

August 12, 2024
Town of Albion Regular Meeting

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Exit Message
4. FYI: Remind residents to sign attendance sheet
5. Roll Call
6. Public Comment
7. Motion to approve agenda
8. Motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 meeting
9. Resolution to approve the vouchers
10. Ambulance Contract bids
11. NYSERDA grant
12. Fire District Special Election Update
 1. Dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District
 2. Resolution certifying the special election results
 3. Resolution authorizing the formation of the Albion Joint Fire District
13. Resolution approving decommissioning plan for Beardsley Creek Solar Project.
14. Executive Session

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Albion Town Board regular meeting

Please sign in:

1. <u>Tom Rivers - Carl Hub</u>	28. _____
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27. _____	54. _____

August 12, 2024

Albion Town Board regular meeting held in the Town hall, 3665 Clarendon Rd.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and the exit message was given.

Present were Councilperson Darlene Benton, Councilperson Sandra Bensley, Supervisor Richard Remley, Councilperson Terry Wilbert and Councilperson Arnold Allen.

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Benton and was seconded by Councilperson Darlene Benton approving the agenda with the addition of a court grant and no executive session. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye**

**Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye**

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilperson Darlene Benton and was seconded by Councilperson Arnold Allen approving the minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting as published and submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye**

**Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye**

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for the vouchers.

Resolution #83 Payment of Claims

Whereas, the following are against the Town:

General, Highway, Water & Sewer 297 – 346 \$137,092.74

Motion was made by Councilperson Arnold Allen and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing the payment of the above listed claims. Resolution duly adopted by the following vote:

**Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye**

**Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye**

Supervisor Richard Remley: NYSERDA grant contract.

Motion was made by Councilperson Sandra Bensley and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing Supervisor Richard Remleys signature on the NYSERDA grant contract. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye**

**Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye**

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution to dissolve the fire protection district.

Resolution #84

DISSOLUTION OF THE ALBION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Boards of the Town of Albion, the Town of Gaines, and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Albion (The Boards) began the process of establishing a joint fire district, to be called the Albion Joint Fire District, and

WHEREAS the dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District is a necessary step upon the establishment of the Albion Joint Fire District and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Albion, Orleans County, New York, (Town Board) having been presented a Dissolution Plan (Plan) for the Dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District dated March 11, 2024, by resolution dated March 11, 2024, endorsed such Dissolution Plan which endorsement commenced dissolution proceedings and at the same time set a public hearing on the Dissolution Plan to receive public comment on the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Albion published, posted, and made available, according to Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law, copies of such Dissolution Plan, and descriptive summaries thereof within the time frames and at the locations required by law and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Albion held a public hearing on the Dissolution Plan on April 24, 2024, at the Albion High School LGI (Large Group Instruction) 324 East Avenue, Albion, New York 14411, at which time the Town Board heard all interested parties regarding said Dissolution Plan, and WHEREAS The Town Board of Albion designated the Town Board of the Town of Albion, as the Lead Agency for environmental review according to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in all matters related to the Dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District, and as lead agency, having completed Parts 1, II and III of the SFEAF, which has been reviewed by the Town Board and under 6 NYCRR Part 617, determined that based on the information and analysis cited therein and based upon any supporting documentation, that the proposed action of Dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact. Accordingly, according to SEQRA, The Town Board issued a Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance regarding the Dissolution of the Albion Fire Protection District and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Albion hereby dissolves the Town of Albion Fire Protection following the Dissolution Plan dated March 11, 2024, and under said Dissolution Plan, the Dissolution is to take place on December 31, 2024,

Motion was made by Councilperson Arnold Allen and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley, aye

Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution to form the joint fire district.

Resolution #85 FORMATION OF ALBION JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Town of Albion (hereinafter referred to as Albion), the Town of Gaines (hereinafter referred to as Gaines) and the Village of Albion (hereinafter referred to as the Village) determined it to be in the public interest of their citizens to formation of a joint fire district to be called the Albion Joint Fire District (hereinafter referred to as AJFD), and

WHEREAS in furtherance of said formation of AJFD various meetings and Resolutions have been passed by Albion, Gaines and the Village, and

WHEREAS in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, a process as mandated therein was undertaken and a determination made that the establishment of AJFD would not result in any significant adverse environmental impact, and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing relating to the formation of AJFD was held on April 24, 2024, and

WHEREAS Albion, Gaines and the Village by Resolution did establish a AJFD subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS based upon Petitions received calling for a referendum vote a Special Election was held on August 6, 2024 relating to the proposition: "SHALL THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBION, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALBION AND THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GAINES, ORLEANS COUNTY, NEW YORK, DATED APRIL 30, 2024, TO ESTABLISH A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TO BE

KNOWN AS THE ALBION JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH FIRE DISTRICT WILL ENCOMPASS THE VILLAGE OF ALBION, THE TOWN OF ALBION AND THE TOWN OF GAINES BE APPROVED ?”, and

WHEREAS the Special Election resulted in voters from both Albion and Gaines approving said proposition and formation of the AJFD.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Albion Town Board does hereby approve and verify the Statement of the County Board of Canvassers of the Town of Albion in relationship to the votes casted in the Special Election on August 6, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the Statement) and each Albion Town Member certifies the correctness of said Statement by his/her signature thereto on August 12, 2024. The AJFD is deemed established as of this date August 12, 2024.

Section 2. The Albion Town Board does hereby appoint Joe Martillotta and Christopher Kinter as Commissioners to AJFD and their term expires December 31, 2024.

Section 3. The Albion Town Board does authorize these Commissioners to undertake any training necessary in furtherance of these positions and any costs associated with said training will be paid by the Town of Albion.

Section 4. These Commissioners, in conjunction with similar appointments by Gaines and the Village are to are to engage in an organizational meeting no later than twenty (20) days from August 12, 2024 and are thereafter to undertake any and all duties and responsibilities including but not limited to a budgetary process in a timely fashion all pursuant to the laws of the State of New York.

Section 5. The Albion Town Board does hereby appoint Victoria Tabor as Treasurer for AJFD and her term expires December 31, 2024.

Section 6. This Resolution and Statement are to be certified and filed in the Orleans County Clerk's Office.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Councilperson Arnold Allen and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley, aye

Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a resolution for the decommissioning plan.

