

PUNJAB ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Regd. Office: Punjab Energy Development Agency

Solar Passive Complex

Plot no. 1-2, Sector 33D, Chandigarh

Website: www.peda.gov.in

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For

Sourcing of land from Prospective Land Owners/Aggregators for Lease of Required Land to Solar Power Developers for Setting up of Solar PV Projects in Punjab



ISSUED BY:

DIRECTOR, PUNJAB ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
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DISCLAIMER

1. Though adequate care has been taken while preparing the EOI Document, the applicants(s) shall satisfy themselves that the document is complete in all respects. Intimation regarding any discrepancy shall be given to this office immediately. If no intimation is received from any applicant within 10 (Ten) days from the date of issuance of EOI Documents, it shall be considered that the document is complete in all respects and has been received/ acknowledged by the applicant(s).
2. PEDDA reserves the right to modify, amend or supplement this document.
3. While this EOI Document has been prepared in good faith, neither PEDDA nor their employees or advisors make any representation or warranty, express or implied, or accept any responsibility or liability, whatsoever, in respect of any statements or omissions herein, or the accuracy, completeness or reliability of information, and shall incur no liability under any law, statute, rules or regulations as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of this document, even if any loss or damage is caused by any act or omission on their part.

Place: Chandigarh

Date: 18.07.2024

A. INTRODUCTION.

- 1.0 PEDA is the State Nodal Agency for Implementation, Promotion and Development of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and State designated Agency for implementation of Energy Conservation Program in the State of Punjab. Since inception PEDA is continuously working for harnessing energy from Renewable Sources i.e. Sun, Wind, Biomass and water by facilitating installation of Solar Power Plants, Solar Street Lights, Solar Water Heating systems, Solar Pumps, Biomass based power & CBG plants, Co-generation Power plants and Small Hydro Projects to meet the energy demand of the State.
- 2.0 In order to fulfill the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) and to meet the future requirements through economical Renewable Power, PEDA is making all its efforts.
- 3.0 PEDA invites expression of interest from the applicants, who are interested to offer/give land on lease basis to solar power developers for setting up of solar power plant (s) in Punjab (hereafter called the "State"). The land details of the applicant shall be recorded to provide their land(s) to solar power developers on long term lease of **minimum 27 years basis**.
- 4.0 The purpose of inviting this EOI is to identify the applicants who are interested in Leasing of their land for setting up solar power plants in the State. In case any successful solar power developer is willing to take land on lease for its Project, it may contact any of the land owners/aggregators for further process of land acquisition. Also, they are free to source land of their own to develop the solar projects. Further PEDA shall not have liability/responsibility in the transaction between solar power developers and landowners irrespective of the outcome of the deal.
- 5.0 PEDA's role in this process is only to gather information from aggregators/owners on land available, which shall be shared with prospective developers. **PEDA won't carry out any evaluation (financial, legal or technical) of the land being offered under this EOI "for arrangement of land from prospective landowners/Aggregators for leasing land to solar power developers for setting up of solar PV projects in Punjab"**. Land arrangement shall be totally in the developer's scope, who may opt to source land of their own as well. However, PEDA may also opt to install Solar Power Plant on the land as identified under this EOI.
- 6.0 PEDA is exploring the possibilities for setting up solar power plants in the state through interested developers. Therefore, PEDA invites expression of interest from Private Land Owner/ Land Aggregators (**herein after called as the "Applicant"**) for Leasing of land of **minimum 4 Acres contiguous land** in a single location. In case it is leased, the lease agreement shall be signed with applicant for minimum 27 years. The applicant can submit the details of land by

submitting the google form (given at A.8) for each parcel of land, provided that the land is of contiguous area of 4 acre at each location, subject to fulfillment of technical requirement as mentioned in Section-B for Lease of required Land to Solar Power Developers for Setting up of Solar Power Plant(s) in Punjab.

- 7.0 The aim of this EOI will be to identify suitable land parcels required to develop the solar plants in advance, so that detailed information of available land could be shared to give comfort and confidence to the prospective Solar Project Developers.
- 8.0 Applicants should submit their land details and required documents online through this Google Form- <https://tinyurl.com/EOI-land-for-solar>
- 9.0 For further details and enquiries, kindly contact on the nos. as specified below:

<p><u>Name of Authorised Person:</u> Sh. Rajesh Bansal, Joint Director, PEDA</p> <p><u>Email:</u> pmkusum.peda@punjab.gov.in</p> <p><u>Contact no.:</u> 0172-2663328, 0172-2663382</p> <p><u>Address:</u> Punjab Energy Development Agency, Solar Passive Complex, Plot no. 1-2, Sector 33D, Chandigarh</p>

B. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF LAND PARCELS.

The land parcels proposed under the EOI should meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant shall have right, title, and interest over the offered land and it should be in his/her actual physical possession free from all encumbrances. The details/proof of ownership along with non-encumbrance certificate and no-dues certificate if any from the concerned authorities apart from payment receipt of taxes are required to be submitted as mentioned in the Google Form.
2. Apart from the Land being free from all encumbrances, legally and physically owned by the Applicant, the same should not be within the prohibited range of any wildlife, forest area, protected area, national park, notified wetland, or defence establishment. There should not be any government restriction in setting up of solar power projects on the offered land.
3. The minimum size of the land offered should be contiguous 4 acres at a single location.
4. The land should be contiguous in nature and must be accessible by road (suitable

for movement of heavy vehicles for transportation of equipment/ machinery like transformers, inverters, modules etc).

5. The solar plant developer (SPG) or its authorized representative or any agency as appointed by the developer, may at its discretion, be allowed to visit the site/offered land and assess its suitability/techno-commercial feasibility in the overall interest of setting up the solar power plant, at any time prior to the signing of lease or any type of agreement and the applicant will provide adequate assistance for the same.

C. Other Terms and Conditions

1. **Charges & Cost:** All charges and cost in identification of the land parcels shall be borne by the applicants. PEDDA shall not be liable for any cost and charges whatsoever for the activities undertaken by the applicants.
2. **Compliance with Applicable Laws / Regulations / Guidelines:** The applicants shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.
3. **Indemnity:** The successful applicants shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold PEDDA harmless against any claims, injury to any persons (including deaths), losses, damages, property damages, cost, expenses, including litigation cost and reasonable attorney fee, penalty, fines arising out of any of act, omission, breach, actions and deeds of the applicant.
4. **Non-exclusive and Non-Binding:** This exercise of submission/collection of land details is voluntary, non-exclusive and legally not binding on the parties.
5. **Adherence to the Highest Degree of Standards:** The Applicants and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the process. PEDDA may withdraw the land details of any applicant without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the applicant if it determines that the applicant has, directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged in misrepresentation, intellectual property (IP) right violation, corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice. PEDDA shall also reserve the right to debar such agency/applicant from participation in any of PEDDA's tender and EOI for a further period of two (2) years from the date of such debarment.
6. The PEDDA shall not be liable or responsible in any manner if any dispute arises between landowners and developers. Merely submitting the land details shall not give any right to the land owner for consideration of its land to set up solar power plant.