

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SOCALGAS)  
SMALL BUSINESS UTILITY ADVOCATES-SCG-01  
WOODY BIOMASS PILOT PROJECT APPLICATION (A.25-10-008)  
DATE REQUESTED: February 6, 2026  
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**QUESTION 1:**

All data requests are referring to the October 15, 2025 Application, page 6, last line which states, "The project will offer opportunities to small and diverse businesses by collaborating with community and labor stakeholders, creating clean energy job opportunities, and encouraging participation from disadvantaged communities."

**QUESTION 1-1:**

Please provide a narrative listing of meetings, written/electronic communication, oral communications with small businesses, diverse businesses, community and labor stakeholders. Please list the date of the meeting, attendees and brief summary of scope of discussion.

**RESPONSE 1-1:**

Meetings with potential small business suppliers and community and labor stakeholders have not yet occurred. These types of meetings will begin once the CPUC issues a final decision approving the application.

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**QUESTION 1-2:**

How many small businesses, diverse businesses, community stakeholders have currently received contracts and/or employment offers with respect to the project?

**RESPONSE 1-2:**

None, see response to Question 1-1.

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**QUESTION 1-3:**

Please provide any written materials used or to be used for the collaborative outreach to small businesses, diverse businesses, community and labor stakeholders.

**RESPONSE 1-3:**

Materials have not been prepared and will be developed after the CPUC issues a final decision approving the application.

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**QUESTION 1-4:**

Please provide any written materials used or to be used for encouraging participation from disadvantaged communities.

**RESPONSE 1-4:**

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**QUESTION 1-5:**

How many clean energy job opportunities are expected to be created by both SoCalGas and West Biofuels LLC with respect to the statement?

**RESPONSE 1-5:**

West Biofuels anticipates that 20 direct full-time jobs will be created within the local community, including plant manager, operators, technicians, commercial drivers, and feedstock handling staff. During the 18-month construction of the facility, it is estimated that approximately 60 temporary engineering and construction jobs will be created.

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**QUESTION 1-6:**

What percentage of the clean energy job opportunities are expected for local small businesses?

**Response 1-6:**

The number of indirect jobs for local business is estimated using EPI\* multipliers for nondurable manufacturing, which are 185% for supplier jobs and 330% for induced jobs relative to the direct jobs created. This results in an estimated 37 jobs for materials and capital services suppliers and 66 jobs supported by the re-spending of income from direct jobs and supplier jobs, as well as public-sector jobs supported by tax revenue. West Biofuels would aim to select local small businesses for their suppliers where feasible.

\*Source: <https://www.epi.org/publication/updated-employment-multipliers-for-the-u-s-economy/>.