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Dear Clean Energy RFP Soliciting Parties,

The City of Sanford has selected Ranger Solar as the City's Partner towards the development and operation of a 50 megawatt solar photovoltaic array. The greatest potential for this partnership is sited at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport in Sanford, Maine; hereinafter "Sanford Airport Solar Project" or "Project."

On October 20th, 2015 the City of Sanford entered into an Option Agreement with Sanford Airport Solar, LLC forming the public-private partnership after an extended period of research and planning. As part of the City's long-range planning for both the City and the Airport, the siting of the pending Project was incorporated into the recent update of the Sanford Seacoast Regional Master Plan. The area to be developed in support of 50 megawatts was identified and mapped within the Master Plan's Ultimate Airport Layout Plan. Both the Federal Aviation Authority and the Maine Department of Transportation have approved this Layout Plan incorporating solar photovoltaics.

The City hereby affirms its support of this development and finds the Clean Energy RFP to align with the City's intent to facilitate the development of a utility-scale solar Project and the production of clean energy. We anticipate that there will be substantive economic benefits to the City and region, resulting from the construction and operation of the Project. The Project is compliant with the City's Comprehensive Plan for growth in the designated Growth Area, Zoning and Land Use Ordinances provide as an allowable use with site review, and solar development has been incorporated into the City's Airport Master Plan for those areas not otherwise developable for other ancillary uses for the Airport. Further, the Project aligns with the City's long range planning and economic development initiatives for diversification of the tax base, production of clean sustainable energy, and maximization of the use of otherwise non-developable lands due to airport operations and restrictions.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of the City of Sanford's desire to see the proposed Sanford Airport Solar project be developed. The Project is highly sought after as the culmination of the City's planning processes, history of public-private partnerships towards development, and will maximize the public benefit for an area of land not otherwise developable.

Submitted,

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