

ADDENDUM #1

May 17, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL BIOSOLIDS FACILITY NAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT

Attendance List at PreProposal Meeting, May 3, 2018

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Response to Questions

1. **Will the Borough consider private financing?** Yes, as an Alternative Proposal. A Base Proposal must be provided assuming public financing as described and with terms presented in the RFP. In addition to the Base Proposal, an Alternative Proposal can be provided with private financing.
2. **What level of risk is the Borough willing to take regarding technology?** The Borough has established Minimum Evaluation Criteria in the RFP that must be met for the technology proposed, including the need to provide information to demonstrate that the technology has been operated successfully or has achieved success during demonstration testing. Experience inside and outside of the United States will be considered in meeting the Minimum Evaluation Criteria. See Table 7.1 of the RFP.
3. **Will information that is proprietary be held in confidence?** Information that the Proposer considers proprietary should be so marked in the Proposal. The Borough will treat such information in a confidential fashion. However, should a third party file a Freedom of Information Act request, the Borough can not guarantee that subsequent rulings in regard to such a request will not require the release of this information. The Borough will notify the Proposer of any such request, and the Proposer may defend its position as it determines to be in its best interests.
4. **Will the improvements described in the Facilities Plan be part of the work scope for the Contractor?** Key improvements in the Facilities Plan include installation of a head works at the WWTP for grit removal and control of phosphorous levels in the WWTP effluent. It is likely that these improvements

will be made part of the scope of service for the Contractor in the Phase II RFP when the wastewater treatment plant operation is added to the scope of work. The Borough recognizes that these requirements could impact the biosolids solution proposed in the Phase I Proposal, and encourages Proposers to consider means for nutrient removal, including nitrogen and phosphorous removal, as part of the Phase I Proposal so as to reduce the need for further removal in the WWTP effluent.

5. **Typically in a procurement such as this, prequalification in a Phase I Proposal process would qualify 3 or 4 Proposers to participate in the Phase II Proposal process. The RFP says the Borough may qualify as many as seven Proposers in the Phase I process. Why so many?** The Borough is looking to encourage multiple companies to participate in the Phase I Proposal process so that it has the opportunity to review and include in the process as many viable biosolids management solutions as possible. The Borough's goals include not only selecting a long term, technically viable solution, but also one with cost benefits and environmentally beneficial attributes that reflect a 20 to 30 year sustainable future. Cost benefits will be an important consideration for selecting a project.
6. **At this time we will only be able to provide "first cut" numbers regarding cost.** The Borough understands that to be the case. Phase I proposals are expected to provide planning level cost estimates, not firm pricing. Firm pricing will be requested in the Phase II RFP.
7. **Will detailed technical and performance information on existing facilities be readily available to Proposers?** Yes, to the extent that it is available and not propriety to the current plant operator. All requests for information should be made to the Borough's RFP contact, Jim Stewart, as specified in the RFP. Similarly, requests for plant visits should be made through Jim Stewart.
8. **Can construction of a new biosolids facility(ies) start before the end of the existing Veolia operating contract-August 2022?** Yes, the RFP contemplates that construction of any new or modified facilities would be completed prior to August 2022 so as to allow operation on that date going forward. The Borough requests that any construction activities minimize disruption of existing operations. That being said, a Proposer could phase in a new or modified facility after that date, provided service is continued from August 2022 on. Such service could include continued operation of the existing incineration facilities or some other approach thought viable by the Proposer until such time as the new or modified facilities are operational.
9. **Will the Contractor be responsible for filling the merchant capacity of the biosolids facility?** Yes, the Contractor will be responsible for marketing and acquiring from public and private entities biosolids, septage and other feedstock

to supply available merchant capacity. If the Borough is obligated by any existing public or private contracts to accept feedstock after the end of the existing facilities' operations contract, then the Contractor would be obligated to accept these feedstocks.