

Draft Findings Regarding Exemption from Competition for a Contract for Personal Services
Contract – TRM Energy Solutions, LLC

City Staff recommends that the Council make the following findings as their basis for approval, if they approve, an exemption from competition for a personal services contract for the feasibility study for a potential Prineville Renewable Energy Project and directly contracting with TRM Energy Solutions, LLC, hereinafter “TRM.”

1. Total costs to the City for delivery of services:
 - The total costs are estimated to be \$400,000.00 to \$430,000.00. It is anticipated that the City will seek outside funding for these services rather than incurring the entire costs. If the City is unsuccessful in securing funding then it will not proceed with a Contract.
2. Expertise of TRM in the required area of specialty:
 - TRM is a single-member Limited Liability Company with Robert Broberg as the sole member. Mr. Broberg has worked over a decade in biomass energy development.
3. References regarding prior work done by the TRM:
 - Although TRM is a new company, Mr. Broberg has significant references from the energy development industry.
4. Capacity and capability to perform the work, including any specialized services within the time limitations for the work:
 - Mr. Broberg has researched four (4) sites for the development of biomass energy projects, ultimately developing two (2) of those sites to successful entitled completion, e.g., permits, land use, interconnection, etc. Mr. Broberg was directly involved with the development of the Investment Grade feasibility studies (level 2) and financial models required to finance the projects. As Vice President of Business Development for the Wellons Group, Mr. Broberg has researched renewable energy projects all over the North American continent and determined which projects to pursue and which ones to pass on.
5. Educational and professional records, including past records of performance on contracts with governmental agencies and private parties with respect to cost control, quality of work ability in schedules, and contract administration, where applicable:
 - Mr. Broberg has a Bachelor of Arts degree, Business, Lewis & Clark College (2001), Portland, Oregon. Mr. Broberg currently is the Vice President of Business Development for the Wellons Group. He has been responsible for projects from \$10,000,000.00 to \$350,000,000.00. Mr. Broberg previously worked on the 30mw baseload renewable energy project in La Pine, Oregon.

6. Availability to perform the assignment and familiarly with the area in which the specific work is located:

- TRM is available to perform the work. TRM has extensive experience and contacts within the forestry and renewable energy fields.

7. Timelines of delivery of service:

- TRM is able to deliver the services requested within the timeline required by the City.

8. Experience in working with the City:

- TRM's experience in working with the City of Prineville has been limited.

9. Knowledge of the City's needs and desires related to the Contact:

- TRM and City have discussed the project in detail and TRM is fully aware of the City's needs and desires related to the project.