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BLUE RIDGE POWER AGENCY

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

VIRGINIA (SEPTEMBER 15, 2021). Blue Ridge Power Agency (BRPA) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Energy Storage Services Agreement (ESSA) of a standalone battery energy storage system (BESS). BRPA is a non-profit corporation created by its Members to pursue joint action. BRPA's Members are non-profit entities from six municipalities, towns, two cooperatives, and a university located in Virginia, each of which owns and operates its public power electric distribution system. There will be four Member Projects participating in this RFP for this BRPA Portfolio. The locations in this RFP will be strategically spread out across four (4) Members to capture benefits from BRPA's member Demand Side Management (DSM) activities. The BESS sites are contemplated to be at locations provided by Craig Botetourt Electric Cooperative (CBEC), City of Radford, City of Salem, and Virginia Tech Electrical Services (VTES).

BRPA seeks competitive proposals for a BESS to support BRPA's DSM activities. As outlined in the RFP, BRPA is requesting pricing for several BESS system configurations (2, 5, and 10 MW capacity ratings) that will aggregate to form a Portfolio of BESS assets. BRPA intends to select these configurations based on site-specific costs and project evaluation criteria. Commercial Operation for the BESS is scheduled for June 2023.

Potential respondents can request the RFP and other information by contacting BRPA's consultant, GDS Associates, Inc. An optional pre-bid meeting via conference call is scheduled for **October 1, 2021** and call information will be provided to potential Respondents. BRPA welcomes all interested Respondents to submit a proposal as per the submission instructions in the RFP document by 4:00PM EST, **November 1, 2021**.

Questions concerning the RFP should be directed to the following email address:

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