RESOLUTION #86 GRANTING APPROVAL OF DECOMMISSIONING PLAN, DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT AND DECOMMISSIONING BOND FINANCIAL SECURTY RE: BEARDSLEY CREEK SOLAR PROJECT 3947 RICHES CORNERS RD

WHEREAS the Town of Albion Planning Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Planning Board”) received an application for site plan approval and a special use permit for the construction of a proposed 5 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar power generation facility with associate appurtenances (hereinafter referred to as the Project) at 3947 Riches Corners Road, Town of Albion, County of Orleans, State of New York, Tax ID Number 85-1-15.1 (hereinafter referred to as the Project Area), and

WHEREAS the property owner by and through Beardsley Creek, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the “Project Company”) having submitted, among other things, a proposed Site Plan, a proposed Operations and Maintenance Plan and a proposed Decommissioning Plan all in furtherance of said application, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board ‘Declared Intent to be Lead Agency’ at the September 6, 2023 Planning Board meeting, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board having previously provided written notice to all interested and involved agencies under SEQR Regulations, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board ‘Declared Lead Agency’ at the May 22, 2024 Planning Board meeting in accordance with the SEQR Regulations, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board having determined that the Project referenced above is a Type 1 Action under 617 of SEQRA Regulations, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board having previously resolved that the Project and Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based on the review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and having made a Determination of Non-Significance on said Project and Action at the May 22, 2024 meeting, thus directing by Resolution the issuance of a negative declaration, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board having opened a Public Hearing on December 6, 2023, 5:00p.m. at the Albion Town Hall, 3665 Clarendon Rd, Albion, NY, 14411, and all persons wishing to comment at that time were heard, and

WHEREAS the aforesaid Public Hearing having remained open for each monthly Planning Board meeting thereafter until the May 22, 2024 monthly Planning Board meeting when the Public Hearing was closed, and all persons wishing to comment during the course of the Public Hearing were heard, and

WHEREAS the proposed Project was reviewed by all involved agencies including the Orleans County Planning Board and Orleans County Emergency Management Office, and

WHEREAS on July 10, 2024 the Planning Board having granted conditional special use permit & site plan approval for the Project conditioned upon this Board's immediate approval Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. This Board does hereby approve the proposed Decommissioning Plan and Decommissioning Agreement.

Section 2. This board does hereby approve the proposed Decommissioning Bond relating to Decommissioning Financial Security in the amount of \$601,495.00.

Section 3. The approvals contained herein are contingent and conditioned upon receipt by the Town of Albion of the original executed Decommissioning Plan and Decommissioning Agreement from the Project Company and landowners at which time Albion Town Supervisor F. Richard Remley is authorized to execute same and thereafter a filing is to take place in the Orleans County Clerk's Office.

Section 4. The approvals contained herein are contingent and conditioned upon receipt by the Town of Albion of the original Decommissioning Bond.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Councilperson Arnold Allen and was seconded by Councilperson Sandra Bensley authorizing the adoption of the aforementioned resolution. Resolution duly adopted by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, aye
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Supervisor Richard Remley: I need a motion to close.

Motion was made by Councilperson Darlene Benton and was seconded by Councilperson Terry Wilbert authorizing the close of the meeting at 5:35 pm. Motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Darlene Benton, aye
Supervisor Richard Remley, aye
Councilperson Arnold Allen, aye

Councilperson Sandra Bensley, absent
Councilperson Terry Wilbert, aye

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	2	2.76
	Marr. Lic.	Marriage Licensing Fee	4	70.00
	Misc. Fees	Cert. Copies - Death	26	260.00
		Cert. Copies - Marriage	7	70.00
		Sub-Total:		\$402.76
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	12	108.00
		Female, Unspayed	2	34.00
		Male, Neutered	10	90.00
		Male, Unneutered	7	119.00
	Sub-Total:		\$351.00	
B1560	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	175.00
		Sub-Total:		\$175.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted: \$928.76	
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			49.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			47.24
Amount paid to:	State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses			90.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$1,115.00	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$186.24	

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Sarah M. Basinait, Town Clerk, Town of Albion during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Town Clerk

Date

**New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
("NYSERDA")**

AGREEMENT

1. Agreement Number: TBD
2. Contractor: Town of Albion
3. Project Director: Terry Wilbert
4. Effective Date: 08/01/2024
5. Total Amount of Award: \$11,600
6. Project Period: 08/01/2024 - 08/30/2027
7. Expiration Date: 02/30/2028
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; and
- Exhibit E, Metrics Reporting Instructions

9. ACCEPTANCE. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNLESS EXECUTED BELOW BY NYSERDA.

TOWN OF ALBION

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Signature: _____

NYSERDA Authorized Signatory

**Exhibit A – Statement of Work
Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program
Town of Albion
CEC300385**

Project Background

Launched in August 2016, the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program provides grants and recognition to local governments that demonstrate leadership by completing NYSERDA-selected high-impact actions.

Town of Albion (hereafter, the "Contractor") has made important strides in the area of clean energy and has met the requirements for grant funding under the Clean Energy Communities program. This funding is to be used for

the clean energy project(s) described in this agreement. The funding is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to New York clean energy goals.

This agreement describes the general terms and conditions under which the Contractor agrees to plan and implement a Clean Energy Communities grant project. Each project will consist of one or more components. Each component will have a Planning Phase and a Completion Phase.

At the request of the Contractor, the scope of this project includes conducting one or more Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Energy Studies and/or Clean Heating and Cooling Screenings. The study(ies) will be prepared by a third-party vendor working on NYSERDA's behalf. This cost will be paid directly by NYSERDA to the third-party vendor. An amount equal to the cost of the CEC Energy Study(ies) and/or Clean Heating and Cooling Screenings has been deducted from the original grant award. This deduction is reflected in the Total Amount of Award listed at the top of this contract.

The Contractor agrees to implement projects that are located within a New York State Disadvantaged Community in the Contractor jurisdiction as described below.

Project Component: Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Energy Study(ies) and Building Upgrades

The Contractor shall take reasonable efforts to assist the NYSERDA-assigned vendor to complete a CEC Energy Study for the following facility(ies):

- 3665 Clarendon Rd, Albion, NY 14411 which is in a New York State Disadvantaged Community as currently defined on NYSERDA's website: <https://www.nyserra.ny.gov/ny/disadvantaged-communities>

The Contractor shall take reasonable efforts to assist the NYSERDA-assigned vendor at the vendor's direction to complete the study, including but not limited to:

- Conducting a comprehensive walk through of the identified facility(ies)
- Interviewing site staff
- Collecting equipment nameplate and operational data
- Collecting and conducting utility bill analysis of no less than 12-months of use data
- Preparing an energy study report to be circulated among elected officials and staff
- Conducting a debrief with municipal officials to review the findings and recommendations presented in the report

Definitions

Contractor Team: At the beginning of the Project Period, the Contractor Team for this Agreement shall consist of the Contractor. Subcontractors selected to work on this CEC grant project shall be identified and selected in accordance with Article V of this Agreement and shall be promptly communicated to the NYSERDA Project Manager. The Contractor shall have the sole responsibility for satisfactory completion of all Tasks and Deliverables outlined in this Agreement.

