

NERSA to hold renewable energy hearings

PRETORIA: The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) will hold public hearings on the renewable energy power plant license applications next week.



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The public hearings will kick off on Tuesday, 8 September, in Kimberly, in the Northern Cape.

The hearings will then move to the Western Cape on Wednesday followed by Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape on Thursday.

The public hearings will close in Gauteng at NERSA's offices in Pretoria on Friday.

On 26 May 2014, the Department of Energy released a request for proposals for bid window 4 of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers.

"A total of 77 bids amounting to 5,804MW were received and only 26 preferred bidders were announced in two batches with a total capacity of 2,205 MW. The first batch of 13 preferred bidders was announced on 10 April 2015 and the second batch of 13 preferred bidders was announced on 07 June 2015," said NERSA on Wednesday.

The license application received by the energy regulator for bid window 4 are for solar photovoltaic (PV), onshore wind,

small hydro and biomass.

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