

Build-Ready Program Auction Request for Information 5034

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Agenda

- > The Build-Ready Program: Background & Progress to Date
- > The Build-Ready Program Auction RFI 5034
 - Part A. Build-Ready Auction Process
 - Part B. BR Benson Mines Solar Project
- > Submission Instructions
- > Q&A

Build-Ready Program: Background & Progress to Date

The Build-Ready Program: Timeline

Delivering Community Benefits by Turning Difficult Sites into "Build-Ready" Renewable Energy Sites to be Competitively Auctioned and Transferred to the Private Sector for Final Development, Construction, & Operation

- The Accelerated Renewable
 Energy Growth and
 Community Benefit Act Establishes the Build-Ready
 Program
 - Directs NYSERDA to identify, assess, and facilitate the development of suitable sites for renewable power generating facilities
 - Giving priority to "previously developed sites" and "existing or abandoned commercial sites" such as brownfields, landfills, or other disused or underutilized sites.

NYSERDA files the Build-Ready Program Petition with the NY Public Service Commission (PSC)

- The PSC issues *The Build-Ready Order*formally approving the

 Build-Ready Program
 - The Order reiterates that Build-Ready will prioritize: (1) advancing renewable energy projects on previously developed and existing or abandoned commercial sites (2) providing benefits to communities hosting sites/projects

The Build-Ready Program files its Implementation Plan with the PSC

- The Build-Ready
 Program is fully
 staffed
- Consultants are competitively procured for prospecting, environmental, engineering, interconnection, and legal services
- First Build-Ready Annual Report is filed with PSC
- Program implementation accelerates

- The Build-Ready Program launches Auction RFI
- Second Build-Ready Annual Report is filed with PSC
- Program Implementation Continues

April 2020 June 2020

Oct 2020

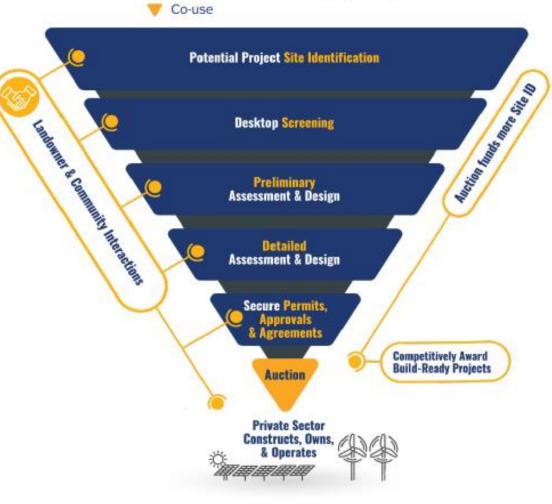
Jan 2021 April 2021

April 2022

The Build-Ready Program: De-Risking Renewable Energy Development on Difficult Sites for the Private Sector

- > What we do: Identify, assess, and advance difficult sites for renewable energy development to be competitively auctioned and transferred to the private sector for final development, construction, and operation.
- > **How we do it:** Sites are identified and progress through increasing levels of screening and assessment
- > Sites that pass screening and assessment stages and with landowner and community interest, advance into development stage
- > Build-Ready obtains site control, permits, interconnection, host community agreements, limit developer liability, and progress site to auction
- Site is competitively awarded and transferred to developer to finalize development, construct, operate, and maintain project
- > Value-add: Complement private sector efforts by pursuing sites the private sector would not traditionally identify and advance
- > Provide patient capital and coordination across government agencies to unlock sites and limit liability while prioritizing community benefits
- > Provide financial support and incentive to the private sector by offering developers 20-year Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Agreements.