NYSERDA Project Manager: NYSERDA shall assign a staff member as the NYSERDA Project Manager, designated to oversee and serve as the main point of contact for the Contractor. The NYSERDA Project Manager shall review Deliverables and provide direction to the Contractor in a streamlined fashion. The NYSERDA Project Manager shall be responsible for approving Deliverables and ensuring compliance with this Statement of Work.

Metrics Workbook: After it has been approved by NYSERDA, the Contractor's CEC Grant Application including all approved project information is referred to as the Metrics Workbook. NYSERDA requires that the information in the Metrics Workbook be updated at the Planning Phase (Task 1) and at the Completion Phase (Task 2) to confirm the energy savings from the project. These submittals are referred to as the Metrics Workbook and shall be submitted in excel format as outlined in Exhibit E, Metrics Workbook.

Deliverable Review Process

The Contractor shall submit all Deliverables outlined in this Agreement to the NYSERDA Project Manager once a Task is completed. The Contractor shall submit all Deliverables in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and/or PDF format (or other format as identified in the Tasks below). Within thirty (30) business days of receipt of each Deliverable, the NYSERDA Project Manager shall provide comments to the Contractor or, if the Deliverable is acceptable, the NYSERDA Project Manager shall provide final approval. The Contractor shall prepare revisions to the Deliverable reflecting the NYSERDA Project Manager's comments and resubmit any revised Deliverable within thirty (30) business days after receipt of these comments. All Deliverables shall not be considered final unless approved by the NYSERDA Project Manager in writing to the Contractor.

Minimum Performance Requirements

Listed below are the minimum performance requirements for efforts and/or technologies funded under this Agreement. NYSERDA will consider written requests for modifications to the minimum requirements, however modifications are subject to NYSERDA review and approval. The Contractor may propose a project based on previous design efforts, but the project must meet the Minimum Performance Requirements. Implementation or installation must occur after approval of the design. Previous design services, installed, or implemented measures or project elements will not be funded under this Contract. The NYSERDA Project Manager will schedule routine conference calls to ensure the project is on track and meet the required guidelines.

Project Component: Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Building Upgrades Requirements for this component:

The funding may be used for the following purposes:

- Measures that are recommended in a NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Energy Study or ASHRAE Level II or III Energy Audit including:
 - Lighting upgrades and lighting controls - indoor and outdoor
 - High-efficiency motors, motor controls, variable speed drives
 - Electric heating, ventilation & air conditioning (HVAC) improvements
 - Building shell
 - Energy management / building management systems (EMS/BMS)
 - Demand Control Ventilation
 - Solar thermal
 - Water and Wastewater Treatment Process Improvements

The building, facility, and installed equipment must be owned by the Contractor.

NYSERDA will only pay for the cost of the project, after incentives, and reserves the right to withhold payments until confirmed.

The Contractor may determine which eligible upgrades to implement provided the upgrades are recommended in an CEC Energy Study or ASHRAE Level II or III Energy Audit.

Total Contract Award

The total NYSERDA award amount and the total project cost for all Tasks shall not exceed the amount identified in the Milestone Payment Table below. All cost overruns shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

Tasks

The Contractor is solely responsible for all Tasks in this Statement of Work. Submission of deliverables to NYSERDA electronically (by email or via Salesforce) constitutes certification of the veracity of information contained therein, and compliance with Minimum Performance Requirements as identified in this Agreement. The Contractor shall conduct all work as outlined in the following Tasks:

Task 1.0: Planning Phase

The Contractor shall complete the design/specifications and then the Metrics Workbook in accordance with Exhibit E, Metrics Workbook. The Task 1 Planning Phase Metrics Workbook submittal shall be completed to demonstrate that the design/specifications meet the Minimum Performance Requirements described above and data collected to the level of detail needed to estimate the energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) savings benefits. Throughout the term of the contract, any deviations from the approved Minimum Performance Requirements and the implemented project shall be approved in writing by the NYSERDA Project Manager. By request, NYSERDA reserves the right to obtain and review design/specifications.

Task 1.0 Deliverables:

1.0 Project Component: Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Energy Study(ies)

Deliverables for this component:

- Copy of the CEC Energy Study(ies) or ASHRAE Level II or III Energy Audit(s).

1.1 Project Component: Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Building Upgrades

Deliverables for this component:

- Quotes providing for the implementation of Building Upgrades that meet all requirements, or comparable information.
- Metrics Workbook (in Excel format) reflecting the design and specifications of work to be performed.

***GO/NO GO DECISION – THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK ON ANY FURTHER TASKS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE NYSERDA PROJECT MANAGER, WHICH SHALL BE ISSUED AT NYSERDA'S SOLE DISCRETION.**

Task 2.0: Project Completion

The Contractor shall complete the Task 2 - Project Completion Metrics Workbook submittal(s) in accordance with Exhibit E, Metrics Workbook. This submittal documents final metrics data verifies that the project is complete and the design/specifications meet the project Minimum Performance Requirements.

Site Inspection: If requested, the Contractor shall coordinate with the NYSERDA Project Manager to schedule a date for a site inspection upon the completion of the Project. NYSERDA may also request applicable documentation including, but not limited to photos of the funded project components.

Task 2.0 Deliverables:

Project Component: Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Building Upgrades

Deliverables for this component:

- Final paid invoices
- Metrics Workbook (in Excel format) reflecting the design and specifications of work as built.
- Additional incentive program applications or comparable information, if applicable

Milestone Payment Table

The project milestones and schedule of payments is shown below. Any adjustments to the milestone deliverable dates must be approved in writing by the NYSERDA Project Manager.

The Contractor shall submit invoices for payment of a completed milestone once the associated Deliverable(s) is approved by the NYSERDA Project Manager. Invoices shall be submitted in a template provided by NYSERDA and as outlined in Article IV of the Agreement. NYSERDA funding shall not exceed 100% of the cost of any milestone. NYSERDA is not responsible for any Deliverable costs that are greater than the NYSERDA contribution for each milestone. If the Contractor fails to complete the project or any milestone of the project, funds disbursed shall be subject to recapture as outlined in Section 2.03 under Exhibit B.

