

# Contracting with Clean Power Alliance

## Who We Are

Founded in 2017, Clean Power Alliance (CPA) is the locally operated electricity provider for 32 member jurisdictions across Southern California, including 30 cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles and Ventura counties. CPA is the largest Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) in California and the fifth largest electricity provider in the state. We serve approximately 3 million residents and business and supply 100% renewable energy to more customers than any other power provider in the nation.

CPA operates as a public Joint Powers Authority, governed by a Board of Directors comprised of elected leaders from each of our member agencies.

## Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Sustainability

Utilizing our purchasing power, community connections, and industry leadership to advance equity and inclusion is core to CPA's purpose. As a public agency we cannot give preferential treatment based on race, ethnicity, gender or other classes as proscribed by Proposition 209. We are nevertheless committed to do everything in our power to promote supplier and workforce diversity and equitable economic development, and we view these goals as integral to our pursuit of clean energy and urgent climate action.

**We encourage diverse suppliers to explore contracting opportunities at CPA, and to reach out to us with questions and suggestions for how we can support you through the contracting process.**

## Procurement at Clean Power Alliance

Clean Power Alliance spends approximately \$750 million annually on power purchases and about \$20 million per year on non-energy purchasing. Since 2018, we have entered into 20 long-term power purchase agreements with energy developers, driving over \$1 billion in capital investments in renewable energy facilities, most of which are located in Southern California.

**Energy procurement.** CPA conducts Requests for Offers (RFO) for long-term renewable energy power purchase agreements on an annual or semi-annual basis. Energy projects are evaluated on criteria that include workforce development and community benefits as well as economic value, risk, environmental stewardship, and location. We strongly encourage energy developers to utilize and support small and diverse subcontractors. See next page for more information about our RFO process and selection criteria.

**Non-energy procurement.** CPA's small staff collaborates with a wide range of vendors to support all aspects of our operations. Non-energy procurement of goods and services includes office equipment and supplies; event planning; information technology support; cybersecurity services; customer outreach; digital marketing; forecasting and rate design; engineering services; financial services; legal and regulatory compliance services; and staffing and human resources consulting. Individual contracts typically range from \$50,000 up to \$1,000,000.



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CPA posts contracting opportunities on our website at [cleanpoweralliance.org/contracting](https://cleanpoweralliance.org/contracting). All contracts over \$50,000 go through a competitive bidding process. Response time for solicitations may range from a few weeks to several months. A bidders' webinar is held for many solicitations which provides suppliers with an opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from CPA staff about bid requirements. Written responses to all bidder questions received either orally or in writing are posted on CPA's website in advance of submission deadlines.

CPA encourages suppliers to become a Pre-Qualified Provider (PQP) for a variety of goods and services by responding to our open [Request for Qualifications](#). Diverse firms within CPA's service territory are especially encouraged to submit their qualifications. By becoming a PQP, a supplier will be eligible to participate in streamlined Task Order solicitations that are distributed directly to the PQP pool.

Pursuant to Proposition 209, Clean Power Alliance does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. However, **we encourage small, diverse and local businesses to respond to solicitations** and, if applicable, to seek certification as a diverse supplier through the California Public Utility Commission's [Supplier Clearinghouse](#).

For more information on contracting opportunities at Clean Power Alliance and to receive email notifications about CPA solicitations, contact CPA's Procurement Administrator, Scott Gropp, at [sgropp@cleanpoweralliance.org](mailto:sgropp@cleanpoweralliance.org) or call (213) 880-9986.

