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## **\$7 billion announcement to increase installation energy security on U.S. military bases**

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Energy security is a top priority for the U.S. Army. In support of the Army's installation energy security objectives and renewable energy goals, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville issued a Multiple-Award Task Order Contract Request for Proposal Aug. 7. The resulting *Renewable and Alternative Energy Power Production for DoD Installations* contract will be awarded to multiple firms based on their ability to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain renewable and alternative energy generation facilities on government property.

This MATOC RFP is unique because the government will purchase renewable energy over a period of 30 years or less from a contractor who will build, own, operate and maintain a generating facility on installations under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense. The authority for this type of acquisition, known as a Power Purchase Agreement, is derived from 10 USC § 2922a (Contracts for Energy or Fuel for Military Installations).

By acquiring on-site renewable energy capabilities leveraging private sector financing, installations can realize the benefits of locally produced energy by only procuring energy through their utility budgets without competing for scarce Military Construction appropriations, or incurring facility maintenance and repair burdens. When a privately owned facility has energy generating capacity greater than an installation's needs, it can sell the excess to other customers creating a win-win situation.

The Huntsville Center chose a MATOC to provide small and large businesses a contract vehicle to develop solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and alternative renewable energy projects. Individual task orders will be developed based on an installation's requirements and then solicited amongst the pool of pre-qualified contractors.

Recently, more than 600 representatives from industry attended a pre-proposal conference in Huntsville, Ala. Participants received an overview of the procurement processes and specifics about the MATOC RFP. Presentations and video from the conference are posted to the Energy Initiatives Task Force's website, [www.armyeitf.com](http://www.armyeitf.com), and the Huntsville Center website, [www.hnd.usace.army.mil](http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil). The conference included a questions and answers session, which are posted on Federal Business Opportunities as an amendment to the solicitation.

The Huntsville Center developed the MATOC RFP in collaboration with the EITF, which was established by the Secretary of the Army to serve as the central management office for partnering with Army installations to implement cost-effective, large-scale renewable energy projects, leveraging private sector financing. The task force focuses on wind, solar, biomass and geothermal large-scale renewable energy projects located on Army installations in the United States that are 10 megawatts or greater.

The EITF expects to use the MATOC as one of its primary acquisition vehicles to develop large-scale renewable energy projects on Army lands. The MATOC may also be used by installations and other DoD organizations for both small and large scale renewable energy PPAs.

This effort demonstrates the Army's commitment to installation energy security, mission readiness and resilience, and reaffirms the Army's determination to lead the nation in adopting and developing clean and renewable energy.

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