NYSERDA CEC grant funds shall only cover the cost of the project after any other incentives (private, state, federal, etc.) received by the Contractor are removed.

It is NYSERDA's expectation that all dollars awarded under this contract will be used to support clean energy projects. Should Contractor find available funds, for example, through cost savings achieved in performance of the Statement of Work, Contractor agrees to use those funds for clean energy projects.

Milestone #	Milestone Dates	Deliverable Description	NYSERDA Contribution (\$) (Not to Exceed)
Project Plan Phase			
1.0	1/30/2025	Planning Phase – CEC Energy Study(ies)	\$0.00
1.1	1/30/2025	Planning Phase – Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Building Upgrades	\$2,900.00
Project Completion Phase			
2.0	08/30/2027	Completion Phase – Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Building Upgrades	\$8,700.00
		Total Project Budget	\$11,600.00

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.

(a) General Definitions:

Agreement: This Agreement shall consist of Page One and the Exhibits noted thereon, all of which are made a part hereof as if set forth here in full.

Budget: The Budget set forth at Exhibit A hereto.

Cash-based Expenses: Those obligations of Contractor that shall be settled in cash.

Contract Administrator: NYSERDA's Director of Contract Management, Wendy M. MacPherson, or such other person who may be designated, in writing, by NYSERDA.

Contract Information: Recorded information regardless of form or characteristic first produced in the performance of this Agreement, that is specified to be compiled under this Agreement, specified to be delivered under this Agreement, or that is actually delivered in connection with this Agreement, and including the Final Report delivered by Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Statement of Work, if applicable.

Expiration Date: The date, located on Page One, Item No. 7, beyond which any funding balances will be disencumbered, unless NYSERDA, in its sole discretion, elects to extend. Any extensions of this date are only effective if in writing.

Proprietary Information: Recorded information regardless of form or characteristic, produced or developed outside the scope of this Agreement and without NYSERDA financial support, provided that such information is not generally known or available from other sources without obligation concerning their confidentiality; has not been made available by the owner to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; and is not already available to NYSERDA without obligation concerning its confidentiality. Under no circumstances shall any information included in the Final Report delivered by Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Statement of Work, if applicable, be considered Proprietary Information.

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.

Responsible: Responsible or Responsibility means the financial ability, legal capacity, integrity and past performance of Contractor and as such terms have been interpreted relative to public procurements. See NYS Finance Law § 163(1)(c).

Statement of Work: The Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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.

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

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 Project Director identified at Item 3, Page One of this Agreement shall be responsible for 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. Any change of Project Director by the Contractor shall be subject to the prior written approval of NYSERDA. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, and, in the event that notice of approval or disapproval is not received by the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of request for approval by NYSERDA, the requested change in Project Director shall be considered approved. In the event that NYSERDA requires additional time for considering approval, NYSERDA shall notify the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for approval that additional time is required and shall specify the additional amount of time necessary up to thirty (30) days.

Section 2.03. Title to Equipment. Title shall vest in the Contractor to all equipment purchased hereunder.

(a) If the Contractor fails to complete all Task(s) of this Agreement, the Contractor is subject to recapture of the full NYSERDA contribution under any tasks of the Agreement under which NYSERDA contributions have been made. NYSERDA reserves the right to pro-rate the final award amount if the completed project deviates from the proposed design submitted and approved in Task 2.

(b) If the Contractor fails to own and operate the equipment installed under the terms of this Agreement for the duration specified under the Minimum Performance Requirements of this Agreement, the Contractor will be subject to the recapture of a portion of the value of the equipment purchased or leased under Task 3 of this Agreement. The recapture will be prorated based upon the amount of time the Contractor has kept the equipment in operation divided by the number of years the Contractor is required to operate the equipment according to the Minimum Performance Requirements under this Agreement, or as approved in writing by the NYSERDA Project Manager.

Recapture payment for the equipment sold, retired or disposed of, or time contractor does not comply with the reporting requirement outlined under the Minimum Performance Requirements under this Agreement = NYSERDA Funded Amount - (Total Project Value * percent of duration required under the Minimum Performance Requirements).

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. Payment Terms. In consideration for this Agreement and as NYSERDA's full payment for the costs of 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 amounts not to exceed the maximum amount set forth in Item 5, Page One of this Agreement. Subject to the provisions and restrictions contained herein, including, without limitation, the Prompt Payment Policy Statement attached hereto as Exhibit D, payment will be made according to the Milestone Billing Events set forth in Exhibit A, Statement of Work. NYSERDA is not obligated to make any payments beyond the Expiration Date of this contract. Any funding balances will be disencumbered at that time, unless

NYSERDA, in its sole discretion, elects to extend the Expiration Date. Any changes to expiration dates will be effective only if in writing.

Section 4.02. Payments.

(a) Invoicing: Subject to any applicable provisions set forth in Exhibit A, Statement of Work, at the completion of each Milestone Event, for projects not managed through NYSERDA's Salesforce application, the Contractor shall submit invoices electronically to NYSERDA's online invoice system at: <https://services.nyserra.ny.gov/Invoices/>. For projects managed through NYSERDA's Salesforce application, the Contractor shall submit the identified deliverables, including documentation reasonably sufficient to demonstrate completion and evidence of the Contractor's cost share, if applicable, and may request payment by NYSERDA of the amounts corresponding to the amounts indicated in Exhibit A, Statement of Work. The agreement number shown as Item 1 on page 1 of this Agreement, as well as the purchase order number, which will be generated and provided to the Contractor upon contract execution, should be referenced when submitting documentation of deliverables. Documentation shall be submitted electronically via email to the assigned Project Manager along with a statement "I hereby request that upon NYSERDA's approval of these deliverable(s), payment of the corresponding milestone payment amount be made in accordance with NYSERDA's Prompt Payment Policy, as detailed in the NYSERDA agreement" or, if this project is managed through NYSERDA's Salesforce application, via NYSERDA's Salesforce Contractor Portal with the

Section 4.03. Final Payment. Upon final acceptance by NYSERDA of all 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. All invoices for final payment hereunder must, under any and all circumstances, be received by NYSERDA prior to the Expiration Date of the contract. 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/milestone payments previously made to the Contractor with respect thereto and subject to the maximum commitment set forth in Section 4.06 hereof.

