

Specification

Port Phillip City Council invites tenders for the bulk supply of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) sourced from 100% accredited Green Power. This tender will be for the annual supply of RECs.

The contract term is 1 year with the option to extend by 12 months and then a further 12 months.

The RECs must be 100% accredited Green Power sourced from wind power generators or from alternative renewable sources with lower total greenhouse gas emissions output than wind power. The RECs must be registered and retired at the Renewable Energy Certificate Register as soon as practical after 1 January 2010.

For the purpose of this tender, a REC is an electronic unit of renewable energy representing one megawatt hour of power generated by accredited renewable means and registered on the Renewable Energy Certificate Register run by the Office of the Renewable Energy Register. Other greenhouse gas offset measures will not be considered.

This tender is open to any party that is accredited to supply RECs including agents, brokers, generators and retailers.

Council is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by a combination green power purchases and energy efficiency upgrades. For 2009/10 the Port Phillip City Council is seeking to purchase RECs to offset 25% of its electricity consumption. There is no guarantee that any RECs will be purchased through this contract in 2010/11 and 2011/12 and any future purchases will be at the sole discretion of the Port Phillip City Council.

In Schedule 3 of the Tender Conditions, Tenderers are to state what evidence they will submit to Port Phillip City Council after purchasing the RECs regarding the following:

- The specific source generators of the RECs.
- The registration and identification of the Port Phillip funded RECs on the Renewable Energy Certificate Register.
- The retirement of the Port Phillip funded RECs on the Renewable Energy Certificate Register.
- External verification of all REC purchases by the City of Port Phillip.

Tenderers are requested to provide:

- A lump sum fee for the purchase and retirement of 2,667 MWh of accredited Greenpower RECs for the 2009/2010 financial year, plus the best-cost options per additional megawatt hour should the Port Phillip City Council, at its discretion, decide to purchase more RECs later during the 2009 / 2010 financial year . (See schedule 1 of Tender Conditions)
- The pricing methodology and basis for subsequent annual purchases of accredited Greenpower RECs for the remaining two years.
- Details of advice that will be provided regarding the timing of future purchases to minimise the cost to Council.
- Details of the likely source and location of the RECs to be supplied.
- A copy of the last 2 years audited accounts and if these aren't available the most recent management accounts available being 1) Profit and Loss and 2) Balance Sheet.

Tenderers are required to demonstrate their capacity and their financial and technical capability for completing the project within the required timeframe and demonstrate a commitment to environmentally sound principles.