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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REI)
TO DESIGN, FINANCE, BUILD, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN
A GREENWASTE PROCESSING FACILITY IN
THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGION**

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BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), funded by franchise fees and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of elected officials from the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento.

The SWA is seeking Expressions of Interest from interested and capable firms to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain a facility to process residential greenwaste collected by the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento. The SWA refers to such a facility as the "GreenCycle" project.

This is not a formal solicitation. The purpose of this request is to gather preliminary information from potentially interested firms. The SWA has developed a tentative procurement schedule for the GreenCycle project.

Tentative procurement schedule:

Time-frame	Activity	Status
October 2009	Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the GreenCycle Project	Released, please visit www.sacgreencycle.com to download a copy.
October-November 2009	Solicit Expression of Interest	Released October 22, 2009. Responses due by November 25, 2009.
Winter 2009-10	Final Environmental Impact Report certification	Tentatively Scheduled
Winter 2009-10	Request for Qualifications (RFQ)	Scheduled to be released
Spring-Summer 2010	Request for Proposal (RFP)	Scheduled to be released



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Interested firms may submit an Expression of Interest to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain the facility that includes either one or both of the elements listed below.

The GreenCycle project has two distinct elements:

1. Composting using Aerated Static Pile (ASP) technology for approximately 90,000 tons per year of residential greenwaste.
2. A demonstration project using conversion technology to produce energy, bio-fuel, or similar products for approximately 10,000 tons per year of residential greenwaste.

The GreenCycle facility is envisioned as a public-private partnership, in which;

- The SWA will provide the facility site and obtain the necessary permits for the GreenCycle facility.
- The Contractor(s) will design, finance, build, operate, and maintain the facility as well as market finished products.
- The SWA will establish long-term contracts with the Contractor(s).
- The City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento will commit the necessary residential greenwaste tonnage to the SWA GreenCycle facility.

The Contractor(s) must comply with all Federal, State of California and local requirements for all services related to the GreenCycle project.

For general information, environmental documents, and questions please visit the project website at: <http://www.sacgreencycle.com/>

SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY THE SWA

The SWA desires to obtain the services of a contractor(s), joint venture, or other applicable entity, to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain the GreenCycle facility.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Legal authority for local government agencies in California to solicit proposals and enter into agreements with private entities for the design, construction and operation of fee producing infrastructure projects lies in California Government Code Section 5956-5956.10.

SELECTION PROCESS

The SWA reserves the right to, at its sole discretion, exercise any or all of the following:

- Accept or reject any and all submittals, in whole or in part,
- Amend or modify the terms included in this REI and subsequent selection process described below,
- Invalidate this REI and issue subsequent REIs, RFQs, and RFPs,
- Invite interested vendors who did not participate in this REI process to participate in the competitive procurement process at later stages described in this section.

The SWA intends to use a three phase selection process outlined below:

1. Request for Expression of Interest (REI)

This request is intended to produce preliminary responses from firms that have experience in designing, financing, building, operating and maintaining greenwaste processing facilities, demonstrating a history of conducting composting operations in a “good neighbor” fashion, and other factors. Responses to this REI will be utilized in developing the subsequent more formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

2. Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

An RFQ will be issued. It is anticipated that subsequent Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated based on proposed technology, demonstrated expertise, appropriate experience, organizational resources, financial strength and bonding capacity, and other criteria.

3. Request for Proposals (RFP)

It is the intent of the SWA to select a short list of qualified firms to proceed to the final phase of the selection process, the Request for Proposals (RFP). Selected firms will be invited to submit a detailed proposal for the design, finance, construction, operation and maintenance of the facility.

No honorarium, stipend, reimbursement or other such compensation is offered to those submitting or participating under any phase of the submittal or selection process.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Responses to this REI shall not exceed 10 double-sided 8 ½ x 11” pages of text printed on recycled content paper and shall include the following:

1. General description of the vendor (and any partners) with contact information.
2. A brief synopsis of the vendor’s history, expertise, and experience in the organic waste management field.
3. A summary description of proposed treatment technology and processes.

DEADLINE TO RESPOND

Expression of Interest shall be submitted to the SWA at the following address no later than 5:00 pm PST, **Wednesday, November 25, 2009**. You may also submit your response via electronic mail to swagreencycle@saccounty.net. Electronic mail submission should be in Portable Document Format (PDF) not to exceed 20 pages (formatted for 8 ½ x 11” paper size) and 10 MB file size.

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