Section 4.04. 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 4.05. 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 this Agreement, including without limitation, all data, bills, invoices, payrolls, time records, expense reports, subcontracting efforts and other documentation evidencing, or in any material way related to, Contractor's performance under this Agreement. shall be the amount appearing at Item 5 of page one of this 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 4.07. Audit. NYSERDA shall have the right from time to time and at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for the maintenance period set forth in Section 4.05 hereof to inspect and audit any and all books, accounts and records related to this Agreement or reasonably necessary to the performance of an audit at the office or offices of the Contractor where they are then being kept, maintained and preserved pursuant to Section 4.05 hereof. Any payment made under the Agreement 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 NYSERDA, the State of New York or an agency of the United States not to constitute an allowable charge or cost hereunder.

Article V

Assignments, Subcontracts and Performance

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. Prior to beginning any Work, Contractor shall notify the NYSERDA Project Manager of all subcontractors performing work under the Agreement, as well as all changes in subcontractors throughout the term of the Agreement. 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 less than \$50,000, 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 C to the extent required by law, and all other provisions now or hereafter required by law to be contained therein. Each Subcontract shall make express reference to this Agreement, and shall state that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any Subcontract and this Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control as between Subcontractor and Contractor. For each Subcontract valued at \$100,000 or more, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain, pursuant to Section 4.05, a completed Vendor Assurance of No Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect form from such Subcontractor prior to the execution of the Subcontract. Such form shall be made available to the Contractor by NYSERDA. Each such Subcontract shall contain a provision whereby the Subcontractor warrants and guarantees that there is and shall be no actual or potential conflict of interest that could prevent the Subcontractor's satisfactory or ethical performance of duties required to be performed pursuant to the terms of the Subcontract and that the Subcontractor shall have a duty to notify NYSERDA immediately of any actual or potential conflicts of interest. If this Agreement includes a provision requiring Contractor to make Payments to NYSERDA for the Sale or Licensing of a Product, each Subcontract shall include the provisions of Section 8.02, suitably modified to identify the parties. The Contractor shall submit to NYSERDA's Contract Administrator for review and written approval any subcontract(s) specified in the Statement of Work as requiring NYSERDA approval, including any replacements thereof.

Section 5.03. Performance. The Contractor shall promptly and diligently comply with its obligations under each Subcontract and shall take no action that would impair its rights thereunder. The Contractor shall take no action, and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent its Subcontractors from taking any action, that would impair NYSERDA's rights under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not assign, cancel or terminate any Subcontract without the prior written approval of NYSERDA's Contract Administrator as long as this Agreement remains in effect. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and, in the event that notice of approval or disapproval is not received by the Contractor within thirty days after receipt of request for approval by NYSERDA, the requested assignment, cancellation, or termination of the Subcontract shall be considered approved by NYSERDA. In the event that NYSERDA requires additional time for considering approval, NYSERDA shall notify the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for approval that additional time is required and shall specify the additional amount of time necessary up to sixty (60) days.

Article VI

Schedule; Acceptance of Work

Section 6.01. Schedule. The Work shall be performed as expeditiously as possible in conformity with the schedule requirements contained herein and in the Statement of Work. The draft and final versions of all deliverables shall be submitted by the dates specified in the Exhibit A Schedule. It is understood and agreed that the delivery of the draft and final versions of such deliverables by the Contractor shall occur in a timely manner and in accordance with the requirements of the Exhibit A Schedule and Project Period noted in Item No. 7 of this Agreement.

Section 6.02. Acceptance of Work. The completion of the Work shall be subject to acceptance by NYSDA in writing of all deliverables as defined in Exhibit A, Statement of Work. Where the specified deliverable is in the form of report, acceptance of such report is contingent on Contractor complying with all its obligations set forth in the corresponding task and that the report be complete, and sufficiently and accurately described.

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

Rights in Information; Confidentiality

Section 8.01. Rights in Contract and Proprietary Information.

- (a) All Contract Information shall be the property of NYSDA. The Contractor shall not use Contract Information for any purpose other than to implement its obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) All Proprietary Information shall be the property of Contractor.

- (c) The use, public performance, reproduction, distribution, or modification of any materials used by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement does not and will not violate the rights of any third parties, including, but not limited to, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, publicity, or privacy. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and paying for any necessary licenses to use any third-party content.
- (d) The Contractor agrees that to the extent it receives or is given any information from NYSERDA or a NYSERDA contractor or subcontractor, the Contractor shall treat such data in accordance with any restrictive legend contained thereon or instructions given by NYSERDA, unless another use is specifically authorized by prior written approval of the NYSERDA Project Manager. Contractor acknowledges that in the performance of the Work under this Agreement, Contractor may come into possession of personal information as that term is defined in Section 92 of the New York State Public Officers Law. Contractor agrees not to disclose any such information without the consent of NYSERDA.

Article IX

Warranties and Guarantees

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

- (a) all information provided, and all representations made by Contractor as a part of the Proposal Checklist or application, if any, submitted to NYSERDA in order to obtain this Agreement were, to the best of Contractor's knowledge, complete, true and accurate when provided or made;
- (b) as of the Effective Date, it is financially and technically qualified to perform the Work, and is qualified to do business and is in good standing in all jurisdictions necessary for Contractor to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) it is familiar with and will comply with all general and special Federal, State, municipal and local laws, ordinances and regulations, and New York State Executive Orders in effect during the contract term, if any, that may in any way affect the performance of this Agreement;
- (d) the design, supervision and workmanship furnished with respect to performance of the Work shall be in accordance with sound and currently accepted scientific standards and engineering practices;
- (e) 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 scientific standards and engineering practices;
- (f) 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;
- (g) to the best of Contractor's knowledge, there are no existing undisclosed or threatened legal actions, claims, or encumbrances, or liabilities that may adversely affect the Work or NYSERDA's rights hereunder;

(h) 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;

(i) all information provided to NYSDERDA with respect to State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k is complete, true and accurate;

(j) Contractor is familiar with and will comply with NYSDERDA's Code of Conduct for Contractors, Consultants, and Vendors with respect to the performance of this Agreement,¹ including, but not limited to, the provisions that ensure the appropriate use of public funds by requiring Contractors, Consultants and Vendors to refrain from policy advocacy on behalf of NYSDERDA unless explicitly authorized, and in the manner described, under the terms of their Agreement; and to refrain from providing advocacy positions or opinions of their own that could be construed as those of NYSDERDA;

(k) its rates for the indirect costs charged herein have been determined based on the Contractor's reasonably anticipated indirect costs during the term of the Agreement and calculated consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

(l) Contractor shall at all times during the Agreement term remain Responsible, and Contractor agrees, if requested by NYSDERDA, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity; and

(m) Contractor represents that there is and shall be no actual or potential conflict of interest that could prevent the Contractor's satisfactory or ethical performance of duties required to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall have a duty to notify NYSDERDA immediately of any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

¹ <http://www.nysderda.ny.gov/About/Board-Governance.aspx>

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 Contractor's or its Subcontractors' 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 direct 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) except policies in evidence of insurance required under Section 11.02(b), 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) Workers Compensation, Employers Liability, and Disability Benefits as required by New York State.

