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## **Notice of Intent to Contract with the City of Boston and the City of Winchester for Rooftop Solar Challenge II**

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**Department of Energy Resources  
State Energy Program**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT**

**Notice of Funding to Horsley Witten for Developing Outreach and Education Materials**

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) is a state agency whose mandate is to promote policies and programs to ensure that Massachusetts' citizens have adequate and diverse energy supplies, at a reasonable cost, with a minimal impact on the environment. To that end, DOER strives to create a clean energy future for the Commonwealth, economically and environmentally, including:

- Accelerating the deployment of cost-effective energy efficiency,
- Increasing the development of clean energy resources,
- Implementing strategies to assure reliable supplies and improve the cost of clean energy relative to fossil-fuel based generation, and
- Supporting Massachusetts clean energy companies and spurring Massachusetts clean energy employment.

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) was awarded funds through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge to address the differing and expensive permitting, zoning, metering, and connection processes required to install and to finance residential and commercial rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. These efforts have continued with the start of the second phase of funding in partnership with Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. The focus of DOER's initiative is to streamline solar permitting processes, update codes and ordinances related to solar installation, improve resources for learning about interconnection, and increase access to financing for solar. More specifically, under the terms of Phase II of the award, DOER's team will work in conjunction with state partners to implement model permitting more widely, develop a residential solar loan program, and create educational material on newly developed model solar rights and solar access bylaws. Partners named in DOER's proposal to DOE are as follows: 1) the municipalities of Boston, Cambridge, and Winchester (Municipal Partners); 2) Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC); and 3) Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS).

Consistent with DOE's SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge, the overall goal of DOER's initiative is to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade. In addition, DOER's initiative is consistent with DOE's larger effort to position the United States as a global leader in the rapidly-growing solar market.

**Scope of grant performance to be achieved or funded under the grant:**

Consistent with the Department of Energy's (DOE) grant award to fund the DOER team as described in DOER's application, DOER has partnered with Winchester and Boston to aid in the development and implementation of the initiative in accordance with the Scope of Services set forth below.

In its role as sub-recipient, and consistent with Winchester's responsibilities as described in DOER's proposal to DOE, Boston will aid in the development and implementation of DOER's SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge tasks, including:

- providing input to the development and distribution of model permitting
- developing a non-profit community shared solar PPA model
- piloting the use of the models and programs developed,
- providing staff to participate in work directly related to the Rooftop Solar Challenge, and,
- collaborating with DOER, selected consultants, and other project partners, including participating in on in meetings and phone calls.

In its role as sub-recipient, and consistent with Winchester's responsibilities as described in DOER's proposal to DOE, Winchester will aid in the development and implementation of DOER's SunShot Rooftop Solar Challenge tasks, including:

- providing input to the development of model permitting and zoning codes or ordinances,
- developing a scope for viable Boston community shared solar sites
- piloting the use of the models and programs developed,
- providing staff to participate in work directly related to the Rooftop Solar Challenge, and,
- collaborating with DOER, selected consultants, and other project partners, including participating in on in meetings and phone calls.

**Award Amount:**

\$25,000 to the City of Boston

\$5,000 to the Town of Winchester

**Duration of Contract:** Contracts will run from contract execution date until November 30, 2014. By mutual agreement of the parties, the contract may also be extended for up to one year after November 30, 2014 in accordance with any extension of the DOE award.

**Selection Criteria:**

DOER's award to Boston and Winchester is consistent with DOE's award to DOER to reduce solar energy soft costs throughout the Commonwealth.

Please direct any questions or comments related to this Notice of Award to:

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