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SMUD Releases Request for Offers for Carbon Offsets

On October 26, 2009, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) released a Request for Offers (RFO) for 50,000 tonnes of carbon offsets meeting the rigorous quality standards of the Climate Action Reserve. Proposals will be due mid-November 2009.

The carbon offsets will be used to meet customer demand for SMUD's voluntary carbon offset program. The program, started in 2007, has more than 1,400 residential members, and will be expanding to commercial customers in early 2010. As a result, this Request for Offers is intended to result in the procurement of approximately 50,000 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent offsets. SMUD intends to help fund such emissions reduction projects using the revenues collected from participants in the carbon offset program.

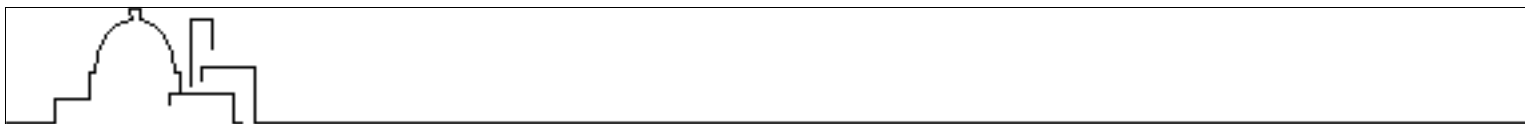
Only projects which meet the rigorous standards of the Climate Action Reserve (CAR) offset protocols, and are verified and registered with CAR will be considered. Projects which are under development and will be verified and registered with CAR are eligible. The RFO is soliciting offers for carbon offset projects developed in accordance with the CAR protocols, including both approved protocols: dairy manure digesters, landfill gas, forestry and urban forestry, organic waste digestion, coal mine methane; and protocols near completion: ozone depleting substances and N₂O reduction in acid plants.

Projects which are local to the Sacramento region will be given preference in scoring over projects located outside the Sacramento region. Projects constructed outside the U.S. will not be evaluated in this RFO.

SMUD will host a bidder's conference via teleconference on November 4, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The bidder's conference will cover information and answer questions about submitting proposals to this RFO.

Interested parties can download the RFO documents from SMUD's Electronic Bid Solicitation System (EBSS) web page at www.bids.smud.org. Registration to the EBSS site is required to access the documents.

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SMUD recommends that those interested in this and future solicitations list their company name in the "Renewable Power" category as well as the "GhG Certification" category. Registration is important to enable potential bidders to receive any updates and addenda to the RFO. For additional information contact Obadiah Bartholomy at 916-732-6835 or at obartho@smud.org.

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