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10 firms selected to compete for Palmdale renewable energy plant project

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The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners on Monday selected 10 firms to compete for a long-term lease to develop and operate a renewable energy plant on 17,500 acres of vacant city-owned land surrounding Palmdale Regional Airport.

Construction could begin as soon as 2012 on the \$3 billion solar energy plant, which would generate up to 2,200 megawatts of electricity, airport officials said.

If the plant is built, then Los Angeles World Airports could make up to \$300 million over 30 years, according to a report by the airport agency.

"We received an outstanding list of qualified firms that could use our parcel to generate renewable power," said Michael Molina, LAWA's deputy executive director of external affairs.

"While we're still committed to a future regional

airport, this is a great use of our acreage in the meantime," Molina said.

The city of Los Angeles used eminent domain to take control of the massive Antelope Valley land holding about 40 years ago with the intention of building a large-scale airport, but efforts to launch service from Palmdale Regional have faltered.

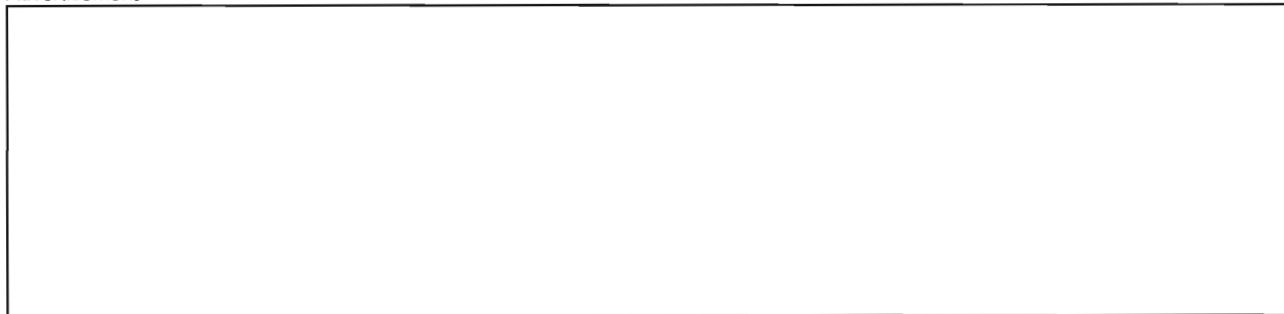
Federal regulations require that land purchased for an airport must be used for aeronautical purposes, so LAWA must gain approval from the Federal Aviation Administration before the project can be built.

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