards**: Commit to best practices for environmental protection, including mitigation plans for any unavoidable impacts.
- **Feedback Mechanisms**: Establish channels (a project website, project email address and state phone line) for ongoing input and address issues as they arise.

### **Strategies to Mitigate Concerns**

- **Conduct Thorough Impact Assessments**: Assess environmental, economic, and social impacts, and share non-confidential findings with the public.
- **Address Specific Issues**: For concerns like noise or traffic, propose mitigation steps (e.g., traffic studies, buffer zones, restricted operating hours).
- **Adaptive Bid Facility Design**: Adjust plans in response to legitimate local concerns to demonstrate flexibility and responsiveness.
- **Long-Term Monitoring**: Commit to on-going monitoring and reporting to ensure promises are kept, and issues are addressed promptly.

By understanding and addressing local interests and concerns, and implementing strategies rooted in transparency, engagement, and responsiveness, the Proposer can foster constructive community dialogue and build sustained support for the Bid Facility.

**Description of method for soliciting project feedback, including the process for sharing feedback**

The project team will use a variety of channels to solicit feedback from local stakeholders, including:

- Public open houses and community forums.
- Dedicated project website with a contact form where stakeholders can submit questions, comments and feedback.
- Bid Facility email and a NYS phone number for stakeholders to contact Bid Facility representatives directly.

**Soliciting feedback during engagement activities**

- Host open houses and community meetings to present updates, answer questions, and gather feedback.
- Provide informational materials (both print and digital) outlining project details, anticipated impacts, and opportunities for community involvement.
- Engage with local organizations, agricultural groups, and environmental committees to ensure broad representation of interests.

**Feedback Collection Process**

- All feedback received through public events, website forms, email, and phone will be logged and reviewed by the project team.
- Feedback will be categorized by topics (e.g., environmental concerns, economic impacts, agricultural preservation) to ensure that all voices are heard and addressed appropriately.
- The project team will provide updates on how feedback has influenced project planning, design, and mitigation measures.
- Stakeholders will be invited to on-going engagement activities to ensure continuous dialogue throughout the project lifecycle.

**Continuous Improvement**

- The feedback process will be reviewed periodically to identify opportunities for improvement and ensure that engagement remains effective and inclusive.
- The project team will remain accessible for questions and concerns, demonstrating a commitment to transparency and responsiveness.
- This approach ensures that community members have multiple opportunities to provide input, that their feedback is systematically collected and addressed, and that the process remains transparent and responsive throughout the development of the renewable energy and battery storage project.