Potential Project Site ID Communities Local elected officals State Agencies Brownfield/landfill redevelopment Alignment with statewide grid planning



Build-Ready is Supported by a Network of Competitively Procured Consultants that will Continue to Grow

PROSPECTING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT







NY Regions 1-8 CLEARVIEW GROUP LLC

NY Regions 9&10

ENVIRONMENT & ENGINEERING



INTERCONNECTION

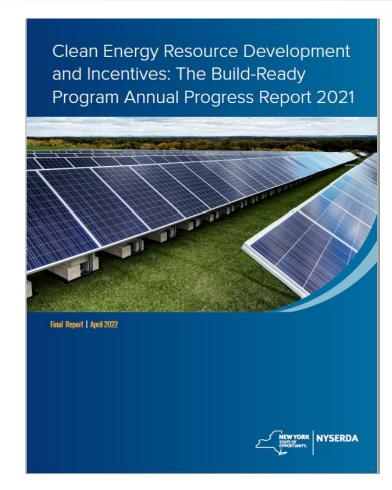


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Snapshot of Build-Ready Efforts

- Screened over 5,000 sites across the State for suitability for solar PV
- > Progressing about 30 top ranked sites through more advanced assessment and development
- Sites are a mix of contaminated, C&I, mines, vacant/underutilized, electric generating stations, and privately and publicly owned
- Majority of sites could host between 5-20 MW solar PV project
- > Sites not advancing due to insufficient buildable area, lack of landowner interest, interconnection, environmental issue, overlap with agricultural district/use, preferred nonenergy use for site



Build-Ready Program: Auction RFI 5034

Purpose of Build-Ready RFI

The Build-Ready Program is issuing this RFI to gather feedback from solar PV developers, owners, operators, and investors to:

- 1. Better understand the most attractive time in the development process to auction a Build-Ready project.
- 2. Foster significant interest from the private sector that results in competitive auctions and successful construction and operation of Build-Ready projects.
- 3. Solicit interest in a voluntary Market Advisory Group (MAG) that the Build-Ready Program can engage from time to time to gather feedback.

Why Participate in the RFI?

Opportunity for the private sector to provide feedback on the Build-Ready auction process including when and how projects are auctioned and transferred

- > Solar PV developers, owners, operators, and investors that are interested in potentially acquiring a Build-Ready project should consider responding to this RFI.
- > Responding to the RFI will not impact an organization's ability to participate in a future auction.

Structure of Build-Ready Auction RFI

- > To collect feedback on the proposed Build-Ready auction process and the ideal timing to auction a Build-Ready project, the RFI is divided into two parts:
 - Part A: The Build-Ready Proposed Auction Process
 - Provides a detailed proposed auction process and a series of questions on the auction process
 - Part B: Build-Ready (BR) Benson Mines Solar Project
 - Provides a package of information and a series of questions on the BR Benson Mines Solar Project, a project Build-Ready is progressing through development

Build-Ready Auction RFI

- > Respondents should review the RFI Document and Appendices: https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/build-ready-program-auction-rfi
- > General Documents
 - Build-Ready Auction RFI 5034
- > Part A: The Build-Ready Proposed Auction Process
 - Appendix 1. Build-Ready's Proposed Auction Process
- Part B: Build-Ready (BR) Benson Mines Solar Project
 - Appendix 2. Build-Ready's BR Benson Mines Solar Project Information Memo
 - Appendix 3. The BR Benson Mines Solar Project Design Set
 - Appendix 4. The BR Benson Mines Solar Geotechnical Investigation Report
 - Appendix 5. The BR Benson Mines Solar Landscape Development Plan
 - Appendix 6. The BR Benson Mines Solar Wetland Delineation Report
 - Appendix 7. The BR Benson Mines Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Solar Generation Facility Permit Application
 - Appendix 8. Independent Interconnection Feasibility Report
- Response Template
 - Attachment A. Build-Ready RFI Response Template

KEY DATES

- May 23, 2022: Requests for discussion with Build-Ready
- June 6, 2022, 3 PM ET:
 All responses are due and must be uploaded and submitted online

Part A: Build-Ready Auction Process

Appendix 1: Build-Ready Auction Process

- 1. Background
- 2. Preparing a Project for Auction Request for Information (RFI): Share project(s) information and gather feedback
- 3. Competitive Auction Request for Proposal (RFP): Seeking proposers to provide the full suite of development, finance, own, and operate services for a project. Teaming or joint-venturing is permitted to provide the full suite of services. Two-step process:
 - Step One Eligibility Application: A qualifying step where prospective proposers must provide evidence they meet minimum eligibility criteria
 - Step Two Bid Proposal: A competitive bid proposal that NYSERDA will examine and evaluate based on non-price and price factors
- 4. Project Transfer
- 5. Post-Transfer Project Monitoring and Reporting
- 6. Exhibits

