

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF :  
ENERGY RESOURCES’ REQUEST FOR :  
FUNDING TO HIRE A CONSULTANT FOR : DOCKET NO. 4604  
THE 2019 RENEWABLE ENERGY :  
GROWTH PROGRAM YEAR :

RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES’ RESPONSE TO THE  
COMMISSION’S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS ISSUED NOVEMBER 27, 2017

**1-1. Please provide a detailed itemization of the Board’s anticipated costs for the 2019 ceiling price studies.**

The following chart provides a breakdown of the services and estimated budget for the 2019 ceiling price studies:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Estimated Allocation</u>	<u>Estimated Budget Allocation</u>
Research & Data Gathering	30%	\$17,280
Ceiling price analysis & modeling – multiple iterations	20%	\$11,520
Review stakeholder comments; conduct follow-up calls and research; modeling iteration	10%	\$5,760
Public presentations and facilitated stakeholder discussion – multiple meetings	15%	\$8,640
Prepared Ceiling Price recommendations	10%	\$5,760
Participate in PUC hearing, discovery and proceedings	15%	\$8,640
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$57,600</b>

**1-2. Please provide a final invoice, final accounting, or other written documentation showing an itemization of the consultant’s services relative to the 2018 ceiling price studies, as well as an itemization of payments made to the consultant for such services.**

Please see invoices and receipts attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please note that the final cost/invoices for the 2018 ceiling price services will be completed in February, as the consultant may need to revise the 2018 ceiling prices in January due to the potential international solar tariffs or quotas that may be imposed by the Trump Administration on solar development in the United States. There is also the possibility that some renewable tax policies may be amended via federal tax reform legislation.

**1-3. Will the consultant be selected through a competitive solicitation process? If no, please explain your answer.**

No, the Distributed Generation Board (“Board”) and Office of Energy Resources (“OER”) are in the final year of their ceiling price development renewal agreement and will be using the consultant that developed the program’s prior year ceiling prices. OER will be releasing a request for proposals (“RFP”) to solicit ceiling price consultant services for the development of the 2020-2023 annual ceiling prices. This RFP is anticipated to be released in January.

Respondent: Christopher Kearns, OER  
Date: December 1, 2017

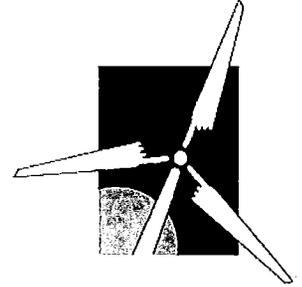
# **Exhibit A**

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## Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/1/2017	4127



<b>Bill To</b>
DOA Central Business Office Administrative Offices Gail Walsh One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor Providence, RI 02908

Customer Contract ID	SEA Client Job Code	Project Description	Terms	Due Date
PO#3424670-3	62.1.1	RI DG Standard Offer	30 Days	8/31/2017
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
Renewable Energy 2018 Ceiling Price Development Solicitation # 7549511 August 2017, Invoice #2, per payment schedule outlined in the Professional Services Agreement  •Conduct supplemental interviews •Conduct supplemental research and analysis in support of first draft ceiling prices •Modeling of first draft ceiling prices •Summarize first draft ceiling prices, inputs and issues in PPT format •Review first draft ceiling prices with OER and DG Board •Circulate first draft ceiling prices •Receive comments from stakeholders regarding first draft ceiling prices •Be available for phone conversations with stakeholders regarding draft ceiling price analysis, assumptions and methodology •Draft presentation of research and 1st draft Ceiling Prices at Public Meeting #1			8,228.57	8,228.57
			<b>Total</b>	\$8,228.57



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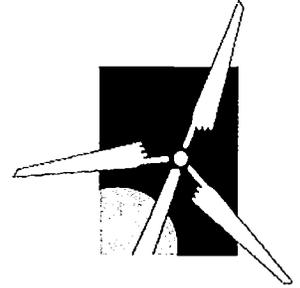
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## Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/1/2017	4097



<b>Bill To</b>
DOA Central Business Office Administrative Offices Gail Walsh One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor Providence, RI 02908

