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## *SFPUC Issues a New Request for Proposals for a CleanPowerSF Energy Service Supplier*

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**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – On August 5, 2010, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) issued a new request for proposals (RFP) to seek a qualified energy service provider for the CleanPowerSF program. CleanPowerSF is the City's community choice aggregation program that aims to deliver cleaner energy to residents and businesses at competitive prices with PG&E.

"Now that PG&E's greedy Proposition 16 has been defeated, we can build a world-class urban clean energy program in San Francisco," said Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, Chair of the Local Agency Formation Commission and legislative sponsor of the City's Clean Energy Ordinance. "With a more conscientious product, we'll design a renewable energy package for both residents and businesses at rates competitive to the private utility."

Earlier negotiations with a previous energy service provider ended after the company was unable to secure the financial backing to protect the City and ratepayers. The new RFP now not only requires the respondents to provide full electricity supply and customer care and billing services for CleanPowerSF, but includes strict provisions mandating that bidders provide sufficient credit assurances and proof of financial backing upon submission of their bid. This key provision will ensure the City's General Fund and CleanPowerSF ratepayers are protected in any agreed-upon contract. Additionally, the scoring section is more closely matched with the enumerated environmental goals of the City; for example, reaching 51% renewable energy in the first 10 years. Finally, the RFP document will include many of the agreed-upon components and operational framework developed through the previous round of negotiations.

To emphasize the priority of developing new green resources, the RFP also introduces a city-managed process for the development, construction and ownership of renewable energy generation facilities. The separate bidding process allows the SFPUC to start serving energy customers with cleaner energy immediately, while phasing in the multi-year planning and environmental review necessary for the construction of any large-scale renewable energy facilities. By developing local control of wind, solar and other renewable energy resources, the City will create green jobs and deliver cleaner energy that will pay for itself over time with increasingly stable rates.

"The RFP is the next step needed for the City to provide cleaner energy to businesses and residences while further developing our own local renewable energy resources," said SFPUC General Manager Ed Harrington.

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