Competitive Auction (RFP) - Step 1: Eligibility Application

> Requested Information

- Organization(s) Description and Structure
- Project Team Description and Structure including Project Team Key Personnel
- Design Minimum Thresholds
- Construction Minimum Thresholds
- Project References
- Financial Qualifications
- Typical Quality Assurance Plan
- Certificate of Insurance
- > **Eligible Applications**: Receive a Notice of Qualification, which will provide Proposer's with a description of and access to the process and forms to be used to submit a Step Two Bid Proposal.
- > Ineligible Applications: Can re-apply to future Build-Ready auctions.

Competitive Auction (RFP) - Step 2: Bid Proposal – Summary of Non-Price & Price Factors

Non-Price Factors

- > Project Execution Plan
- > Project Team
- > Project Schedule
- Financing Plan and Project Budget Through Declaration of Commercial Operation
- > Community Engagement Plan
- > Mark-up of Contracts
- > New or Additional Incremental Economic Benefits
- > MWBEs, SDVOBs, and Disadvantaged Communities

Price Factors

- > **REC Bid Price**: Set by the Proposer
- Project Development Cost: The dollar amount to be paid by the project developer to NYSERDA for the project site based on actual expenses incurred
 - Set by NYSERDA Proposer Accepts
- Project Bid Fee: To be set by NYSERDA to ensure the Authority recoups a portion of its administrative costs
 - Set by NYSERDA Proposer Accepts

Build-Ready Auction Process – RFI Questions

- > **Project Development:** How Far Does Build-Ready Take a Project Through Development Prior to Auction?
 - How does project size impact how far Build-Ready takes a project through development?
- > Seeking feedback on different development milestones including:
 - Site control
 - Interconnection
 - Permitting
 - PILOTs
 - Host Community Agreements

Sample RFI Questions Related to Project Development

3. Preferred Development Milestones

3.1 Site Control

A. The Build-Ready program is typically using a lease option agreement to obtain site control during its initial project development phase. In such agreements, is there a preference on how the Build-Ready Program approaches lease terms? For instance, what is your preferred duration of the option period, lease period, and any extensions to the lease period.

3.2 Interconnection

A. Would you bid on a project with the System Impact Study (SIS) still outstanding? Or would you prefer to wait to bid until the SIS is completed?

3.3 Permitting

A. Would you consider acquiring a Build-Ready project that has submitted its permit/siting application with the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) or Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), but approval is outstanding?

3.4 PILOTs

A. Would a complete and agreed upon set of terms of a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement that accompanies the final asset purchase agreement be preferred, or, alternatively, would you prefer negotiating the terms of a PILOT as the end-developer after acquiring the project development rights from NYSERDA?

3.5 Host Community Agreements

A. The Build-Ready Program is identifying and negotiating Host Community Agreements. The agreements may include benefits such as special local projects (e.g. maintenance to a snowmobile trail, painting a community center) or local workforce development and training opportunities, among others. What is your preference for how the host community benefits are formalized and represented in the auction documents? For instance, NYSERDA can provide a project term sheet that includes the benefits agreed to between NYSERDA and the host community.

Build-Ready Auction Process – RFI Questions

- > REC Agreement/Structure: Does
 Build-Ready package a REC Agreement
 with every project?
 - How would project size impact your answer?
- > Is there a preference on REC pricing structure (e.g., fixed vs index REC)?

Sample RFI Questions Related to REC Agreement/Structure

1. REC Agreement/Structure

- A. Would you want to acquire the development rights to a Build-Ready project site if NYSERDA does not offer a REC Agreement packaged with the transfer of development rights? Please note if your answer differs based upon the size of the <u>project</u>; i.e., up to 5 MW AC, 5.01-20 MW AC, 20.01 MW AC or greater.
- B. Assuming NYSERDA offers a REC Agreement with its Build-Ready projects, which REC pricing structure do you prefer and why?
 - A Fixed REC. Please provide your rationale.
 - ii. An Index REC. Please provide your rationale.
 - iii. Leave the structure open and allow the bidder to propose the preferred structure.
 - iv. Other, please provide your response.
- C. To what extent does a determination to participate in an auction for a Build-Ready project depend on the status of the Federal Investment Tax Credit? To what extent might it affect your preferences regarding a Fixed REC Price or an Index REC Price?
- D. Please provide any other feedback on the proposed REC Agreement or financing structure.

