

Memo

Date: February 22, 2019

To: East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors
East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors
West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors
West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors
Westtown Township Board of Supervisors
West Chester Borough Council

From: Rick Smith, East Goshen Township Manager

Re: Energy Transition Plan

By way of background, in November 2018, the WCACOG approved the issuance of a RFP for Renewable Energy Planning services. The RFP was a request for a consultant to develop an Energy Transition Plan to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for all uses by 2050.

The RFP was issued in December and proposals were due on February 4, 2019. The WCACOG received proposals from the following firms:

- Amerex Energy - Sugar Land, TX (Office in West Chester)
- Cadmus Group - Boston, MA
- Enel X – Boston, MA
- NEWR Energy - Bethesda, MD (office in Philadelphia)
- Optimal Energy - Hinesburg, VT
- Pennoni-Krug – West Chester, PA
- ProtoGen Energy Aligned - Quakertown, PA
- Synapse Energy Economics – Cambridge, MA
- Practical Energy Solutions - West Chester, PA - expressed interest in the project but did not submit a proposal since their Vice President, Dianne Herrin, is also the Mayor of West Chester

Prior to the receipt of proposals, Thornbury Township indicated that they did not want to participate in this project.

A review team consisting of the municipal managers and three representatives from the Chester County Clean Energy Leaders reviewed the proposals and interviewed (via a video conference) three of the firms that submitted proposals.

The review team recommended that the WCACOG accept the proposal from Cadmus Group LCC in the amount of \$75,000. Cadmus has developed an energy transition plan for King County in Washington and is in the process of developing a plan for Buncombe County in North

Carolina, which includes the city of Asheville. They provide technical assistance to the DVRPC for their Solar Ready II project and worked on projects for the U.S. Department of Energy.

At their meeting on February 21, 2019, the WCACOG approved a motion to accept the proposal from Cadmus in the amount of \$75,000, with the cost to be apportioned based on population:

	Population	Percentage		
East Bradford	10,038	9.97%		\$7,475
East Goshen	18,339	18.21%		\$13,656
West Chester B.	19,842	19.70%		\$14,775
West Goshen	23,137	22.97%		\$17,229
West Whiteland	18,450	18.32%		\$13,739
Westtown	10,913	10.84%		\$8,126
Total	100,719	100.00%		\$75,000

The WCACOG is comprised of an elected official from each of seven municipalities in the West Chester region. Under the terms of the inter-municipal agreement that created the WCACOG, the governing body of each of member municipality must specifically approve participation in any WCACOG project. Accordingly, in order for each of your respective municipalities to participate in this project, an affirmative vote of your respective governing body is required.

The next WCACOG meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019, so we would appreciate receiving your decision by that date.

Attached is a synopsis of the project, along with an excerpt from the proposal from Cadmus.