

September 14, 2017

DEEP'S RESOURCE REDISCOVERY RFP PHASE II
ON MODERNIZING THE CT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, PUBLIC MEETING, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In 2014, Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed Public Act 14-94 (CGS Sec. 22a-268g), calling for the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), in consultation with the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), to solicit proposals for the redevelopment of the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (CSWSP) which includes the waste to energy facility commonly referred to as the Mid-Connecticut resource recovery facility located in Hartford. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in two phases. Phase I was a prequalification step to allow participation in Phase II. Phase 1 was completed in September 2016. Proposers were evaluated based on their ability to provide services to design, permit, construct, and operate and maintain the CSWSP facilities, including marketing of products and disposal of residue. Proposers were also asked to provide private financing for facilities. However, the State will maintain the facility as a publically-owned facility with MIRA oversight.

Goals of the Resource Rediscovery RFP include: that the design and construction of an integrated materials management system conform to the goals of the solid waste management plan developed by DEEP which include achieving a goal of 60% diversion from landfill and combustion by the year 2024. As well as, that the selected project minimize the negative environmental and health impacts of waste management, provide competitive pricing for municipalities, and that it have a potential positive impact on economic development for the State as well as benefit the host communities. DEEP received twelve responses to its solicitation. DEEP selected from these proposals three Finalists to continue on to Phase II. DEEP is now in the process of reviewing the three Finalists and expects to make a final recommendation by December 31, 2017.

By way of this Notice, DEEP will conduct a public meeting on **Thursday September 28, 2017**, from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** EDT, in City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 550 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut to receive presentations from the three Finalists regarding their proposed projects.

By way of this Notice, DEEP will be accepting public comment on the three Finalists' proposals for the redevelopment of the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project until **Friday October 20, 2017**, by 4:00 PM EDT. Written comments may be filed electronically to DEEP.RFPDOCS@ct.gov. All materials submitted will become part of the public record for consideration by DEEP. Any questions can be directed to Peggy Diaz at (860) 827-2680 and/or via e-mail at DEEP.RFPDOCS@ct.gov.

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