Build-Ready Auction Process - RFI Questions

- > Auctioning a Project vs Portfolio of Projects: Would you bid on a single project or only a portfolio of projects?
- > Would project size impact your answer at all? If so, how?

Sample RFI Questions Related to Project Development

2. Single Project vs Portfolio of Project

Would you prefer to bid on a single Build-Ready project site or a portfolio of project sites? Why? Would your response change based on the size of the project(s)? If so, what project sizes would trigger a change in your response?

Build-Ready Auction Process – RFI Questions

- > Two-Step RFP: What is your reaction to the two-step process? Would you participate in an RFP?
- > For Step 1: Provide feedback on the eligibility requirements.
 - How does project size impact your answer?
- > For Step 2: Provide feedback on the process, non-price and price requirements, and potential draft schedule.
 - How does project size impact your answer?

Sample RFP Schedule and RFI Questions Related to Two-Step RFP

Scheduled Event	<u>Date</u>
Build-Ready RFP Release Date	Week 1
Build-Ready Proposers' Webinar	Week 2
Step One Eligibility is Opened	Week 3
Deadline for Submission of Written Questions	Week 3
Responses to Written Questions Posted	Week 4
Deadline for Step One Eligibility Applications	Week 7
NYSERDA responds with Notice of Qualifications Determination and Step-Two Invitations	Week 10
Optional Site Visit	Week 12
Deadline for Step Two Bid Proposal Submission	Week 18
If scheduled, Interviews to Take Place	Week 21
NYSERDA Award Notification	Week 25
Transfer of Project Development Cost	Week 29
Execution of Project Agreements	Week 33

4. Step One Eligibility Application

As outlined in Appendix 1, for each auction the Build-Ready Program anticipates carrying out a two-step auction process. The first step will be an eligibility application. If a proposer is qualified, they will be invited to submit a proposal and project bid. Please provide any feedback you have on the eligibility requirements. Assume NYSERDA will offer a REC Agreement with the project. Please consider how project size would impact your answer.

5. Step Two Bid Proposal

- A. Non-Price Requirements. Please provide your feedback on the step two non-price requirements outlined in Appendix 1. Assume NYSERDA will offer a REC Agreement with the project. Please consider how project size would impact your answer.
- B. Price Requirements with REC Agreement. Please provide your feedback related to the step two price proposal requirements outlined in Appendix 1. Assume NYSERDA will offer a REC Agreement with the project. Please consider how project size would impact your response.
- C. Price Requirements without a REC Agreement. As outlined in Appendix 1, for projects that will not include a REC Agreement NYSERDA is considering using a "bonus bid" price variable, whereby project costs and fees are set and fixed, and price evaluation is conducted by comparing each proposer's bonus bid, with the highest bids receiving the greatest scoring weight. Please provide any feedback on the bonus bid concept.

Build-Ready Auction Process – RFI Questions

- > **Project Transfer:** Provide feedback on the potential project transfer process? Highlight any issues or concerns, especially any that could lead to a protracted close.
- > **Battery Storage:** Provide feedback on how Build-Ready should treat pairing battery storage in project design/development?
- > General and Other Feedback: If Build-Ready was to pursue projects 5 MW AC or less, please provide any thoughts on how we should consider advancing and auctioning smaller sites?
- > Any other feedback?

Sample RFI Questions Related to Project Transfer, Battery Storage, and General and Other Feedback

6. Project Transfer

Please highlight any issues that you think could lead to a protracted and/or lengthy closing and transfer process, and what can be done to help streamline this process. As discussed in Appendix 1, NYSERDA anticipates acquiring development rights for each project through a "single purpose project holding company" the project pursuant to Public Authorities Law § 1902 (5) and transferring membership interests in the company to successful proposers/bidders to facilitate the transfer of project development rights.

