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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RENEWABLE ENERGY & DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES



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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Cherokee Nation is the federally recognized government of the Cherokee people and thereby has sovereign status granted by treaty and law. Tribal sovereignty is the right to self-governance. The seat of tribal government is the W.W. Keeler Complex near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, capital of the Cherokee Nation. The jurisdictional area of the Cherokee Nation (hereinafter referred to as Nation) covers 14 counties in Northeastern Oklahoma.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

The Cherokee Nation is seeking responses to this Request for Information on installations of renewable energy at proposed sites. The Cherokee Nation is interested in receiving information on a diverse set of renewable energy technologies and distributed energy resources, including but not limited to wind, solar, and geothermal. With each technology, the submittal should include the associated cost estimate, estimated time to install, damage prevention considerations, and potential carbon reduction impact. Each proposed group of clustered resources must fit within 20 acres or can be attached to or near the identified buildings (i.e. rooftop solar or solar covered parking).

All submitted responses will be considered proprietary and confidential. There will be no award based on responses to this RFI. The Cherokee Nation will utilize the information for planning purposes only and to obtain funding.

If funding is secured, when the Nation is ready to move forward with this project, a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued. The RFP will clearly stipulate defined services, expectations, complete scope of work and in-depth information on expected services, and clearly defined rating criteria. All RFP's issued by Cherokee Nation contain Indian Preference as a consideration for award. Indian preference will be given only to bidders who provide proof of current certification from the Cherokee Nation Tribal Employments Office (TERO) located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, telephone number (918) 453-5000.

- Any future RFP for this project will be sent to any company responding to this RFI.

Please provide the information to janice-vaughan@cherokee.org by **5:00 p.m. CT on February 20, 2026.** **The email subject line must state: RFI Response.**

PROPOSED SITES

The goal of this RFI is to gather estimated costs for budgeting and planning purposes. The proposed sites for future endeavors include the following.

- Cooweescoowee Health Center (395200 W 2900 Rd. Ochelata, OK), 779,000 kWh and 7,400 therms
- Washington County Cherokee Association Community Building (395400 W 2900 Rd, Ochelata, OK 74051), 17,600 kWh and TBD therms (has existing solar)

- Woody Hair Community Center – 467,000kWh (1210 County Rd. 487, Salina, OK),
- Kenwood Language Services Center – 5,000 kWh (1149 Kenwood Rd, Salina, OK 74365)
- Kenwood Marshal Service Building – 9,000 kWh (1149 Kenwood Rd, Salina, OK 74365)

RFI SUBMITTALS ARE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Estimated cost of system.
- Estimated cost of installation.
- Damage prevention considerations.
- Potential carbon reduction impact.
- Maintenance requirements.
- Estimated annual maintenance costs.