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Hawaiian Electric seeks additional shared solar project proposals on O‘ahu, Maui, Hawai‘i Island

HONOLULU, April 21, 2022 – Hawaiian Electric is seeking additional project proposals to provide customers on O‘ahu, Maui, and Hawai‘i Island the opportunity to participate in a shared solar program (also called community-based renewable energy or CBRE).

Shared solar aims to lower participants’ energy bills, while helping to reduce the use of imported fossil fuels and cut carbon emissions. The program provides a way for customers, such as renters, apartment residents, small business owners and organizations unable to install privately-owned rooftop solar, to benefit from solar electricity generated on their island.

As approved by the Public Utilities Commission, the CBRE Tranche 1 request for proposals for O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i Island is open until Aug. 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. HST. Developers, companies, organizations, or groups authorized to do business in Hawai‘i can submit proposals to develop shared solar projects. The organization’s proposal then undergoes an evaluation process for its proposed project(s). Organizations whose proposals are selected are then considered a “subscriber organization.” Details are at hawaiianelectric.com/Tranche1CBRERFP. Information on applying to become a subscriber organization is available at hawaiianelectric.com/sharedsolar.

When a subscriber organization proposing a shared solar facility is approved, customers on the island where the project will be located may become “subscribers” to that facility by applying directly to the subscriber organization. Once the project is built and online, subscribers may receive credits on their monthly electricity bill based on the output of the project and their level of participation.

Development of the Tranche 1 shared solar RFP involved feedback from communities and stakeholders on O‘ahu, Maui and Hawai‘i Island. This included community meetings that resulted in Hawaiian Electric adding new criteria that gives higher scoring to projects proposed on land zoned commercial or industrial, prioritizing residential subscribers on a proximity basis to the shared solar project, and updating criteria to encourage subscriber organizations to use local labor and pay prevailing wages. Proposals must also include additional post-selection activities for any cultural resource impacts and requirements for continued community outreach and engagement.

The Tranche 1 shared solar request for proposals is separate from the low- and moderate-income shared solar RFP for O‘ahu, Maui, and Hawai‘i Island that opened on March 17 and will close on May 17, 2022. See hawaiianelectric.com/LMICBRERFP for more details.

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