

Department of Energy sheds light on Renewable Energy IPPs

The Minister of Energy, Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson and the Department of Energy are proud to announce the additional preferred bidders from the renewable energy independent power producer procurement programme (REIPPPP) Bid Window 4. This announcement responds to the overwhelming interest and competitive prices received from local and foreign investors, demonstrating confidence in public-private partnerships (PPPs) in the South African energy sector. Due to the currently constrained system, the Department has decided to increase the Bid Window 4 allocation of REIPPPP as allowed for in the procurement documentation.

The REIPPPP has become a flagship partnership between the government and private sector to secure not only clean electricity, but also contributing to socio-economic development in the communities where these projects are located. The additional preferred bidders will add another **1 084MW** to the grid on top of the 5 243MW already procured since 2011. It will increase the investment by the private sector in renewable energy to an amazing R193 billion. Across all bid windows to date, a total contribution of R19.1 billion has been committed to socio-economic development (to be spent over the 20-year life span of the projects) as well as R6 billion to enterprise development initiatives. Assuming an even, annual spend, the average contribution per annum would be R955 million and R300 million respectively, in an attempt to alleviate poverty.

We thank our partners in the private sector, Eskom, the Departments of Environmental Affairs, Trade and Industry, Water and Sanitation, the National Treasury as well as the Municipalities and many others for their commitment and hard work to make this programme such a remarkable success.

The additional preferred bidders are:

Onshore Wind:

- The Soetwater Wind Farm (139 MW);
- Kangnas (137 MW);
- Perdekraal East (108 MW);
- Excelsior Wind Energy Facility (32 MW);
- Wesley-Ciskei (33 MW);
- Copperton Windfarm (102 MW); and
- Garob Wind Farm (136 MW).

Solar PV:

- Solar Capital Orange (75 MW);
- De Wildt (50 MW);
- Bokamoso (68 MW);
- Zeerust (75 MW);
- Greefspan PV Power Plant No. 2 Solar Park (55 MW); and
- Waterloo Solar Park (75 MW).



Security of supply and the reliability of electricity are some of the most important contributors to the growth of the South African economy. The Department of Energy is working tirelessly to find affordable solutions to the shortage of supply and encourages interested parties to download the co-generation procurement documentation and prepare for the first window of the 1 800MW co-generation programme on 10 August 2015. The **Cogeneration Request for Bids** was released to the market on 4 June 2015, and is available on www.ipp-cogen.co.za. This programme is designed with many bid opportunities, and is intended to harness green-and brown-fields projects which are hoped to be a quick win in support of the demand in the country.

Furthermore, the **Gas to Power Request for Information (RFI)** documentation was released to the market and is available on www.ipp-gas.co.za. The opportunity to submit RFI Response Forms will remain open until 20 July 2015. There has been an overwhelming interest in this programme with more than 360 downloads of the document from all over the world. The procurement of this 3 126 MW programme is expected to kick-off during the second half of 2015.

To also be noted is that the 2 500MW coal programme bid submission date is 28 August 2015 and that the procurement documentation of the 1800MW expedited REIPPPP Bid Window, as announced by the Minister in April, will be available on 25 June 2015 and submission date is expected to be the end of September 2015. This opportunity will be available for all unsuccessful projects from the previous renewable energy bid windows as well as ready projects that will be connected to the grid before the end of 2019. Early connected projects will receive preference.

The Department thanks all participants and stakeholders for their commitment and contribution to enable South Africa to move forward under difficult circumstances. We have learnt that it is when things are difficult that South Africans stand together.