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 Article XI hereof.

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; Non-Responsibility

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 ninety (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 ninety (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 ten (10) days prior written notice to the Contractor. In such event, payment 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 therefore). Articles VIII, IX, and X shall survive any termination of this Agreement, and Article XVII shall survive until the payment obligations pursuant to Article VIII have been met.

(b) NYSERDA specifically reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon its determination of excessive project schedule lapses or delays. NYSERDA also reserves the right to deny schedule extensions for project completion beyond those to which the parties agreed upon the initial execution of the agreement.

(c) NYSERDA specifically reserves the right to terminate this agreement in the event that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k is found to have been intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, or that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Tax Law Section 5-a is found to have been intentionally false when made. Terminations under this subsection (c) will be effective upon Notice.

(d) Nothing in this Article shall preclude the Contractor from continuing to carry out the Work called for by the Agreement after receipt of a Stop Work Order or termination notice at its own election, provided that, if the Contractor so elects: (i) any such continuing Work after receipt of the Stop Work Order or termination notice shall be deemed not to be Work pursuant to the Agreement, and (ii) NYSERDA shall have no liability to the Contractor for any costs of the Work continuing after receipt of the Stop Work Order or termination notice.

Section 12.03. Suspension or Termination for Non-Responsibility.

(a) Suspension. NYSERDA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Agreement, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the Responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as NYSERDA issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

(b) Termination. Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate NYSERDA officials or staff, this Agreement may be terminated by NYSERDA at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by NYSERDA to be non-Responsible. In such event, NYSERDA may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

Article XIII

Independent Contractor

Section 13.01. Independent Contractor.

(a) 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, including the Project Director, 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, vicarious liability, professional liability coverage or indemnification, rights or privileges derived from workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage and retirement membership or credit. It is understood and agreed that the personnel furnished by Contractor to perform the Work shall be Contractor's employee(s) or agent(s), and under no circumstances are such employee(s) to be considered NYSERDA's employee(s) or agent(s), and shall remain the employees of Contractor, except to the extent required by section 414(n) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Contractor expressly acknowledges NYSERDA's need to be advised, on an immediate basis, of the existence of any claim or event that might result in a claim or claims against NYSERDA, Contractor and/or Contractor's personnel by virtue of any act or omission on the part of NYSERDA or its employees. Accordingly, Contractor expressly covenants and agrees to notify NYSERDA of any such claim or event, including but not limited to, requests for accommodation and allegations of harassment and/or discrimination, immediately upon contractor's discovery of the same, and to fully and honestly cooperate with NYSERDA in its efforts to investigate and/or address such claims or events, including but not limited to, complying with any reasonable request by NYSERDA for disclosure of information concerning such claim or event even in the event that this Agreement should terminate for any reason.

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.

Section 14.04. Sexual Harassment Policy. The Contractor and all Subcontractors must have a written sexual harassment prevention policy addressing sexual harassment in the workplace and must provide annual sexual harassment training to all employees.

Article XV

Notices, Entire Agreement, Amendment, Counterparts

Section 15.01. Notices.

(a) 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 in writing and shall be transmitted either:

- (i) via certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
- (ii) by facsimile transmission;
- (iii) by personal delivery;
- (iv) by expedited delivery service; or
- (v) by e-mail, return receipt requested.

Such notices shall be addressed as follows, or to such different addresses as the parties may from time-to-time designate as set forth in paragraph (c) below:

NYSERDA

Name: Wendy M. MacPherson

Title: Director of Contract Management

Address: 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203 Facsimile

Number: (518) 862-1091

E-Mail Address: Wendy.MacPherson@nyserda.ny.gov

Personal Delivery: Reception desk at the above address

{Contractor}

Name:

Title:

Address: , Facsimile

Number:

E-Mail Address: _____

Commented [JB1]: Add primary applicant here

(b) Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or email, upon receipt.

(c) The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under this Agreement. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation and administration/billing, resolving issues and problems and/or for dispute resolution.

Section 15.02. 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 for no-cost time extensions, which may be signed by NYSERDA and require no counter-signature by the Contractor, and 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.

Section 15.03. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Article XVI

Publicity

Section 16.01. Publicity

- (a) The Contractor shall collaborate with NYSERDA's Communications Department to prepare any press release and to plan for any news conference concerning the Work. In addition the Contractor shall notify NYSERDA's Communications Department regarding any media interview in which the Work is referred to or discussed.
- (b) It is recognized that during the course of the Work under this Agreement, the Contractor or its employees may from time to time desire to publish information regarding scientific or technical developments made or conceived in the course of or under this Agreement. In any such information, the Contractor shall credit NYSERDA's funding participation in the Project, and shall state that "NYSERDA has not reviewed the information contained herein, and the opinions expressed in this report do not necessarily reflect those of NYSERDA or the State of New York." Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Contractor shall have the right to use and freely disseminate project results for educational purposes, if applicable, consistent with the Contractor's policies.
- (c) Commercial promotional materials or advertisements produced by the Contractor shall credit NYSERDA, as stated above, and shall be submitted to NYSERDA for review and recommendations to improve their effectiveness prior to use. The wording of such credit can be approved in advance by NYSERDA, and, after initial approval, such credit may be used in subsequent promotional materials or advertisements without additional approvals for the credit, provided, however, that all such promotional materials or advertisements shall be submitted to NYSERDA prior to use for review, as stated above. Such approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld, and, in the event that notice of approval or disapproval is not received by the Contractor within thirty days after receipt of request for approval, the promotional materials or advertisement shall be considered approved. In the event that NYSERDA requires additional time for considering approval, NYSERDA shall notify the Contractor within thirty days of receipt of the request for approval that additional time is required and shall specify the additional amount of time necessary up to 180 days. If NYSERDA and the Contractor do not agree on the wording of such credit in connection with such materials, the Contractor may use such materials, but agrees

EXHIBIT C

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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 Agreement agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the Agreement to the extent applicable:

1. **NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by 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, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or

carrier status, 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

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. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by NYSEDA of any NYSEDA-approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

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 NYSEDA a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf. \$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 NYSEDA 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).

