

# News Release

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## **Seminole Electric Cooperative Issues Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy**

TAMPA, Fla., (May 2, 2008) — Tampa, Florida-based Seminole Electric Cooperative Inc., has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to identify potential sources of renewable energy.

The Florida generation and transmission cooperative is seeking up to 250 megawatts of renewable energy to help meet its member systems' growing demand and to diversify its resource portfolio. Seminole is not charging a fee for proposal submission. Proposals are due by June 13, 2008. Specifics regarding this renewable energy RFP are available on Seminole's web site at <http://www.seminole-electric.com>.

Seminole is the wholesale power supplier for 10 electric distribution co-ops. Its member co-ops together have nearly 900,000 retail consumers and provide electricity to an estimated 1.7 million individuals and businesses, located across 46 of Florida's 67 counties.

### **Key Renewable RFP Criteria**

Seminole is seeking any type of renewable resource located in or planned for construction in Florida, including baseload resources designed for continuous operation, and intermediate/peaking type resources. Proposed renewable resources must be at least one megawatt in maximum generating capacity.

Seminole will consider all renewable technologies including generation facilities using wind, hydrogen, waste heat, geothermal, ocean energy, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, landfill gas, biomass, municipal solid waste, anaerobic digesters, and hydropower fuel sources.

Seminole's renewable energy RFP is open to all providers including but not limited to independent power producers, renewable energy providers, exempt wholesale generators, qualifying facilities as defined under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, and electric utilities.

### **About Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Seminole and its members are non profit utilities that are owned and accountable to their consumers – those they serve. The Cooperative works to maintain a fuel diverse resource portfolio of owned and purchased generation, including renewable energy, "to help ensure reliable and affordable power for our members."

"Seminole is continuing to aggressively seek new sources of renewable energy to add to its existing renewable portfolio," added Trudy Novak, Senior Director of Bulk Power and Generation Planning.

Seminole has more than 100 megawatts of renewable capacity under contract at this time. The Cooperative served approximately 2% of its total energy requirements in 2007 with renewable resources. To date, Seminole has found landfill gas, municipal solid waste, and other biomass resources to be the most cost effective renewable options.