

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.

Bid Facility Information	
Bid Facility Name:	Cayuga Solar
Proposer:	Cayuga Lake Solar, LLC
Technology:	Solar
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts AC):	60
Interconnection Queue Number:	C24-135
Interconnecting Utility:	NYSEG
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	23-03014
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/cayuga-solar
Proposed In-Service Date:	December 2028

General description of Project (250 words or more):

The Cayuga Solar Project (the “Bid Facility”) is a proposed utility-scale solar photovoltaic energy generation facility located in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins 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. All energy produced by Cayuga Solar will flow directly into the New York Power Grid, providing a distinct contribution to the New York State's power supply.

The Bid Facility is a one-of-a-kind utility scale solar project that implements best in class stakeholder engagement and environmental attributes. The inclusion of a university-designed ‘research facility’ will inform the next generation of renewable energy operations efficiency. The research facility is comprised of a 40-acre section which will be separately fenced in and will allow full-time researcher access to implement agricultural co-utilization techniques, as well as further the understanding of operational efficiency. The Cayuga Solar Project is located near one of our key university partners in the central part of the state, which will allow researchers and other stakeholders to study and learn from the site operations including agrivoltaic workforce development.

The Bid Facility, leveraging the beneficial reuse of a dormant electric generating facility, will be situated directly adjacent to other development projects in the Town of Lansing. In addition to the beneficial reuse of the dormant electric generating facility, the Bid Facility utilizes land formerly owned by NYSEG, which was previously proposed as a nuclear power station.

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 during construction and through permanent operational roles. The Bid Facility will generate increased revenues for the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, and the local school district, 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 Proposer has prioritized responsible development practices to minimize environmental impacts. For example, the design limits disturbances to wetlands to the greatest extent practicable, ensuring compliance with environmental standards and preserving local ecosystems. This commitment reflects a broader effort to balance renewable energy development with community and environmental stewardship.

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Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Information

County(ies):	Tompkins County				
City/Town /Village(s):	Town of Lansing				
Taxing School District(s):	Lansing Central School District				
Located in Agricultural District? (Yes/No)	Yes – Approximately 140.4 acres are located in Agricultural District 1				
Local Elected Official Name(s), Contact Information, and Tenure:	Name	Title and Office	Elected/ Appointed	Tenure	Contact
	Ruth Groff	Supervisor, Town of Lansing	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
	Debbie Munson	Town Clerk, Town of Lansing	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-4142
	Mike Moseley	Highway Superintendent , Town of Lansing	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-4328
	Peter Grossman	Town Justice	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
	John C. Howell	Town Justice	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
	Joseph Wetmore	Town Councilperson/ Deputy Supervisor	Elected	2021- Dec 2025 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
	Judy Drake	Town Councilperson	Elected	2022-2026 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
	Christine Montague	Town Councilperson	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896

	Laurie Hemmings	Town Councilperson	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(607) 533-8896
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Description of local outreach strategies, engagement activities, and public events to date:

The Proposer has implemented a comprehensive outreach strategy for the Bid Facility, emphasizing transparency, accessibility, and community partnership. This approach includes distributing mailers and notices to residents within a one-mile radius of the Bid Facility site; maintaining a dedicated Bid Facility webpage with updates, contact information, and meeting materials; and providing clear information about the Article VIII permitting process and local agency account funding. Additionally, the Proposer introduced a social impact framework centered on four key pillars to guide community investment and engagement.

To foster trust and collaboration the Proposer is actively engaged with local stakeholders and organizations through partnerships with local interest groups to support outreach efforts, extend invitations to community meetings, and collaborate on general outreach planning. The Proposer also identified and engaged key stakeholders such as local legislators and environmental organizations to assist outreach to 188 residential parcels within the Bid Facility's 1-mile radius.

The Proposer engaged early with the local community, exceeding requirements of the Article VIII permitting process. In Q3 2024, the Proposer attended a routine Town Board meeting where the Bid Facility was introduced.

The most significant public event to date was the Community Meeting held on October 2, 2024, at the Lansing Community Center. Designed as a drop-in event, it featured informational display boards with Bid Facility details. There were approximately 10 representatives from the Bid Facility's Development, Permitting and Stakeholder Relations teams available to answer questions. They were accompanied by legal and environmental consultants familiar with the Bid Facility. The meeting was attended by more than 30 community members. Topics discussed include an overview of the Bid Facility, the permitting process, studies conducted, community benefits, and local agency account funding. The event was promoted through mailers sent to all residents within 1 mile of the Bid Facility boundary, postings on the Bid Facility and town websites, and advertisements in local newspapers in accordance with Article VIII notification regulations.

Additional highlights of the Bid Facility's outreach include partnering with a nearby university on incorporating agrivoltaics, such as sheep grazing and multifunctional research. The Proposer has also sponsored two clean energy career events at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

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

The Proposer will continue to implement a comprehensive and proactive outreach strategy throughout the development of the Bid Facility to engage stakeholders and community members in the Town of Lansing and surrounding environs. 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.

The Proposer will continue to collaborate with local and statewide nonprofits to support outreach and engagement efforts. Outreach will extend to influential local figures and organizations, including the Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative Group, the Cayuga Watershed Network, and the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council. The Proposer will continue to engage elected officials to ensure broad stakeholder inclusion.