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. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.** Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the Agreement, Contractor and NYSERDA acknowledge and agree that all information, in any format, submitted to NYSERDA shall be subject to and treated in accordance with the NYS Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL," Public Officers Law, Article 6). Pursuant to FOIL, NYSERDA is required to make available to the public, upon request, records or portions thereof which it possesses, unless that information is statutorily exempt from disclosure. Therefore, unless the Agreement specifically requires otherwise, Contractor should submit information to NYSERDA in a non-confidential, non-proprietary format. FOIL does provide that NYSERDA may deny access to 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." [See Public Officers Law, § 87(2)(d)]. Accordingly, if the Agreement specifically requires submission of information in a format Contractor considers a proprietary and/or confidential trade secret, Contractor shall fully identify and plainly label the information "confidential" or "proprietary" at the time of disclosure. By so marking such information, Contractor represents that the information has actual or potential specific commercial or competitive value to the competitors of Contractor.

Without limitation, information will not be considered confidential or proprietary if it is or has been (i) generally known or available from other sources without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (ii) made available by the owner to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; or (iii) already available to NYSERDA without obligation concerning its confidentiality. In the event of a FOIL request, it is NYSERDA's policy to consider records as marked above pursuant to the trade secret exemption procedure set forth in 21 New York Codes Rules & Regulations § 501.6 and any other applicable law or regulation. However, NYSERDA cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information submitted. More information on FOIL, and the relevant statutory law and regulations, can be found at the website for the Committee on Open Government (<http://www.dos.ny.gov/about/foil2.html>) and NYSERDA's Regulations, Part 501 (<http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/New-York-State-Regulations.aspx>).

7. **IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION**

(a) **FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER and/or FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.** As a condition to NYSERDA's obligation to pay any invoices submitted by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor shall provide to NYSERDA its Federal employer identification number or Federal social security number, or both such numbers when the Contractor has both such numbers. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) **PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.** The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section

5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by Contractor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law.

8. 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 C, the terms of this Exhibit C shall control.

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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. **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, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

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

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207
Telephone: 518-292-5200 Fax:
518-292-5884
<http://www.esd.ny.gov>

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

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207
Telephone: 518-292-5200
Fax: 518-292-5803
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this Agreement, Contractors certify that whenever the total amount is greater than \$1 million:

- (a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;
 - (b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;
 - (c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and
 - (d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.
16. **RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS.** Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15,

2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND

NOTIFICATION ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

18. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this Agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this Agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, NYSEDA may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

19. 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:

- a) 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).
- b) Prior to entering into such an agreement, the Contractor is required to provide NYSEDA with a completed Contractor Certification to Covered Agency form (Form ST-220-CA).
- c) Prior to any renewal period (if applicable) under the agreement, the Contractor is required to provide NYSEDA with a completed Form ST-220-CA.

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

NYSEDA 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.

20. IRANIAN ENERGY SECTOR DIVESTMENT. In accordance with Section 2879-c of the Public Authorities Law, by signing this contract, each person and each person signing on behalf of any other party certifies, and in the case of a joint bid or partnership each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each person is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law (See <https://ogs.ny.gov/iran-divestmentact-2012>).

21. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT (DERA) OF 2006.

Contractor shall comply with and, if applicable to this Agreement, provide proof of compliance with the New York State Diesel Emission Reduction Act of 2006 ("DERA"), Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Section 19-0323, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Law implementing regulations under 6 NYCRR Part 248, Use of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel (ULSD) and Best Available Retrofit Technology ("BART"). Compliance includes, but is not limited to, the development of a heavy-duty diesel vehicle (HDDV), maintaining documentation associated with BART evaluations, submitting to and receiving DEC approval of a technology or useful-life waiver, and maintaining records where BART-applicable vehicles are primarily located or garaged. DEC regulation under 6 NYCRR Part 248, Use of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and Best Available Technology for Heavy Duty Vehicles can be found at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2492.html>.

22. **ADMISSIBILITY OF REPRODUCTION OF CONTRACT.** Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.

EXHIBIT D

NYSERDA PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY STATEMENT

504.1. Purpose and Applicability. 504.1. Purpose and Applicability. (a) The purpose of this Exhibit is to provide a description of Part 504 of NYSERDA's regulations, which consists of NYSERDA's policy for making payment promptly on amounts properly due and owing by NYSERDA under this Agreement. The section numbers used in this document correspond to the section numbers appearing in Part 504 of the regulations. (This is only a summary; the full text of Part 504 can be accessed at: (<http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/New-York-State-Regulations.aspx>.)

(b) This Exhibit applies generally to payments due and owing by the NYSERDA to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. However, this Exhibit does not apply to Payments due and owing when NYSERDA is exercising a Set-Off against all or part of the Payment, or if a State or Federal law, rule or regulation specifically requires otherwise.

504.2 Definitions. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Exhibit shall have the same meaning as set forth earlier in this Agreement. In addition to said terms, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

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

(b) "Designated Payment Office" means the Office of NYSERDA's Controller, located at 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203.

(c) "Payment" means payment properly due and owing to Contractor pursuant to Article IV, Exhibit B of this Agreement.

(d) "Prompt Payment" means a Payment within the time periods applicable pursuant to Sections 504.3 through 504.5 of this Exhibit in order for NYSERDA not to be liable for interest pursuant to Section 504.6.

(e) "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 Exhibit, in order for NYSERDA not to be liable for interest pursuant to Section 504.6.

(f) "Proper Invoice" means a written request for 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 NYSERDA may reasonably require, including but not limited to any requirements set forth in Exhibits A or B to this Agreement; and addressed to NYSERDA's Controller, marked "Attention: Accounts Payable," at the Designated Payment Office.

(g)(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, NYSERDA has actually received all the purchased goods, property or services covered by a Proper Invoice previously received in the Designated Payment Office.

(ii) if the Agreement 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 Agreement 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 NYSERDA for the portion working, completed or delivered, NYSERDA 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.

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

504.3. Prompt Payment Schedule. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation or in Sections 504.4 and 504.5 of this Exhibit, the Date of Payment by NYSERDA of an amount properly due and owing under this Agreement shall be no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after Receipt of a Proper Invoice.

