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Mr. Dan Westin, (dwestin@rmu.net)

Re: Request ID: 6691
Large Solar System at Rochelle Treatment Plan (230kW)

Dear Mr. Westin:

Thank you for your letter requesting a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for the above-referenced project. We are pleased to let you know that the Foundation has selected your organization's request to move forward in our grant application process.

The Foundation would like your organization to submit a proposal for a grant of up to \$460,000 for the above-referenced project. According to the Foundation's guidelines, grants for photovoltaic projects fund up to \$2/watt or 60% of the system and its installation costs, whichever is less. Should you also obtain State funding for this project, the Foundation will adjust its grant such that the total support from these two funding entities shall not exceed the above funding guidelines based on the project cost submitted in the grant application.

So that the Foundation can act on your request by the end of April, we will need your organization to submit its Online Proposal Application by Friday, March 14, 2014. Failure to submit this and other requirements may delay the Foundation's consideration of your request. If your organization cannot complete its proposal by then, please contact the Foundation as soon as possible to discuss deferring the request to a later grant cycle.

You may access your online proposal application at
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_325?SA=AM

Make sure that your proposal reflects the most current information about your project's hardware and costs. In addition, a letter of commitment confirming the Rochelle Municipal Utilities' intention to proceed with the project if awarded a Foundation grant would help to strengthen your application. We also request that you consult the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at <http://dnr.illinois.gov/EcoPublic/> to determine the environmental impact of your project and submit a copy of the report with your proposal.

As you complete the online Full Proposal Form, be sure to address the following questions:

- When was the RMU treatment plant built?
- The spreadsheets you submitted with the LOI show that over the last years the plant is processing fewer gallons per year but using more kWh. Please explain.

- When do you anticipated that new turbo blowers to be installed and operational?
- Are you proposing the installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic system?
- Will the real time data from the PV system be available to the public – i.e. on a public web site?
- Briefly explain the use of "Electric enterprise funds" for the project. Are these grant dollars or a loan?
- Please explain how you plan to use the RECs from the project. Note that you can't claim the environmental benefits if you sell your tags.

Please note that the grant application process is still competitive. Following review of all the proposals being invited in this round, the Foundation may award some grants at the level invited, award other grants at a level lower than was invited or decline some proposals altogether.

Your staff contact at the Foundation for the remainder of the application process will be Gabriela Martin, who can be reached at [312-372-5191](tel:312-372-5191).

Sincerely,

Dennis F. O'Brien
Executive Director