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PO#3424670-3	62.1.1	RI DG Standard Offer	30 Days	7/31/2017
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
Renewable Energy 2018 Ceiling Price Development Solicitation # 7549511 July 2017, Invoice #1, per payment schedule outlined in the Professional Services Agreement  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Create project schedule for OER &amp; DG Board review</li> <li>•Draft CP categories for OER and DG Board Review</li> <li>•Design/update Data Request and Survey for stakeholders</li> <li>•Update stakeholder distribution list</li> <li>•Distribute Data Request and Survey</li> <li>•Define contacts and script for supplemental interviews</li> <li>•Conduct supplemental interviews</li> <li>•Conduct supplemental research from other data sources</li> <li>•Collect, review and summarize Data Request and Survey responses</li> <li>•Draft presentation for Public Meeting #1</li> </ul>			8,228.57	8,228.57
<b>Total</b>				\$8,228.57



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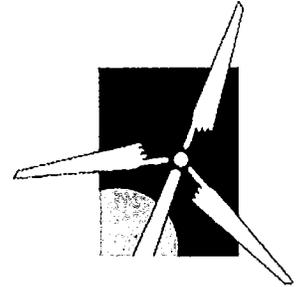
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Date	Invoice #
9/1/2017	4182



Bill To
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Customer Contract ID	SEA Client Job Code	Project Description	Terms	Due Date
PO#3424670-3	62.1.1	RI DG Standard Offer	30 Days	10/1/2017
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
Renewable Energy 2018 Ceiling Price Development Solicitation # 7549511 September 2017, Invoice #2, per payment schedule outlined in the Professional Services Agreement  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Review stakeholder comments/feedback from Public Meeting #1</li> <li>•Conduct supplemental interviews and research</li> <li>•Conduct analysis in support of second draft ceiling prices</li> <li>•Modeling of second draft ceiling prices</li> <li>•Summarize second draft ceiling prices, inputs and issues in PPT format</li> <li>•Review second draft ceiling prices with OER and DG Board</li> <li>•Circulate second draft ceiling prices</li> <li>•Be available for phone conversations with stakeholders regarding draft ceiling price analysis, assumptions and methodology</li> <li>•Develop PPT summarizing 2nd draft Ceiling Prices and deliver at Public Meeting #2</li> </ul>			8,228.57	8,228.57
<b>Total</b>				\$8,228.57



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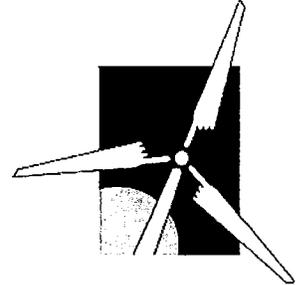
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Date	Invoice #
10/1/2017	4204



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Customer Contract ID	SEA Client Job Code	Project Description	Terms	Due Date
PO#3424670-3	62.1.1	RI DG Standard Offer	30 Days	10/31/2017
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
Renewable Energy 2018 Ceiling Price Development Solicitation # 7549511 October 2017, Invoice #3, per payment schedule outlined in the Professional Services Agreement  •Review stakeholder comments/feedback from Public Meeting #2 •Conduct phone calls to answer questions, explain analysis and complete final interviews and research •Conduct analysis in support of final draft ceiling prices •Outreach to OER ad DG Board to ensure understanding of analysis and to solicit questions and feedback •Modeling of final draft ceiling prices •Summarize final draft ceiling prices, inputs and issues in PPT format •Review final draft ceiling prices with OER and DG Board •Circulate final draft ceiling prices •Be available for phone conversations with stakeholders regarding draft ceiling price analysis, assumptions and methodology			8,228.57	8,228.57
<b>Total</b>				\$8,228.57



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Receipt Date **17-Oct-2017 07:30:19**

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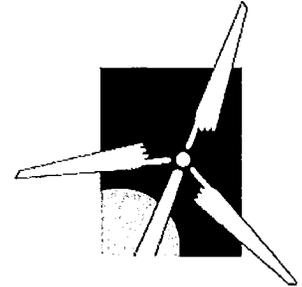
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11/1/2017	4223



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Customer Contract ID	SEA Client Job Code	Project Description	Terms	Due Date
PO#3424670-3	62.1.1	RI DG Standard Offer	30 Days	12/1/2017
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
Renewable Energy 2018 Ceiling Price Development Solicitation # 7549511 November 2017, Invoice #4, per payment schedule outlined in the Professional Services Agreement  •Review and comment on DG Board/OER REG filing to PUC •Provide general support to DG Board and OER throughout PUC phase of Ceiling Price approval process •Begin drafting written testimony •Begin preparation for PUC hearing •Monitor solar import trade case			10,228.57	10,228.57
<b>Total</b>				\$10,228.57



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