

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) intends to manage the selection, design, engineering, procurement, and construction of the Plug into Power: Community Distributed Energy Resources Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, LADWP needs to accelerate the deployment of local renewable and dispatchable clean energy resources to meet its California Senate Bill 100 goals; and

WHEREAS, LADWP has existing memorandums of understanding with Los Angeles Recreation and Parks, and Los Angeles General Services Division to facilitate the deployment of solar photovoltaics (PV), battery energy storage, and electric vehicle chargers; and

WHEREAS, LADWP Solar Rooftops Program is an existing program authorized to deploy solar PV and energy storage at single family homes to aid in meeting clean energy goals and improving system reliability; and

WHEREAS, the multi-family solar market is underserved but has tremendous potential to increase the amount of local solar PV and benefit from microgrids; and

WHEREAS, LADWP has been awarded a grant from the US Department of Energy to expand access to distributed energy resources in alignment with the LADWP's Equity Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of deploying solar PV, battery energy storage, and electric vehicle chargers at local municipally owned facilities to support the electrical network and provide backup power to the hosting facility across more than 500 municipally owned locations and 4,000 single family homes; and

WHEREAS, the Project requires aggregation, dispatch, and maintenance services to fully realize the potential of the deployed assets; and

WHEREAS, LADWP desires to advertise one or more Request for Proposals using the competitive sealed proposal method that permits negotiations after proposals have been submitted to allow clarifications and changes to the proposal; and

WHEREAS, A Local Bid Preference is applied for businesses located within Los Angeles County, in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 21 of the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 10.25, *et seq.* The criteria as established by the proposed Ordinance will grant local businesses up to an additional eight percent weighting factor; and

WHEREAS, Section 371(b) of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles (Charter) provides that as an alternative to an award pursuant to open and competitive bidding, a contract may be let pursuant to a competitive sealed proposal method, in accordance with criteria adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Los Angeles City Council (City Council). The competitive sealed proposal method may permit negotiations in accordance with criteria as established by the Ordinance authorizing the use of such alternative method; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish criteria for the letting of contracts pursuant to a competitive-sealed proposal method and to authorize the use of an alternative project delivery method for the contract between LADWP and the successful proposer for engineering and construction services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, due the large number of sites, the complexity of interconnecting microgrids to LADWP's grid controls, and due to the maintenance provisions in the Project, LADWP will require a contract term of up to ten years to complete the entire Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) find that adherence to the rule that the contract award be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is not practical or advantageous, and the competitive-sealed bid proposal method is in the best interests of the City of Los Angeles due to the complexity of the Project and the large number of exceptions and clarifications that can reasonably be anticipated for this type of project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Charter Section 1022, the Board finds that it is more feasible to have the work performed by an independent contractor. There is insufficient existing LADWP staff to perform the work proposed to be contracted and additional staff cannot be employed and trained in a timely manner to meet LADWP's needs. Additionally, expert services are required for aspects of the work requiring knowledge and skills that are not available within LADWP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves and recommends to the City Council adoption by Ordinance of the proposed criteria to be used in the selection of the contractor(s) for the proposed Project pursuant to Section 371(b) and 674 of the Charter and that the Board be permitted to award the contract(s) and execute non-material corollary documents and amendments for said equipment and construction for a term not to exceed ten years without further approval by the City Council pursuant to sections 373 of the Charter.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held Jan 13, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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