504.4. Payment Procedures.

(a) Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, 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 dated stamped. The invoice shall then promptly be reviewed by NYSERDA.

(b) NYSERDA shall notify the Contractor within fifteen (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; or

(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 NYSERDA fails to notify a Contractor of a defect or impropriety within the fifteen (15) 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 NYSERDA 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, NYSERDA shall make Payment, consistent with any such correction or resolution and the provisions of this Exhibit.

504.5. Exceptions and Extension of Payment Due Date. NYSERDA has determined that, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 504.3 and 504.4 of this Exhibit, any of the following facts or circumstances, which may occur concurrently or consecutively, reasonably justify extension of the Payment Due Date:

- (a) If this Agreement provides Payment 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 this Agreement or other State or Federal mandate has not been submitted to NYSERDA 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 NYSERDA and the date when NYSERDA 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 this Agreement or by other State or Federal mandate, whether to be performed by or on behalf of NYSERDA or another entity, or is specifically permitted by this Agreement or by other State or Federal provision and NYSERDA 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, NYSERDA 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 NYSERDA 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 NYSERDA, 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 NYSERDA.

504.6. Interest Eligibility and Computation. If NYSERDA fails to make Prompt Payment, NYSERDA shall pay interest to the Contractor on the Payment when such interest computed as provided herein is equal to or more than ten dollars (\$10.00). 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(c)(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.

504.7. Sources of Funds to Pay Interest. Any interest payable by NYSERDA pursuant to Exhibit shall be paid only from the same accounts, funds, or appropriations that are lawfully available to make the related Payment.

504.8. Incorporation of Prompt Payment Policy Statement into Contracts. The provisions of this Exhibit shall apply to all Payments as they become due and owing pursuant to the terms and conditions of this

Agreement, notwithstanding that NYSERDA may subsequently amend its Prompt Payment Policy by further rulemaking.

504.9. Notice of Objection. Contractor may object to any action taken by NYSERDA pursuant to this Exhibit that prevents the commencement of the time in which interest will be paid by submitting a written notice of objection to NYSERDA. 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 notice address set forth in Exhibit B to this Agreement. The Vice President of NYSERDA, or his or her designee, shall review the objection for purposes of affirming or modifying NYSERDA's action. Within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of the objection, the Vice President, or his or her designee, shall notify the Contractor either that NYSERDA'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 thirty (30) working days.

504.10. Judicial Review. Any determination made by NYSERDA pursuant to this Exhibit that 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 Exhibit or any other review procedure that may be specified in this Agreement or by other law, rule, or regulation.

504.11. Court Action or Other Legal Processes.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the liability of NYSERDA to make an interest payment to a Contractor pursuant to this Exhibit 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 NYSERDA 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.

Exhibit E Clean Energy Communities Program Metrics Workbook

Overview

After it has been approved by NYSERDA, the Contractor's CEC Grant Application including all approved project information is referred to as the Metrics Workbook. NYSERDA requires that the information in the Metrics Workbook be updated at the Planning Phase (Task 1) and at the Completion Phase (Task 2) to confirm the energy savings from the project. These submittals are referred to as the Metrics Workbook and shall be submitted in excel format.

To simplify the process and ensure consistency, NYSERDA has automated all energy savings calculations for the following pre-approved project types: Solar, Electric Vehicles, Charging Stations, and LED Street lights. The Contractor is required to ensure that all project details in the Metrics Workbook align with the project design at the Planning Phase (Task 1) and how the project was built at the Completion Phase (Task 2).

For Building Upgrades and Custom project types, the Contractor is responsible for documenting energy savings from the project. The required metrics should be provided if the measures are recommended in a CEC Energy Study or ASHRAE Level II or III Energy Audit. NYPA Clean Energy Solutions projects will typically provide energy savings estimates. ASHP and GSHP projects will typically include energy savings calculations as part of the feasibility analysis and design. The Contractor must quantify these project benefits for all the metrics applicable to the project in the Metrics Workbook.

The Metrics Workbook may be updated periodically; therefore, the customer should confirm with NYSERDA that they have the latest version.

The Project Plan Metrics Workbook submittal will serve as documentation that the project has been designed to the specification of the CEC program, the contract performance requirements and that the data provided to estimate benefits was based on the design. Upon request, the Contractor may be required to provide NYSERDA with project design documentation, which may include energy audits, contractor proposals, outreach or draft plans, or purchase orders.

Depending on the number of types of projects within a contract, there may be one or more Task 1 Metric Workbook submittals. Once the necessary data has been entered, the Task 1 Planning Phase Metrics Workbook shall be submitted as a separate excel file to NYSERDA, with additional documentation if requested.

Once the project has been completed, the customer will revise the Metrics Workbook values if appropriate to reflect the final implementation of the project.

This submittal will serve as the documentation that the project has been completed in accordance with the CEC program, the contract requirements and that the data provided to calculate the energy savings were based on the final implementation conditions. Upon request, the Contractor may be required to provide NYSERDA with project completion documentation, such as executed contracts or purchase orders, photographs, and or final outreach or planning reports.

Depending on the number of types of projects within a contract, there may be one or more Task 2 Metric Workbook submittals. Once the necessary data has been entered, the Task 2 Project Completion Metrics Workbook shall be submitted as a separate excel file to NYSERDA with additional documentation if requested.


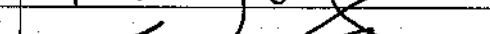


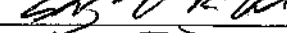
Statement of the County Board of Canvassers of the Town of *Albion* in relation to the votes cast in the Special Election, August 6, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of **Albion** having held a special election on **August 6, 2024** to canvass the votes, do certify as follows:

That it appears on such canvass that the whole number of votes given for the Fire District Proposals was One Hundred Eighty-Six of which the proposal received the number of votes set opposite their respective vote:

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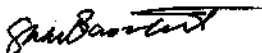
We certify this statement to be correct, and have caused the same to be attested by the signature of the members of this Board, there being **5** members in said Board, this *twelfth day* of *August, 2024*

F. Richard Remley, Albion Town Supervisor	
Sandra M. Bensley, Albion Town Council Member	
Arnold R. Allen Jr., Albion Town Council Member	
Terry Wilbert, Albion Town Council Member	
Darlene Benton, Albion Town Council Member	

State of New York)
County of Orleans) ss.:

I, Sarah M Basinait, hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution
duly adopted by the Albion Town Board on the 12th of August, 2024
State of New York

Dated at Albion, New York
August 13, 2024


Sarah M Basinait
Town Clerk