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SOLAR LIGHT TOWERS

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On November 3, 2017 DCAS registered its first fleet requirements contract for solar light towers. These units will be supplied by Progress Solar Solutions and will provide LED outdoor lighting powered by solar panels feeding electric batteries.

In December 2015, Mayor de Blasio issued NYC Clean Fleet which charged the City fleet with reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2025. NYC's 30,000 fleet units include over 5,200 off-road units such as forklifts, carts, chippers, and front end loaders.

Among these off-road units are 520 diesel light towers with most operated by NYPD and DOT, along also with Parks, OEM, DSNY, FDNY, DEP and DCAS. These light towers provide essential portable lighting for security, special events, traffic management, and emergencies. The units, however, are maintenance, fuel and emissions, intensive; noisy; and must be manually turned off and on with each use.

In normal use, these new solar light towers will be zero emission, silent, and provide improved LED lighting. Each unit will power itself autonomously with solar power but will have a backup fuel generator in case of emergency need. The units are also programmable and will not require manual turn-off and turn-on. We anticipate up to 50% cost savings over the life of each unit.

Since 2014 fleet has been operating and testing 9 initial units in preparation for the citywide initiative. Thanks to NYPD, Parks, OEM and DCAS Fleet and Procurement for their work on this exciting initiative.



FLEET SPOTLIGHT: YAMILE SALMAN, PARKS

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In the backdrop of Citifield and the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center is Parks Flushing Meadows Garage in Queens. This is where Yamile Salman serves as a Fleet Project Manager for NYC Parks.

The staff and mechanics at Flushing Meadows Garage maintain over two hundred and fifty pieces of equipment with a special focus on forestry units such as tree trimmers, log loaders, and chippers. Yamile coordinates servicing and customer issues for the garage including scheduling vehicle recalls, preventive maintenance, salvage, EZ Pass installations, and managing collision and incident reporting for the citywide CRASH system.

Yamile also coordinates the strategic parts contract for Parks at the 5-Boro Citywide Garage as well as Flushing Garage. In the last two years, Yamile has facilitated the timely delivery of over 106,000 parts for 11,400 separate work orders, with nearly no outstanding parts backlog. The City is also not fiscally responsible for parts inventory through this initiative.

“Every day is different and you can never predict your day,” states Yamile, “and that is the enjoyable part of working at this location in Parks. It is a team effort.” Yamile is also a safe driving instructor for Parks and was recognized at the Vision Zero Fleet Forum in November.

Yamile hold a Master's Degree from Manhattan College in marketing and management. She resides in Riverdale, NY with her husband Martin and her 4-year-old dog January Rose. In her spare time Yamile loves to read and also volunteer for community groups in the Bronx. Congrats Yamile and thanks.

