

**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 05/07/2015
Agenda Item: 5B8**

ACTION: Approve one-year contract renewals with SolarCity Corporation, Oak Leaf Energy Partners, and Green Choice Solar for the development, construction and maintenance of solar photovoltaic electric generating systems.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost related to these renewals. This action will continue the availability of the named solar providers on an approved short list from which future projects could be awarded through separate City Council action.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the contract renewals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Contracts 13-080-01, 02, and 03) City Council originally approved the award of these contracts on May 9, 2013 for an initial two-year period with three, one-year renewal options. If approved, this would be the first of three renewal options. A fourth company, Gehrlicher Solar America Corporation, has declined to renew due to a change in client focus.

The three companies have been vetted and approved to be on a short list that will allow them to compete for any City solar generating system projects. The City has developed two solar projects since the inception of the agreement - (South Water Treatment Plant and Police/Courts Building Complex). A third project at the Tempe Library is under review. This renewal action will allow for the continuation of this short list of approved solar providers. Any future award recommendations will be brought back to City Council for separate consideration.

Contractor Performance

To date, only SolarCity Corporation has been utilized under this contract. Staff evaluated the performance of the companies as shown below:

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>SolarCity Corporation</u>	<u>Oak Leaf Energy Partners</u>	<u>Green Choice Solar</u>
Personnel are responsive, cooperative and available	A	NA	NA
Overall quality of products or services delivered	A	NA	NA
Timeliness of performance	A	NA	NA
Quality of follow-up in resolving complaints or problems	A	NA	NA
Firm's promptness in submitting accurate invoices	A	NA	NA

A=Exceeds Standards, B=Meet Standards, C=Below Standards

ATTACHMENTS: None

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