



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorization to enter into a PILOT agreement with Helios Energy New York LLC

Date: 11/4/2021
Submitted By: Michael McGuire
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Title: Director
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Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Michael McGuire

Purpose of Request:

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☒ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel
- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual

☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment

☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)

☐ Requirements

☐ Professional Services

☐ Education/Training

☐ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

☐ Settlement of a Claim

☐ Release of Liability

☒ Other: (state if not listed) PILOT agreement

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Helios Energy New York 13 LLC

411 S Old Woodward Ave, #807

Birmingham, MI 48009

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:

Will be included in the 2023 budget

Revenue Amount:

\$5,225 / year with two percent annual escalator

Appropriation Account and Line:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:

Click or tap here to enter text.

State:

Click or tap here to enter text.

County:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Local:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date)

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2038

Length of Contract:

15 years

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Real Property Tax Service Agency respectfully requests authorization to enter into a Payment in Lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement with Helios Energy New York 13 LLC. The owner is proposing to develop a 5 Megawatt AC solar energy system on a parcel of land located within the Town of Guilderland ("TOWN") at Dunnsville Rd (Tax Map #37.00-2-4).

Real Property Tax law (RPTL) § 487 exempts the value of a solar energy system from local property taxes. Under the law, any increase in the property value attributable to the addition of the solar energy system is exempt from property taxes for fifteen years. Pursuant to §487, a taxing jurisdiction can require a solar developer to pay an annual fee or "payment in lieu of taxes" as a replacement for the taxes it would have otherwise collected. Under the law, PILOT amounts cannot exceed what the tax amount would have been without the §487 exemption.

The developer proposed an annual PILOT payment of \$1,045.00 per Megawatt AC of Capacity with a two percent annual escalator. This amount falls within the NYSEDA PILOT rate guidance for National Grid territory. Based on the size of this project the first year PILOT payment will be \$1,500. The 15-year term shall commence on January 1st of the year immediately following completion of construction, or the date when the Project is recognized as exemption from taxation on the municipal assessment roll, which will result in an initial PILOT payment in January of 2023.