To facilitate public awareness, the Proposer will distribute community notifications via local newspapers, the Town's website, and direct mail to residents within a one-mile radius of the Bid Facility site (as required for preconstruction meetings). A dedicated Bid Facility webpage will continue to be maintained with updates on permitting milestones, public events, and opportunities for community input equipped with contact information such as phone number and email address.

The Proposer will also develop and distribute a public-facing fact sheet and FAQ document to address common questions and concerns, including topics such as farmland use, environmental sensitivity, and community benefits. These materials will be reviewed and refined in collaboration with local stakeholders such as the town board prior to public release to ensure that the material answers the questions that are important to the host community.

The Proposer will continue to coordinate sponsorships and donations to local institutions aligned with AES's broader social impact program. This program emphasizes partnerships that support community resilience, environmental stewardship, access to affordable energy and basic services, equity in education, and workforce development.

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

The development and construction of the Bid Facility will deliver a range of meaningful benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs) in alignment with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) goals. The Proposer is committed to spending a minimum of 40% of philanthropic funds toward DACs. This commitment will be realized through strategic partnerships with local leaders in government, education, business, and social services, ensuring that financial and capacity-building support reaches high-impact initiatives that enjoy broad community support.

The Bid Facility will generate significant economic stimulus during its construction phase, creating hundreds of high-paying jobs and providing long-term operational employment opportunities within New York State. Local businesses and community organizations will benefit from targeted donations and sponsorships, which have been started with organizations like Sustainable Finger Lakes. These investments will strengthen educational access, environmental awareness, and workforce development in DACs.

Additionally, the Bid Facility will incorporate agrivoltaics research and co-utilization strategies that promote sustainable land use and agricultural innovation. This will include partnerships with farmers and businesses representing socially and economically disadvantaged groups, fostering skill-building, and economic diversification. The Proposer will also ensure that community members have access to local agency account funding, enabling grassroots organizations to participate in the siting process and benefit from the renewable energy transition.

Description of the direct benefits to the community:

The Bid Facility will deliver a range of direct benefits to the community in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. As a utility-scale solar facility with a planned capacity of 60 MW, the Bid Facility will be designed to generate enough clean energy to power over 18,000 homes annually, contributing to the state’s goal of reducing carbon emissions. The Proposer will repurpose a former coal plant site, transforming it into a zero-emission energy hub that improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 83,350 metric tons of CO₂ each year.

Economically, the Bid Facility will stimulate the local economy, creating approximately 100 temporary construction jobs and at least one full-time site manager role. The Proposer will coordinate with county officials to ensure that the Bid Facility provides positive fiscal impacts with minimal strain on local services. A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement and a Host Community Agreement (HCA) will be negotiated with host municipalities, generating millions of dollars in revenue over the life of the Bid Facility. The Bid Facility will also support local landowners through lease payments and will engage the hospitality and retail sectors during construction, boosting demand for lodging, food, and supplies.

Environmentally, the Bid Facility will incorporate an agrivoltaics program with sheep grazing and crop research between solar panels, advancing sustainable land use practices. The Proposer will conduct extensive environmental and technical studies to minimize impacts on wetlands, wildlife, and cultural resources, and will implement mitigation strategies where necessary. At the end of its operational life, the Bid Facility will be decommissioned in a manner that allows the land to return to agricultural or other community-supported uses.

Community engagement will remain a cornerstone of the Bid Facility. The Proposer has hosted a successful community meeting and will host a pre-construction public meeting. The Proposer will maintain open communication with stakeholders, and informational materials will be distributed via mail, local newspapers, and the Bid Facility website. The Proposer will remain in regulation with outreach requirements and ensure that residents are informed and empowered to participate in the permitting and development process.

Description of past or planned PILOT and HCA engagements:

The Proposer intends to work with the Tompkins County IDA. The Proposer will submit a PILOT application in Q1 2026 and will plan to execute the agreement prior to start of construction.

The Proposer intends to work with local stakeholders to negotiate and execute a Host Community Agreement prior to the start of construction.

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

This Community Engagement Plan has been designed to ensure stakeholders’ participation in the Bid Facility development and permitting process. The Proposer has described explicit methods through which feedback is being solicited and incorporated into ongoing Bid Facility operation and development. In summary, the Proposer:

- Organizes community meetings; one has been organized thus far;
- Solicits input on the Bid Facility website; and
- Monitors the Bid Facility email and the Proposer’s state New York State phone line Monday through Friday during business hours.

The Proposer utilizes a variety of communication channels to disseminate information about the Bid Facility, including the Bid Facility Website, mailed notifications, and notices in local papers.

Updates will continue to be shared on the Bid Facility website throughout development. Community meeting materials, such as slide presentations, are also made available on the Bid Facility website. When stakeholders contact the Bid Facility team by phone, the Proposer aims to respond with a return phone call within two business days.

Throughout the Bid Facility's life cycle, community outreach will be ongoing. The Proposer will continue to provide the community with access to Bid Facility representatives for input. Contact information is available on the Bid Facility website, which is regularly updated with new information and development schedules. The Proposer will remain accessible to stakeholders regarding the Bid Facility; Community meeting materials are available on the Bid Facility website.

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Bid Facility Website	https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/cayuga-solar
AES NY Phone Number	(866) 757-7697

The Proposer is committed to sharing feedback publicly when required, when asked, and/or when it is appropriate to do so.

Additionally, the Proposer follows Article VIII requirements for responding to public comments. Public comments are posted on the New York State Department of Public Service Document Matter Master (NYS DPS DMM).