

End-Use Markets for Byproducts from the Recycling & Energy Center – Addendum Eight



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Addition(s)/Change(s)/Clarification(s):

- Change in Solicitation Response Due Date
- Change in Terms and Conditions
- Other

Questions and Answers:

- 1. If a vendor already has a site, this will provide a significant advantage and may discourage other vendors from bidding. In order to provide a level playing field, will the R&E Board be prepared to provide a site??**

A1. The R&E Board is not currently prepared to provide a site. Please see the responses to questions 14 and 15 of Addendum Four published on September 30, 2020 (found online at <http://morevaluelesstrash.com/vendor-opportunities>) which provides options to assist with site procurement.

- 2. Regarding Section 2.2 Project Goals #5: If the R&E Board is to provide a site, please provide possible location(s) and space available?**

A2. Please see response to question 1 in this addendum. If the proposer requires that R&E provide a site, specific requirements must be provided in the proposer's response. No guarantees are made to the availability of a site.

- 3. Regarding Section 2.3 Background: Will the R&E Board consider changes to the upstream MSW processing to enable more organic rich materials (ORM) to be extracted from the MSW as compared to just the 2" minus fraction currently being proposed? From our experience, there is still a significant amount of organics present in the waste fraction greater than 2".**

A3. Please see the response to question 34 of Addendum Four published on September 30, 2020 (found online at <http://morevaluelesstrash.com/vendor-opportunities>). The purpose of the Recyclable Recovery System (RRS) is to capture ferrous, non-ferrous, #1 and #2 plastics and OCC. The ORM (fines fraction) is a by-product of this process. The system is not currently installed, and the amount of fines recovery is a conservative estimate of 50 percent.

The R&E Board intends to recover more organics from the waste fraction greater than 2" through a source separated Durable Compostable Bag (DCB) collection program for organics separate from this RFP rather than through the RRS system.

4. Will the R&E Board consider a long term Put or Pay contract with minimum tonnage for the DCB and ORM if the project is privately financed?

A4. Yes. Proposers should include a detailed narrative describing their base economic proposal; see section 4.10 of the RFP for more information.

5. Regarding Sections 2.4 and 2.5: How will the level of inert contaminants in the DCB and ORM be determined prior to 2022 in order to design and build a facility to handle the DCB and ORM?

A5. Acceptable and unacceptable materials for the current public-facing organics collection program is described in section 2.4 of the RFP as it relates to the future DCB program. Assumptions have not been made on contamination levels. Proposers should provide acceptable contamination levels in DCBs.

Section 2.5 of the RFP provides the best available information of the composition of ORM. The R&E Board does not guarantee the level of inert contaminants in the ORM. Proposers should provide acceptable inert contaminant levels for their process and how levels in excess of those requirements would be managed.

6. Regarding Sections 2.4 and 2.5: It seems necessary that the same vendor should be selected to process both the DCB and ORM since it is possible that as the amount of DCB increases over time, the amount of ORM will likely decrease. Who will take the risks for this change in quantity and quality of these two streams?

A6. The R&E Board has not determined that the same vendor should be selected to process both the DCB and ORM. The proposer should indicate if their proposal includes management of both materials and the quantities the proposer is willing to accept of each. All materials are intended to be provided in an as-is state. If this is not acceptable, the proposer should indicate an alternative.

7. Regarding Section 2.7 Technology Preferences: Is the R&E Board seeking to select a Technology Vendor or Solution Provider that can provide a complete technology solution? Or are you seeking a Project Developer that can provide a total project solution including technology, site, operation, design/build, off-take agreements and financing? These are rarely the same entity and therefore the answers to these two questions will determine what type of entities will respond to the RFP.

A7. Section 4.1, item 2 of the RFP allows companies to propose alone or as part of a proposal team in order for proposers to provide their most appropriate solution to potentially manage the material(s) that are a part of the RFP.

8. Regarding Section 4.1 General Instructions: Given the environmental and sustainability nature of this project, is it possible to submit the proposals electronically or uploaded to a secure site?

A8. Not at this time. Please see response to question two in Addendum Four, published on September 30, 2020 (found online at <http://morevaluelesstrash.com/vendor-opportunities>). Printed copies of the proposals will be needed for the proposal review process. Please see section 4.1, item 4 of the RFP for submission package requirements.

- 9. Regarding Section 5.26 Public Information: We understand that the R&E Board is a public entity and subject to public access to information. However, please confirm that all submissions as part of Phases I and II of the RFP process will be kept strictly confidential until a final selection is made and the project is awarded to a vendor. And even after award, the submissions by other vendors will only be made available after consulting with such vendors and getting written approval for release of confidential information, unless otherwise directed by law.**

A9. Except for trade secrets and confidential information which the proposer identifies as proprietary, all proposals will be open for public inspection after the contract award. Each Proposer shall fill out the Proposer Application for Designation of Trade Secret Information form to request data be classified as nonpublic (relating to a non-person) or private (relating to a person) information under §13.37 of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

All Addenda are to be acknowledged on the Cover Page to be included with your submission. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE. Unless otherwise specified above, the Solicitation Response due date and time and all other Terms and Conditions remain the same.