



RESOLUTION 20-354

**Resolution Authorizing The Development And Issuance Of A
Competitive Contracting Request For Proposals For A Co-Applicant
For The Board Of Public Utilities Community Solar Pilot Program And
Award Of A Master Services Agreement For A Community Solar
Subscriber Group**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) has initiated an application process for year 2 of the Community Solar Pilot Program (“Program”) and has requested that applicants submit applications for the Program on or before February 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Program allows municipal entities to form subscriber groups for community solar projects by including the residents of the municipality in an ‘op-out’ participation program; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Princeton (“Municipality”) desires to submit an application to the Program and form a subscriber group of low and moderate income (LMI) customers to receive the economic benefit from a community solar project via energy savings; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Municipality to submit a viable application to the Program, the Municipality also needs to identify a third-party that will finance, own, operate, and maintain a community solar project located within the same electric utility service territory as the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to undertake the development and implementation of a competitive contracting Request for Proposals (“RFP”) seeking proposals from solar developers to fund, install, own, operate and maintain a photovoltaic energy system located within the same electric utility service territory as the Municipality, partner with the Municipality in the preparation and submission of an application to the Program, and virtually provide low cost renewable energy to the Municipality’s subscriber group via a master service agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, specifically, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(j)*, and *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(44)* Municipality of Princeton is authorized to utilize competitive contracting process to procure solar developer proposals for completion of the Program application and award of a master services agreement for the Municipality’s subscriber group; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton that:

1. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, working with [legal counsel], and Gabel Associates to develop, issue and administer a competitive contracting request for proposals seeking proposals from solar developers for completion of the Program application and award of a master services agreement for the Municipality’s subscriber group which defines the terms and conditions of service by the successful respondent.

2. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to include in the request for proposals a requirement that the successful respondent reimburse the Municipality for all costs associated with the development and implementation of the RFP and Program application process.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

| Councilperson | Absent | Present | 1 st | 2 nd | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Disqualified |
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| Mr. Cohen | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Ms. Fraga | | X | | | X | | | |
| Ms. Niedergang | | X | | | X | | | |
| Ms. Pirone Lambros | | X | X | | X | | | |
| Ms. Sacks | | X | | | X | | | |
| Mr. Williamson | | X | | | X | | | |
| Mayor Lempert | | X | | | | | | |

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held October 26, 2020.


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk