

**Request for Proposal**

**On behalf of**

**Carlynton School District**



**For a Solar Photovoltaic System**

**Proposals in response to this RFP are due.  
3:00 PM on Thursday, February 19, 2026**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Carlynton School District (“**District**”) invites proposals from solar energy developers (each a “**Proposer**”) to design and construct a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system (s) on a District-owned property identified herein (the “**System**”) at the following location[s]

- 435 Kings Hwy, Carnegie, PA 15106

The solar goals of the District are largely as follows:

- Reduce its monthly electric bills to move more funds toward school activities.
- Create stable electricity pricing for the long-term to establish predictable utility costs for better fiscal management for their properties.
- Power its facilities through renewable, clean energy in support of their missions of sustainability
- Share the sustainability efforts, including solar - if achieved, with their communities, staff, and the greater public to demonstrate leadership in sustainability

The District is interested in receiving proposals for a direct ownership model, where the District selects a solar energy developer and enters into an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (“EPC”) contract and a long-term project operations and maintenance (“O&M”) contract with either the EPC contractor or a third-party provider of solar O&M services. The District will own the system from its construction. The District has obtained, or intends to obtain, a grant from the Pennsylvania Solar for Schools Program (“Program”), and therefore the Project must meet the applicable requirements for the Program. At a minimum, the Proposer must have at least one employee that is a certified North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV or solar thermal installer; or has successfully installed a minimum of three solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

The System is to be interconnected with the District’s electricity meter and the Duquesne Light Company distribution system and net metered against the District’s electric account[s].

All System related equipment must be Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (“NRTL”), such as UL or ETL listed for its designed use. Construction must comply with current adopted State Building Code at the time of permitting, which currently includes International Building Code (IBC 2018), National Electric Code (NEC 2017), under National Fire Protection Association or NFPA 70 Standards, and State Fire Marshall (if applicable).

Proposers (and/or their subcontractors and partners) to this RFP shall have demonstrated experience designing, planning, permitting, constructing, maintaining and financing solar electric systems; have the ability and financial resources to construct and maintain the System; have relationships with/knowledge of local utilities and interconnection procedures; provide system monitoring and maintenance; have established onsite safety standards and possess appropriate levels of liability insurance and workmen’s compensation. Other requirements are detailed in this document.

## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION & RFP INSTRUCTIONS

### a. KEY DATES

Date	Action
Thursday, January 8, 2026	RFP Release Date
Monday, January 19, 2026 at 1:00 PM	Non-Mandatory Site Visit
Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM	Deadline for submitting email questions
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 3:00 PM	Proposals due
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:30 PM	Expected date of Award Announcement

### b. SITE VISIT

The Site Visit for prospective Proposers is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Monday, January 19, 2026. All interested proposers will meet at Carlynton Junior Senior High School Main Office for a walk through of the system site and possible interconnection routes.

### c. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

#### i. Mandatory Proposal Contents

Proposers must follow the proposal contents as listed in Section 4 below). Proposals that do not provide all of this content will be rejected.

#### ii. Mandatory Proposal Format

Proposers must submit their proposals in the following formats:

- An electronic version of the complete proposal on a or uploaded to an online portal [specify the portal such as Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive] as both a PDF and as a Microsoft Word or Excel file depending on which was used to generate the file.
- Hard copy original in a sealed envelope

#### iii. Proposal Delivery / Mailing

Proposals that are in electronic form (Word, Excel, and PDF files) are to be emailed to:

Keith Bielby  
keith.bielby@carlynton.k12.pa.us  
412-429-8400 ext. 1105

The envelope containing the hard copy original can either be hand-delivered or mailed. Proposals that are hand-delivered are to be delivered to:

Keith Bielby  
Director of Finance & Operations  
435 Kings Highway Carnegie, PA 15106

iv. **Proposal Deadline.** Proposals must be received by:

**3:00 PM on Thursday, February 19, 2026**

Once received by the District, proposals are considered valid and may not be withdrawn, cancelled, or modified for ninety (90) days after the Proposal Submission Date to give the District sufficient time to review the proposals, investigate the Proposer's qualifications, and execute the pertinent contracts with the selected Proposer.

The costs incurred by Proposers in developing its proposal are their sole responsibility, and the District shall have no liability for such cost. Any proposal submitted shall become the property of the District and will not be returned to Proposers.

An authorized person representing the legal entity of the Proposer must sign the Proposal.

#### **d. CONFIDENTIALITY**

All or portions of proposals submitted in response to this request for proposal documents may be disclosed to the public after a contract is awarded or after the opening and rejection of all proposals. Therefore, in submitting your proposal, please identify any portion of your proposal which it is your position constitutes or reveals a trade secret or confidential proprietary information that is not subject to public disclosure under the Right to Know Law. As required by the Right to Know Law, you will be notified if the District receives a request for access and/or copies of the proposal documents.

#### **e. BONDS**

- i. **Performance Bond.** The successful Proposer will be expected to provide a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the total contract price of the award prior to providing service, but in no event shall it be submitted more than thirty (30) days after the award. The Performance Bond shall be issued by a surety company legally authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- ii. **Payment Bond.** The successful proposer will be expected to provide a Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the total contract price of the award prior to providing service. The Payment Bond shall be issued by a surety company legally authorized to be business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall be in compliance with sections 3 and 3.1 of the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, 8 P.S. § 191 et seq.

#### **f. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees to abide by all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, ordinances, and laws, including, but not limited to, OSHA laws and regulations, during the performance of the services contemplated by this RFP. The Proposer certifies, for itself and its employees, that it shall comply with the laws, rules, regulations and policies of all federal, state, and local governments and agencies of applicable jurisdiction in the performance of the services contemplated by this RFP.

#### **g. QUESTIONS**

Any questions concerning the process and procedures applicable to this RFP, or technical questions related to the project are to be submitted in writing by e-mail only to Albert Pater at:

albert.pater@carlynton.k12.pa.us

Questions that are received by 3:00 PM Thursday February 12, 2026 will be answered by email or posted on the District website and the questions and answers will be shared with all interested parties.

Other than emails to [albert.pater@carlynton.k12.pa.us](mailto:albert.pater@carlynton.k12.pa.us), Proposers are prohibited from contacting any District employee, officer, school board member, or official concerning this RFP. A Proposer's failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification. No oral statements by any District staff or representatives shall be effective to waive, change, or modify any of the provisions of this RFP, and no Proposer shall rely on any alleged oral statement regarding this RFP.

### 3. PV SYSTEM STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

#### a. APPLICABLE PERMITTING

The proposed solar project will be located in Robinson Township. The zoning office's website is <https://robinsonpa.gov/document-category/zoning/>.

The selected developer will be responsible for securing all needed permits and complying with all applicable zoning requirements.

#### b. DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT BUILDING[S] AND GROUNDS

The District location where the System[s] will be located at the following address:

- 435 Kings Hwy, Carnegie, PA 15106 - 40.42503830810283, -80.09711754547315

The Carlynton Junior Senior High School opened in 1969, it is a brick material steel framed, the roof will be replaced as part of the solar project existing roof is an EPDM roof installed in 1995, and the five upper roofs where the solar panels will be installed will receive direct sunlight and are not shaded. The roof-top area available for installing solar PV arrays is shown in the map in Appendix A.

The district will conduct a roofing project accompanying the solar project. The district goal is to have a roof warranty and the solar warranty with the same length of time. We plan to install a white PVC roof to the remaining upper roofs that need to be replaced. Two upper roofs have been completed over the last 4 years. The remaining roofs over the main teaching area, the hot water boiler room, and the auditorium will be replaced.

The preferred method for securing the solar arrays to the new roofing system will be Ballasted Mounts. The district will not accept any penetrating methods to secure the arrays to the new roof system. The Ballasted Mounts must be acceptable by the roofing warranty company so the roofing warranty will not be voided.

A satellite image and map showing the District building[s], the desired location for the solar, and the property a location of electrical service including transformers and meters as well as structural drawings for the roof, if applicable, shown in the Appendix.



**c. DISTRICT ELECTRIC ACCOUNT[S] AND USAGE - SYSTEM SIZING**

The District has the following electric account for the 3 meters that will be offset with the solar generation with Duquesne Light Company:

- 1047850000 – GL – Large Commercial
- 3954550000 – GS- Small Commercial
- 2954550000- GM- Medium Commercial > 25

Electricity is provided under Duquesne Light Company’s default service tariff.

- See electricity bills for the past 12 months in EXHIBIT 01. Electric bills from the electric distribution company as well as the electric generation supplier, if different, for the meters that will be offset by solar generation can be found in EXHIBIT 01.

The total electricity consumption (in kWh) for the identified meters is shown on the following table for the years for the past 12 months.

2025	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
kWh	84729	86530	79865	88898	77473	86006	101355	98164	101028	105366	79353	84357

**d. EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

**i. Domestic Content Adder under the ITC**

The District is committed that its solar project should qualify for the domestic content adder to the solar Investment Tax Credit. This means that (a) 100% of the project’s steel and iron are domestically sourced; and (b) 40% of the total cost of all “manufactured products” that are components of the entire “facility” must be produced in the U S.

Proposals must include pricing information with both the domestic content requirement satisfied and if supply shortages are growing and the price premium is getting excessive, without the domestic content requirement being satisfied.

**ii. Foreign Entity of Concern Compliance**

The District’s solar project must satisfy the Foreign Entity of Concern restrictions established by the passage of United States H.R.1, known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025.” Proposer must obtain a certificate from each supplier from whom it purchases manufactured products stating that the products were not made by prohibited foreign entities and that the supplier does not know or have reason to know of any prohibited foreign entities in the supply chain. The certificate should also confirm the cost charged to the developer for the products that were not made by prohibited foreign entities.

**iii. PV modules**

PV modules shall be a commercial off-the-shelf product and shall be listed as

UL/ETL.

PV modules shall have a minimum 25-year limited warranty that modules will generate no less than 80% of rated output under standard testing conditions (STC). PV modules that do not satisfy this warranty condition shall be replaced.

System wiring, devices and equipment shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the NEC 2017 and applicable building and zoning codes.

#### iv. Inverters

Inverters shall be commercial off-the-shelf products, listed to UL 1741 and IEEE 1547.

Note, in PPL territory, the inverters shall be specifically listed to UL 1741SB and included in the PPL Electric Utilities - Approved Smart Inverter List:

<https://www.pplelectric.com/-/media/PPLElectric/At-Your-Service/Docs/REMSI/Metering-Equipment-Tables/PPL-EU-Smart-Inverter-List.ashx>

The inverter shall have at a minimum the following features:

- UL/ETL listed.
- Peak efficiency of 96% or higher
- Inverters shall have operational indicators of performance and have built-in data acquisition and remote monitoring.
- The inverter shall be capable of parallel operation with the existing AC power. Each inverter shall automatically synchronize its output waveform with that of the Electric Distribution Company upon restoration of power.

#### v. Racking

The mounting and racking system, whether rooftop or ground-mounted, shall be designed in accordance with all applicable state and local codes and standards. All structural components shall be non-corrosive (galvanized steel, stainless steel, or aluminum) and shall be designed to obtain a minimum 40-year design life.

100% of any steel and iron in the racking system must be of U.S. origin.

#### vi. Fencing

If a ground-mounted system is proposed, the solar field will be surrounded by fencing that complies with the latest adopted National Electric Code. The fence shall have a lockable gate sized for a lawn tractor. 100% of any steel and iron in the fencing must be of U.S. origin, if complying with the domestic content provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act.

vii. **Monitoring system**

The System shall include a web-based monitoring system showing system performance that can be accessed by the District as well as by the general public. Data shall be available both in real time and historical data. The public site is intended for education and outreach regarding renewable energy production and information on avoided greenhouse gas production.

The selected Proposer shall provide all monitoring hardware and monitoring equipment. The public site shall be maintained for the life of the solar system.

Provide networking equipment, engineering, programming, wiring, and software to allow remote connection to the District's local area network.

e. **INTERCONNECTION**

The selected Proposer will be responsible for interconnecting the System with a District electric meter and Duquesne Light Company's local distribution system. This includes preparing all required materials for an interconnection application with Duquesne Light Company and obtaining Duquesne Light Company's consent for the interconnection. The Duquesne Light Company website for interconnection is <https://duquesnelight.com/energy-money-savings/customer-owned-generation>.

Proposers shall provide a site-plan with their proposal, which shows the location of the solar PV array(s), inverter(s), point of interconnection (POI), combiner boxes, PV shut off, and the electric service location on the property, along with the route of conductors for interconnection per utility application requirements.

f. **NET METERING / VIRTUAL METER AGGREGATION**

All of the District's electricity accounts should qualify for virtual meter aggregation under 52 Pa. Code § 75.12, provided that all the account meters are within a two-mile radius of the point of interconnection. The District wishes to virtual meter the following accounts:

- 1047850000 – GL – Large Commercial
- 3954550000 – GS- Small Commercial
- 2954550000- GM- Medium Commercial > 25

The selected Proposer will be expected to work with Duquesne Light Company so the System output can be net-metered against all of the identified electric accounts of the District, if appropriate.

g. **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT**

For those proposals offering an EPC contract for the direct ownership model, the selected Proposer will be responsible for an on-going Operations and Maintenance Service Contract with the District to ensure the System is operating well over time. This agreement should include a reserve fund for replacing equipment (such as inverters

and modules) that fails outside of the warranty period.

## 4. PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT

The Proposer must ensure that it and all contractors and subcontractors engaged during the on-site construction, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and repair work on any segment of work on the System will pay their workers not less than the prevailing minimum wage and benefit rates for all crafts or classifications, as determined by the Department of Labor and Industry under the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

## 5. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposers who wish to be selected by the District for this Project must submit a proposal organized by the following sections:

- a. **PROPOSER INFORMATION.** Provide the following information about the Proposer:
  - i. Proposer's Point of Contact, email, phone number, and business address
  - ii. Narrative overview of the Proposer and its experience (not to exceed one page)
  - iii. Names of Business Owners and Managers.
  - iv. Number of Employees (Full-time Equivalents - FTEs), and how many are located in Pennsylvania.
  - v. Business revenues (for 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first half of 2025.)
  - vi. Solar installer certifications (NABCEP etc.) held by employees. List names of employees and NABCEP certification type and certification numbers.
  - vii. Licensing: Electrical. PA contractor's license number, and other contractor licenses held by employees.
  - viii. Insurance: Insurance policies (carrier, type, and limits) held by Proposer including Workmen's Compensation, Liability Insurance, and property insurance
  - ix. Prevailing Wage: List experience reporting payroll for federal Davis-Bacon Act or Pennsylvania Commonwealth prevailing wage projects.
  - x. Apprentices: List experience recruiting, employing, and supervising apprentices as part of your labor crews.
  - xi. Overview of Proposer safety policies and procedures.
  - xii. Is the Proposer on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania list of debarred contractors? If yes, explain.
  - xiii. Has the Proposer any experience with installing solar for public schools that are subject to various Commonwealth procurement laws and regulations, including the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the School Procurement Code, and the Separations Act of 1913? Explain that experience and how the Proposer would comply with these procurement requirements.
  - xiv. Has the Proposer or any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which it has an interest been cited for any willful or serious violations of any occupational safety and health act or of any standard, order or regulation promulgated pursuant to such act, during the three-year period preceding the proposal? If yes, explain.
  - xv. Has the Proposer or any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which it has an interest ever received one or more criminal convictions related to the injury or death of any employee? If yes, explain.

- xvi. Has the Proposer or any of its principals (regardless of the place of employment) ever been the subject of any criminal proceedings? If yes, explain.
- xvii. Has the Proposer or any of its principals (regardless of the place of employment) ever been found to have violated any state or local ethics law, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or standard or to have committed any other offense arising out of the submission of proposals or bids or the performance of work on public works projects or contracts? If yes, explain.
- xviii. Is Proposer and/or subcontractor a certified Women, Minority, Disabled and/or Veteran Owned Business Enterprises? If so, provide proof of certification.
- xix. Will the Proposer be able to comply with the Foreign Entity of Concern restrictions established by the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act?

In addition to providing the information listed above, please include the following as exhibits to the Proposal:

- Exhibit 1.1** Resumes of business owners and managers.
- Exhibit 1.2** Business tax returns for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Please note that the tax returns do not need to be part of the electronic files of the proposals and the hard copies will not be shared beyond the reviewing committee if marked as CONFIDENTIAL).
- Exhibit 1.3** 2025 operating budget (Please note that the tax returns do not need to be part of the electronic files of the proposals and the hard copies will not be shared beyond the reviewing committee if marked as CONFIDENTIAL).

## b. SOLAR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Provide the following information about the Proposer's solar project experience:

- i. Number of years Prosper has been in business. Provide the address of company headquarters, if different from above.
- ii. Total number of commercial projects installed, total kW<sub>DC</sub>, total dollar volume installed and/or under contract by Proposer in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Provide this data divided between direct ownership projects and third-party ownership projects where the Proposer has ongoing project responsibilities under a PPA or lease agreement and indicate which projects were installed in Pennsylvania.

As exhibits to the Proposal, provide the following:

- Exhibit 2.1** A list of the projects (address, size, annual output, and off-taker) that Proposer has installed with a rated capacity of 300 kW<sub>DC</sub> or greater in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, with customer contact information for each. Identify which projects were installed on behalf of schools or school districts.
- Exhibit 2.2** References and contact information for at least three schools or school district customers in Pennsylvania (if any) or other entities, if no schools were completed.

**Exhibit 2.3** Listing of subcontractors for the project, including company name, address, management, and services to be provided. Indicate if any subcontractors is a certified Women, Minority, Disabled and/or Veteran Owned Business Enterprise

**c. PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM HARDWARE**

Provide the following information:

- i. Solar Modules (manufacturer and model #).
- ii. Solar Inverters (manufacturer and model #).
- iii. Racking System(s) (manufacturer, model #).
- iv. Other hardware, such as fencing, etc.
- v. Web-based project monitoring system.

As exhibits to the Proposal, provide the following:

**Exhibit 3.1** Cut sheets for the modules, inverters, racking system, fencing, and monitoring system.

**d. PROPOSED SYSTEM DESIGN**

Discuss the proposed system design, addressing:

- i. Recommended System Size (kW<sub>DC</sub> and kW<sub>AC</sub>).
- ii. Recommended System Location(s). The location of the modules and the inverters.
- iii. The dimensions of the System and estimated area required.
- iv. The azimuth and tilt of the modules (or specify one or two-axis trackers).
- v. The route to interconnect the System with the District's electric service.

As an exhibit to the Proposal, provide the following:

**Exhibit 4.1** Electrical and site-plan drawings showing the system design and layout and the interconnection route.

**e. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE**

Provide System generation estimates based on the proposed System hardware and the proposed System design:

- i. Year One System Output (kWh) by month and for Year 1.
- ii. Annual PV output de-rate factor.
- iii. System Performance Guarantee. Specify the percentage of system output stated in 4.5.1 that will be guaranteed for Year One and the financial terms that will apply if the system output falls short of the guaranteed Year One performance.
- iv. The percentage of overall electricity to be generated by solar system in Year 1.

As an exhibit to the Proposal, provide the following:

**Exhibit 5.1.** Copies of PV Watts or other PV modeling software generation report.

**Exhibit 5.2.** Copy of the proposed System Performance Guarantee.

**f. PROPOSED ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PRICING**

If the Proposer is offering pricing for the project as an engineering, procurement and construction contract under the direct ownership model, provide the following price information:

- i. **Proposed Project Construction Budget.** Proposers must complete the following construction budget:

Hard costs

Hardware

PV modules + warranty	\$
Inverter + warranty	\$
Racking	\$
Interconnection	\$
Monitoring system	\$
Balance of System	\$

Installation Expenses

Electrical installation	\$
Racking installation	\$
Interconnection installation	\$
Other installation	\$
Hard Cost Contingency	\$

<i>Subtotal: Hard Costs</i>	\$
<u>Soft Costs</u>	
Predevelopment	\$
System Design	\$
3rd party engineering	\$
Legal	\$
Permits	\$
Interconnection	\$
District legal and other expenses	\$ [specify]
Project Management (developer fee)	\$
Soft Cost Contingency	\$
<i>Subtotal: Soft Costs</i>	\$
<b>TOTAL Cost:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL Cost per watt (total cost/total project size in watts)</b>	<b>\$ _____/watt</b>

**g. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ESTIMATES**

Indicate the estimate financial savings in Year 1 through Year 25 based on current electrical rate of \$0.06 per kWh with a 4% annual electricity escalator and renewable energy credits valued at \$20 for 10 years. Include a cash flow analysis in EXHIBIT 3.1 that includes inverter replacement, savings per year, and estimated electricity generation.

**h. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND EPC PAYMENT TERMS**

Provide a **Proposed Project Schedule** for the project that includes the major project milestones listed below. For each milestone, show the projected milestone completion date (expressed as number of weeks following contract execution) and requested installment payment that is to accompany the completion of each project milestone (expressed as a percentage of the total EPC price). The Proposed Project Schedule is to include the following milestones:

- Contract Execution
- Final project design / Applications for interconnection and permits filed.
- Equipment Ordered
- Notice to Proceed with Construction
- Mechanical completion
- System Commissioning
- Permission to Operate / Placed in Service

As an exhibit to the Proposal, provide the following:

**Exhibit 6.1** Completed construction budget, in workable Excel file.

**Exhibit 6.2** Completed Proposed Project Schedule, showing timing of major milestones and requested installment payments as completed work is invoiced.

**i. PROPOSED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT**

As part of your proposal, submit the following:

**Exhibit 6.3** Your pricing sheet for O&M services for the System. Include the terms and proposed language for an operations and maintenance service contract for a term of five, ten years and twenty years.

**Exhibit 6.4** Copy of the proposed Operations and Maintenance Service Contract.

**Exhibit 6.5** Include training and length of training to operate equipment.

**j. PROPOSAL SIGNATURE**

The proposal, in order to be considered a valid proposal must be signed by a principal officer or owner of the business entity that is submitting the proposal. Such signature constitutes the Proposer’s representations that it has read, understood, and fully accepted each and every provision of this RFP unless an exception is described above.

Company Name  
Company Address  
Company Federal Tax Identification # XXX  
By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]  
[Title]  
Telephone #: XXX  
Email: XXX

**6 SELECTION CRITERIA**

**a. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Proposals in response to this RFP will be evaluated by a Selection Committee of individuals from the District (the “**Committee**”).

Proposers may be invited to make a brief oral presentation and be interviewed by the Committee.

**b. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection criteria will include:

- **Overall Quality:** Overall quality of proposal and understanding of the intent of this Project.
- **Experience:** Proposer's experience and proficiency in PV projects of comparable size and scope and in contracting with Pennsylvania public schools or other Commonwealth entities or agencies.
- **Implementation Capacity:** Proposer's staff capacity and ability to provide timely, quality design, installation services and long-term operation of the System.
- **Financial Capacity:** Proposer's financial strength to successfully carry out this Project).
- **Proposed Hardware:** The extent to which the Proposer incorporates high-quality components and offers strong warranties on system components and labor, that are compliant with applicable domestic content and FEOC restrictions.
- **Value and Price:** The proposed EPC pricing and the proposed O&M service contract pricing.
- **Local Staffing and Offices:** The School places an emphasis on supporting the local economy, and the geography of the Proposers will have some modest weight in the selection.

Some criteria (e.g., appropriate licensing and insurance, strong solar experience, NABCEP certification) are considered essential for an acceptable proposal. Other items (e.g., pricing, quality of references, or capacity) will be used to rank the proposals. Pricing is not the exclusive basis for selection – the District may decide to select a Proposer whose pricing is not the lowest if the proposal is found compelling for other reasons.

### c. **SELECTED PROPOSAL**

After evaluation of the proposals and any interviews, the District will select a Proposer for entering into negotiations for the Project. All Proposers who submitted a proposal will be informed of the selection results.

The District will select the proposal that it deems to be in the District's best interest and issue a Preliminary Notice of Award to the selected Proposer. The Preliminary Notice of Award will be subject to further discussions and negotiations with the Proposer. The making of a preliminary award to a Proposer does not provide the Proposer with any rights and does not impose upon the District any obligations. The District is free to withdraw a preliminary award at any time and for any reason. A Proposer has rights - and the District has obligations - only if final contracts, if any, are executed by the District and a Proposer, and only to the extent of the obligations set out in such agreements. Neither this RFP nor any actions taken by the District create any obligation toward any Proposer.

The District may, in its sole discretion, clarify, modify, amend, or terminate this RFP if it determines in its sole discretion that it is in the School's best interest. The School reserves all rights to reject any or all proposals and to negotiate contract terms and conditions in the best interest of the District.

The successful Proposer shall enter into a binding contract for the services contemplated by this RFP. Such contract will incorporate the provisions of the selected

proposal and include such requirements and obligations typically included in construction and services contracts with the District.

## Appendix A – Site Assumptions

**PA Solar Center Assistance Fee:** The selected Proposer agrees to provide a one-time contribution of \$0.025 per installed watt dc (\$25.00/kilowatt DC) to the Pennsylvania Solar Center to be provided 30 days after a signed construction contract. This contribution must not be included as a line-item expense as part of the proposal submission.

**Description:** Include goals and objectives for the solar system

### Financial Assumptions:

- 30% ITC Eligible (30% Base)
- \$0.08/kWh ACT 129 rebate for DLC, up to 54% of annual consumption
- Electric offset rate (kWh): \$0.06

**Location for solar:** 435 Kings Hwy, Carnegie, PA 15106

**Estimated size of system(s):** 464 kW

**Annual electricity usage:** 570,863 kWh