7. Build-Ready Projects and Battery Storage

What is your preference for incorporating battery storage into project design/development? For example, in what situations and in what manner should Build-Ready include battery storage as part of the project design and development?

8. General and Other Feedback

- A. If Build-Ready is to advance solar PV projects 5 MW AC or less, what is your preferred approach for auctioning the sites? Please share any thoughts or feedback on how Build-Ready should consider other incentives available for solar PV projects less than or equal to 5 MW AC such as the NY-Sun MW Block Incentive and the brownfield and landfill adder?
- B. Please provide any other or general feedback or questions on the Build-Ready auction process.

Part B: BR Benson Mines Solar Project / BR Project 1 LLC

BR Benson Mines Solar Project Overview

Project Size: 20MW AC

Location: Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County

Project Holding Company: BR Project 1, LLC

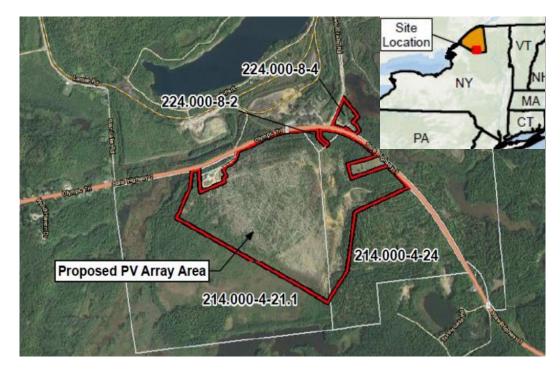
Site Control: Secured, Lease Option Agreement

Build-Ready Site Type: Former industrial, State Superfund

Proposed Interconnection: National Grid Newton Falls – Browns Falls 34.5 kV line

Permitting and Approvals: APA Solar Generation Facility Application, Town of Clifton Site Plan Review Board

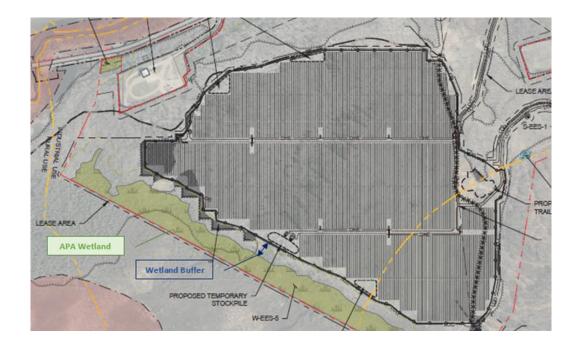
Host Community Engagement: PILOT Negotiations underway, snowmobile reroute



BR Benson Mines – Project Highlights

> The Project...

- 20MW AC proposed on a former mine tailings pile that has gone largely unused in the Adirondack Park
 - Suitable reuse of an industrial site within the "Blue Line"
 - No intuitional or engineering controls on the solar array
 - 6NYCRR Part 375-1.11(d) and 375-1.9(f) Change of Use form required in the future for proposed substation interconnection due to existing environmental easement
- Located on a southward facing slope with quickdraining soils
 - Minimal pre-construction activities anticipated
- Requires minimal grading and clearing
 - APA wetland boundary verification completed; no wetland permits anticipated
- Under NYISO Review
 - System Impact Study Expected Q4 2022
- Submitted for Site Plan Approval
 - Solar Generation Facility Application under review by APA



