



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #23-0412-057

Approval to submit a Grant application to the Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs for the Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2023 Funding Opportunity – DE-FOA-0002975

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is providing competitive funding to construct community-scale clean energy generating and storage systems on Tribal Lands (Topic Area 2); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to have the DOE project performed by Woven Energy, LLC, a multidisciplinary energy firm dedicated to supporting Tribal energy development. Woven Energy LLC recently completed a Renewable Generation and Microgrid Study that evaluated the availability and economics of solar, wind,

and/or biomass generation to support Tribally-owned self-generation projects on Tribal Lands. The study concluded that a battery energy storage system (BESS) with between 4-8 MWh of capacity is the best combination of added reliability and resiliency benefits and economics based on Tribal goals; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to pursue up to 8 MWh of BESS capacity to support the casino resort and critical health and safety functions, with the ability to expand in the future to serve additional customers; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe commits up to \$1 million of in-kind cost share in the form of cash contingent on accepting grant award; and

WHEREAS, the project is on Tribal Land as defined in the FOA and the Tribe is committed to using the project site for the purposes of the BESS installation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has assigned Gary Lewis as the Business Contact, authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe for this FOA. The Tribe has assigned Gary Lewis as the Project Manager to support the BESS project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council supports a grant application to the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, for a Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2023 Funding Opportunity grant application (DE-FOA-0002975).

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 12, 2023, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



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Attest:

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