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Energy Trust to launch competitive selection for energy-efficient major renovation and new commercial construction program management contract

Bidders required to demonstrate innovation and contracting diversity

PORTLAND, Ore. — November 15, 2023 — Energy Trust of Oregon will release a request for proposals (RFP) for management and delivery of its New Buildings program, which serves new commercial and multifamily construction and major renovations with code-based whole-building energy efficiency and market development efforts. The RFP will be posted in January 2024, at energytrust.org/rfp. Transitions will begin in fall 2024 and work under the new contract will begin on January 1, 2025.

Energy Trust will host an informational webinar on November 29, 2023, to help potential bidders learn more about Energy Trust and the New Buildings program. Advance registration will be required. Webinar details and registration are available on Energy Trust's website at energytrust.org/rfp. Potential bidders may indicate interest in teaming with other firms in response to the RFP during registration. Energy Trust will publish a list of firms that have expressed interest in teaming at energytrust.org/rfp following the webinar. Please hold all questions about the RFP until the comment period following the RFP release.

Through a competitive process, Energy Trust will select a finalist and execute a contract for management and delivery of New Buildings offers throughout Oregon. Firms may form teams in response to the RFP. Energy Trust will negotiate with the selected contractor for a five-year to seven-year contract. The program delivery portion of the contract will include marketing and outreach to developers, design professionals and other industry stakeholders; operations, processing and reporting; program management; and technical/engineering support.

Energy Trust will require a minimum of 20% of the value of the delivery budget to go to minority-owned, women-owned, emerging small and service-disabled veteran-owned firms certified by Oregon's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID), unless the primary respondent is COBID-certified. Firms submitting proposals must demonstrate experience in designing equitable and inclusive programs and encouraging a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace and business environment.

The New Buildings program offers training, research grants, technical services and cash incentives for commercial new construction customers incorporating energy efficient design and equipment, along with renewable energy, into their projects. New Buildings served nearly 450 sites and provided over \$6.95 million in incentives to customers in 2022. By working with Energy Trust, these sites saved 4.6 average megawatts of electricity and 346,000 therms of natural gas in 2022. Overall, New Buildings customers who worked with Energy Trust in 2022 saved energy equivalent to keeping nearly 20 tons of carbon out of the atmosphere.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers and communities save energy and benefit from renewable power. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista save \$5.3 billion on energy bills while avoiding 19.6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of removing more than 4.5 million cars for the road for a year. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs, supports resilient communities and helps ensure a more sustainable energy future. Learn more at www.energytrust.org or call 1-866-368-7878.

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