

Subject: Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce Policy

Policy: One of PCE’s strategic goals is to “foster a work environment that espouses sustainable business practices and cultivates a culture of innovation, diversity, transparency, integrity, and commitment to the organization’s mission and the communities it serves.” PCE recognizes that an inclusive and sustainable workforce helps PCE meet its core mission and goals more effectively, serve its customers in a more culturally sensitive manner, and reflect the businesses we partner with and the community we serve more comprehensively. PCE strives to have a workforce that is as inclusive as the community it serves.

Inclusive Workforce

PCE Staff

PCE relies on its employees to provide clean, cost-effective, alternative energy to its customers. These customers live in diverse communities, and an inclusive workforce comprised of staff who reflect and are invested in these communities allows PCE to serve them more effectively. An inclusive staff also provides good jobs for people from diverse communities.

To help maintain and strengthen PCE’s inclusive staff, PCE will:

- (1) Engage in broad outreach efforts in diverse communities, including disadvantaged and low-income communities, to ensure a diverse pool of candidates for open positions;
- (2) Provide fair compensation that aligns with regional market indicators for compensation levels for each position;
- (3) Be transparent about these practices and lessons learned; and
- (4) Provide contact information for staff who can answer questions about this policy.

Supply Chain

PCE’s commitment to inclusion also extends to its supply chain. Where and from whom PCE purchases goods and services have important consequences for businesses, customers, and their communities. An inclusive supply chain is an important driver for successful delivery of PCE’s services to its customers, and of fair and equitable economic development generally.

To help ensure an inclusive supply chain, PCE will:

- (1) Strive to use local businesses and provide fair compensation in the purchase of services and supplies;
- (2) Proactively seek services from local businesses and from businesses that have been Green Business certified and/or are taking steps to protect the environment;
- (3) Engage in efforts to reach diverse communities to ensure an inclusive pool of potential suppliers;
- (4) Collect information from suppliers and contractors on the inclusivity of their workforce;
- (5) Include questions about supplier inclusivity in requests for proposals (RFPs) for services;
- (6) Require reporting from developers and large vendors on inclusivity in business ownership and staff;
- (7) Be transparent about these practices and lessons learned; and
- (8) Provide contact information for staff who can answer questions about this policy.

Inclusive Business Practices

To fulfill its core mission to provide energy choices to the diverse residents and communities of San Mateo County, PCE must ensure that its services and information are accessible to all communities. Accordingly, PCE will:

- (1) Strive to provide information on PCE's services in the multiple languages commonly spoken in PCE's service area (including mailers, tabling materials, customer service, call center, workshops and outreach events, advertisements, and other means of customer engagement);
- (2) Conduct marketing and outreach in diverse communities (including advertising in minority-owned media, establishing partnerships with community organizations, and using various media, such as radio and television) to increase awareness of PCE's services and programs;
- (3) Strive to attend important multi-cultural community events with multi-lingual materials and speakers;
- (4) Share information about activities and initiatives that promote inclusion, access, and diverse engagement in the community.

Non-Discrimination Pledge

PCE will not discriminate, and will require that its suppliers do not discriminate, on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

Sustainable Workforce

Support of local businesses, union labor and apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs that create employment opportunities are important components of building and sustaining healthy and sustainable communities. It is in the interest of Peninsula Clean Energy in San Mateo County (PCE) to provide fair compensation and sustainable workforce opportunities within a framework of competitive service and the promotion of renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction.

-PCE Recognizes the importance of locally-generated renewable energy in assuring that California is provided with (1) adequate supplies of renewable energy for economic growth, (2) sustained local job opportunities and job creation, and (3) effective means to reduce the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions. PCE also recognizes the opportunities that energy efficiency programs provide for local workforce training and employment.

PCE supports fair compensation in direct hiring, renewable development projects, energy efficiency programs and in procurement of PCE services and supplies. PCE also supports quality State of California approved apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship training programs in construction craft occupations to foster long-term, fairly compensated employment opportunities for program graduates and believes that local apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs are an efficient vehicle for delivering quality training in construction industry craft occupations.

PCE therefore desires to facilitate and accomplish ~~all of~~ the following objectives:

- (1) Support for and direct use of local businesses;
- (2) Support for and direct use of union members from multiple trades;
- (3) Support for and use of training and State of California approved apprenticeship programs, and pre-apprenticeship programs from within PCE's service territory; and
- (4) Support for and direct use of green and sustainable businesses.

"Local" is defined as 1.) San Mateo County; 2.) Nine Bay Area Counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma); 3.) Northern California; 4.) California. Preference will be give first to San Mateo County; second, to the Nine Bay Area Counties; third, to Northern California; fourth, to ~~least local,~~ California.

PCE will support the objectives stated above in the following ways:

PCE Power Purchase Agreements with Third Parties

PCE shall collect information from respondents to any bidding and/or RFP/RFQ process regarding past, current and/or planned efforts by project developers and their contractors to:

- Employ workers and use businesses from the PCE service territory.
- Employ properly licensed (A, B, C10, C7, C46) contractors and California Certified electricians.
- Utilize multi-trade project labor agreements on the proposed project or any prior project developments.
- Utilize local apprentices, particularly graduates of local pre-apprenticeship programs.
- Pay workers the correct prevailing wage rates for each craft, classification and type of work performed.
- Display a poster at jobsites informing workers of prevailing wage requirements.
- Provide workers compensation coverage to on-site workers.
- Support and use State of California approved apprenticeship programs.

Relevant information submitted by ~~bidders~~ proposers will be used to evaluate potential workforce impacts of proposed projects with the goal of promoting fair compensation, fair worker treatment, multi-trade collaboration, and support of the existing wage base in local communities where contracted projects will be located.

PCE Owned Generation Projects

Any PCE-owned renewable development project shall use local businesses, union labor, and apprenticeship programs through multi-trade agreements and/or through multiple agreements for work. Each construction contractor or subcontractor performing work on any PCE-owned project shall use a combination of local labor, union labor and apprenticeship programs, and shall follow fair compensation practices including proper assignment of work to crafts that traditionally perform the work. For each renewable energy project, PCE or its construction contractor shall ~~employ or require~~ employ of its regular workforce ~~that~~ at least 50% of all “journey ~~Level~~ level” employees ~~to shall~~ be graduates of a State of California approved apprenticeship program and at least 20% ~~of the employees are~~ shall be enrolled and participating in a local State of California approved apprenticeship program. Apprenticeship programs must be approved by the State Department of Apprenticeship Standards.

PCE Feed-In Tariff Price Projects

PCE shall use best efforts to ensure each construction contractor or subcontractor performing work on any PCE Feed-in Tariff project utilize local businesses, union labor, multi-trade agreement, apprenticeship programs, and fair compensation practices including proper assignment of work to crafts that traditionally perform the work.

PCE Energy Efficiency Projects

PCE shall use best efforts to support local businesses, union labor, and local apprenticeship programs in the implementation of its energy efficiency programs. PCE shall use best efforts to ensure each construction contractor or subcontractor performing work on any PCE energy efficiency program utilize local businesses, union labor, local apprenticeship, and fair compensation practices in program implementation including proper assignment of work to crafts that traditionally perform the work.

~~PCE Services and Supplies~~

~~PCE shall use local business and fair compensation in the purchase of services and supplies for the agency. PCE will proactively seek services from local businesses and businesses that have been Green Business certified and/or are taking steps to protect the environment.~~

~~PCE Direct Hiring~~

~~PCE will provide fair compensation for its employees that aligns with regional market indicators for compensation levels for each position.~~