BR Benson Mines Solar Project - Site Photos





Typical Site Conditions

BR Benson Mines Solar Project - Site Photos





Typical Site Conditions

BR Benson Mines – Development Schedule

Development Activity	Timeline		
Completed and Near-Completed	Milestones		
NYSERDA - Landowner Outreach	November 2020		
NYSERDA - Preliminary Engineering, Environmental and Title Diligence	November 2020 to April 2021		
BR Project 1 LLC – Execute LOA with Benson Mines Inc	April 2021		
BR Project 1 LLC – Submit NYISO Small Generator Application	May 2021		
BR Project 1 LLC – Complete Assessments, Site Design, Host Community Engagement	June 2021 to February 2022		
BR Project 1 LLC – Submit required permits and approvals	March 2022 – July 2022 In Progress		
Future Milestones			
BR Project 1 LLC – secure required permits and approvals (APA, Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County, NYSDOT Perm 33, USACE NPR)	Expected Q3 2022		
BR Project 1 LLC - receives NYISO SIS Final Report	Expected Q4 2022		
Pending RFI and/or Market Advisory Group Feedba	ack – Anticipated Milestones		
NYSERDA - RFP and Award Process for BR Project I LLC Development Rights	Q1 2023 to Q1 2024		
BR Project 1 LLC - NYISO Facilities Study, Expedited CRIS	Q1 2023 to Q1 2025		
Future Developer and BR Project 1 LLC – Small Generator Agreement	Q1 2025		
Future Developer and BR Project 1 LLC - secure Final Construction Documents	Q2 2025		
Future Developer – EPC Procurement, Construction and Commercial Operation, Host Community Benefit Agreement Execution	Q3 2025 - Q1 2026		

> Site Owner

Benson Mines, Inc., full fee-ownership interest in the property

> Site Control

- Option Period: The Option can be extended on an annual basis until April 5, 2024
- Post-Auction: Construction term (maximum of five years) prior to commencement of the operating term
- Operation Period: Contemplates a twentyyear operating lease term with three (3) additional five-year extensions.

Sample RFI Questions Related to Site Control

3.1 Site Control

- A. The Build-Ready program is typically using a lease option agreement to obtain site control during its initial project development phase. In such agreements, is there a preference on how the Build-Ready Program approaches lease terms? For instance, what is your preferred duration of the option period, lease period, and any extensions to the lease period.
- B. Do you have a preferred structure for lease rates? For example, do you prefer a fixed rate, escalations by a fixed percentage, or by another escalation methodology? What do you consider an acceptable range for lease rates by acre for solar development?
- C. Please provide any other feedback you have on site control.

> BR Benson Mines Interconnection

- Secured an interconnection queue position (#1166 – BR Benson Mines Solar) May 2021
- POI anticipates tap off of Brown's Falls to Newton Falls #22 34.5kV sub-transmission line
- Independent assessment revealed the need for reconductoring work and transformer upgrades
- National Grid Service Territory

Sample RFI Questions Related to Interconnection

3.2 Interconnection

- A. Would you bid on a project with the System Impact Study (SIS) still outstanding? Or would you prefer to wait to bid until the SIS is completed?
- B. Would you bid on a project with the Facilities Study (FS) still outstanding? Or would you prefer to wait to bid until the FS is completed?
- C. Would you bid on a project whose Energy Resource Interconnection Service (ERIS) is still pending?
- D. Would you bid on a project without Capacity Resource Interconnection Service (CRIS) rights secured?
- E. Would you prefer negotiating the terms of an interconnection agreement with the NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner after project transfer, or have NYSERDA complete this activity prior to the project auction?
- i. Would you seek to self-perform any of the connecting transmission owner (CTO) interconnection upgrade-related work pursuant to applicable NYISO rules? Or would you rely on the CTO to perform the upgrade-related work? Please provide rationale as to why you would or would not seek this scope from the CTO.
- i. How do you think your decision would impact the timeline for completing the interconnection upgrade work?

> Permitting

- APA Solar Generation Facility Application under review
- Town of Clifton Site Plan Review Board, St. Lawrence County referral, pending, USACE NPR
- Similar to SEQR Process with many studies required
- Received some initial comments from agencies having jurisdiction

Example Studies/Assessments Prepared to Date

- Boundary and Topo Survey
- Geotechnical Investigations
- Draft SWPPP
- Electrical Layout
- Yield Assessments, PV Plan Estimates
- Site Plan per APA requirements
- Phase I ESA Report
- Wetland and Waterbody Delineation
- Noise and Visual Impact Assessments
- Landscaping Plan
- Decommissioning Plan

Sample RFI Questions Related to Permitting

2. Permitting and Engineering

- A. In reviewing the project design set, included as Appendix 3, do you envision needing to make significant design modifications to fully utilize the Project site?
- B. Based on what is presented in the drawing set, what are the three most impactful permitting or engineering design decisions to reconsider to reduce project cost without compromising environmental compliance or system reliability?
- C. What is your expected year 1 P50 energy yield estimate for the project based on current available project design plan sets?

