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MCE Announces 2022 Open Season Request for Power Supply *California Wind and Geothermal Resources Prioritized*

SAN RAFAEL and CONCORD, Calif. — MCE's 2022 Open Season procurement will accept offers between **April 15 and May 16, 2022**, providing a competitive opportunity for qualified energy suppliers to fulfill MCE's resource requirements. Energy suppliers are encouraged to submit proposals for new or existing wind and geothermal resources that will help MCE meet its 2029 85% renewable target. MCE's Open Season solicitation also prefers offers that include project elements that benefit adjacent communities, support local workforce development and supply chains, and encourage the utilization of diverse contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers.

"MCE prioritizes suppliers who offer community benefits as part of their Open Season submissions," said Tom Butt, MCE Board Chair and Mayor of Richmond. **"Our Golden Fields Solar project includes a community benefit of \$100,000 for local reinvestment to support family-sustaining green collar jobs. We hope our 2022 Open Season will see similar equity offerings."**

The addition of new wind and geothermal energy resources to MCE's existing portfolio will help MCE reduce the need for polluting fossil-fuel resources in the evening peak hours of 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Wind and geothermal resources will also provide generation during the early morning and late evening hours when solar resources are not generating. The following energy procurement products will be included in this solicitation:

- Portfolio Content Category One (PCC1) Renewable Energy from wind and geothermal projects (Note: MCE will consider new, repowered, or existing projects)
- Firm block of clean energy (Note: PCC1 or carbon-free energy can come from a single resource or a portfolio of resources, but cannot include energy discharged between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

All offers will be due on Monday, **May 16, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.**, Pacific Standard Time. Instructions and documents for the 2022 Open Season Request for Offers will be available on MCE's website at www.mceCleanEnergy.org/energy-procurement. Please direct any questions regarding the process to rfo@mceCleanEnergy.org.

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***About MCE:** MCE is a groundbreaking, not-for-profit, public agency that has been setting the standard for clean energy in our communities since 2010. MCE offers more renewable power at stable rates, significantly reducing energy-related greenhouse emissions and enabling millions of dollars of reinvestment in local energy programs. MCE is a load-serving entity supporting a 1,200 MW peak load. MCE provides electricity service and innovative programs to more than 540,000 customer accounts and more than one million residents and businesses in 37 member communities across four Bay Area counties: Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano. For more information about MCE, visit mceCleanEnergy.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).*