

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WEST CHESTER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WCACOG)
RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANNING SERVICES**

JANUARY 7, 2019 - The following questions were received on January 7, 2019, and the WCACOG's responses are as follows:

1. What level of resources (funding) does WCACOG have available for the proposed scope of work? Even a range would be helpful for potential bidders to understand the level of effort and the level of detail that you expect for the project.

Response: Based on our research, we estimate that the cost for the preparation of the plan will be \$50,000 to \$75,000. Please review the section on "Proposal Acceptance" in the RFP.

2. What level of resources (funding and staffing) does WCACOG anticipate having available for the first five years of the transition work envisioned in this RFP?

Response: Unknown at this time. Once the plan has been completed, the members of the WCACOG will be in a better position to consider implementation of the action items set forth in the plan.

3. What data are readily available from WCACOG? What data need to be obtained from other sources? Have other sources been primed by WCACOG to provide data?

Response: The municipalities and some of the stakeholders will be proactive in obtaining and providing data for the study. For example, each municipality can provide their individual energy usage. Attached is the greenhouse gas emission data for the municipalities in the WCACOG developed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

4. When there is reference to "100% renewable energy for all uses by 2050," does that include transportation energy? Or only energy used in residential and commercial buildings and processes?

Response: As mentioned in the background section of this RFP, "the WCACOG is working to develop an approach that would allow it to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for all uses by 2050 in a fair and inclusive transition process." All uses would include heat, transportation, power plants, etc. in addition to the 2035 electricity goal.

5. What is the anticipated level of interaction with (a) WCACOG members and (b) relevant stakeholders throughout the four-month project?

Response: It is anticipated that the consultant will conduct one or more public meetings to solicit input from the residents and the business community. A robust public involvement and information component will be needed to get both feedback and buy-in from the community.