3.3 Permitting

- A. Would you consider acquiring a Build-Ready project that has submitted its permit/siting application with the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) or Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), but approval is outstanding?
- B. Would you prefer to acquire a Build-Ready project that has completed the AHJ or ORES permitting process?

Sample RFI Questions Public Benefits and Community Engagement

> Public Benefits and Community Engagement

- Economic benefits from the Project should be realized through construction, operation, and maintenance
- Expenditures for supplies and materials
- Lease payments to participating landowners
- Tax payments to local communities.

> BR Benson Mines Project proposes

- Continue PILOT conversations with St. Lawrence County
- Incorporate a snowmobile trail reroute
- Evaluate other options for host community benefits throughout the permitting process

3.4 PILOTs

Would a complete and agreed upon set of terms of a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement that accompanies the final asset purchase agreement be preferred, or, alternatively, would you prefer negotiating the terms of a PILOT as the end-developer after acquiring the project development rights from NYSERDA?

If available, would you prefer to pay a premium for a waiver of mortgage recording tax and/or Local sales tax?

Do you have a preference between Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 487 PILOTs or Industrial Development Agency PILOTs? Similarly, is a fifteen (15) year PILOT term preferrable to a twenty (20) year term (or longer)?

3.5 Host Community Agreements

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RFI Instructions and Key Dates

Build-Ready Auction RFI Instructions

> To respond to this RFI, please download and fill out, *Attachment A: Build-Ready Auction RFI Response Template*

Build-Ready Program Auction RFI Response Template Request for Information (RFI) 5034



Response Due Date: June 6, 2022 by 3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Instructions: Please download a copy of this file, *Attachment A. Build-Ready Auction RFI Response Template*. Fill out the document to respond to the RFI questions provided below. Once complete, please upload and submit your response to the RFI via the online form.

Build-Ready Market Advisory Group

The Build-Ready Program is considering forming a voluntary Market Advisory Group (MAG) that the Program can engage from time to time to gather feedback. If you would like to be included in a voluntary MAG, please indicate your interest and provide your email address below and via the online form.

- A. I am interested in participating in a voluntary MAG (please check yes or no):
 Yes
- □ No
- B. If you checked yes, please provide your email address:

Part A: Build-Ready's Proposed Auction Process

As detailed in Appendix 1, NYSERDA's <u>Build-Ready Program</u> advances large-scale renewable energy projects on underutilized land, such as brownfields, landfills, and abandoned or existing commercial and industrial sites. Working with local partners and stakeholders, Build-Ready identifies sites and advances pre-construction development activities including site control, preliminary design, permitting, and interconnection.

Build-Ready Auction RFI

- Once Attachment A is complete, upload and submit your response online.
- > Emailed responses will not be accepted.
- > Build-Ready encourages respondents to answer all questions in the RFI. If you are unable to answer a question, please mark N/A.
- > Please be sure to have all details completed before submitting your response as partially completed information cannot be saved.
- > Upon submission, you will receive a confirmation and a tracking number on your screen to print or save.
- > Refer to this tracking number if you have any questions for the Build-Ready Program about your submission.

Upload responses: https://nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/BuildReadyRFI



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If you have questions regarding this RFI, please contact <u>build-readyauction@myserda.my.gov</u>. If respondents would like to discuss their responses with the Build-Ready team, please submit a request for a discussion via <u>build-readyauction@myserda.my.gov</u> no later than May 23, two weeks prior to the RFI due date.

Following the submission of an RFI response, NYSERDA may request interview with respondents, to be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Full RFI details are available on NYSERDA's website

Response Details and Directions

Respondents must download <u>Attachment A - Build-Ready RFI Response Template to complete your</u> <u>responses</u> (see Attachments section of the RFI document). Build-Ready encourages respondents to answer all questions in the RFI. If you are unable to answer a question, please mark N/A.

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Contact Information

Legal Business Name *		
Business Website		
Street Address 1 *		

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Question and Answer

Thank you!

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