

ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
SLUDGE COCOMPOSTING FACILITY OPERATIONS AND
INITIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTOR
AND YARD WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY OPERATIONS**

The **Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority** is issuing a Draft Request For Proposals (DRFP) for its Cocomposting Facility and proposed Yard Waste Composting Facility. The Contractor shall (1) furnish all labor, materials, supplies, and equipment, as detailed in the DRFP, (2) produce Compost Products in accordance with specifications set forth in the DRFP by processing Wastewater Sludge and other Acceptable Materials, including Yard Waste, (3) operate and maintain all equipment (except the scale system), (4) account for, store and market the recovered material ensuring its Beneficial Use, and dispose of rejects at the adjacent Transfer Station or an alternate disposal facility, (5) complete certain capital improvements, and (6) secure all required construction-related permits. The Contractor will also provide pricing for operation and maintenance of a Yard Waste Composting Facility.

The DRFP will be available beginning on October 15, 2004 from:

Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority
420 Torne Valley Road
Hillburn, New York 10931
Telephone Number: (845) 753-2200

The DRFP is being made available to Proposers in compliance with New York State Municipal Law, Section 120-w. A pre-proposal conference and site visit will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Conference Center at its Hillburn, New York offices. Although not mandatory, attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged.

NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR SLUDGE COCOMPOSTING FACILITY OPERATIONS AND INITIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACTOR AND YARD WASTE FACILITY OPERATOR

As outlined below, two additional elements are being added to the referenced Draft Request For Proposals (DRFP) regarding the sludge-cocomposting portion of the DRFP. Specifically, a request for price proposals for a contractor to perform interim operations from February 1, 2005 through July 1, 2005 and a change to the cost threshold for facility expansion are being made.

The contract with current facility operator expires on February 1, 2005, and price proposal will be sought from responsible contractors for interim operations and maintenance. Additional details will be provided at the November 17, 2004 pre-proposal conference and in an addendum to be issued subsequent to that meeting.

In addition, The DRFP discusses an optional Cocomposting System capacity expansion in Section 5.1.3 (page 137). The DRFP in Section 5.1.3 states that..."the total cost of the additional Processing capacity will not exceed \$50 per wet ton of Acceptable Sludge for the additional Acceptable sludge, which could be Processed."

The Authority intends to modify this Section to encourage expansion proposals that may have a cost greater than \$50 per wet ton. The Authority will consider Contractors' proposals for such expansion that demonstrate how the additional capacity will be financed and deliveries of sludge assured. This may include financing approaches differing from the approach employed to construct the Facility, including the Cocomposting System. Contractor participation in the financing and contracting for deliveries of sludge will be considered.

Contractors are requested to consider approaches to developing additional capacity in advance of the November 17 Pre-Proposal Conference. The Authority is seeking to discuss such approaches at the Conference. Such discussion will assist the Authority in developing the Cocomposting System capacity expansion proposal requirements in the Final RFP.