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La Crosse County Solid Waste Department

Request for Interest

Styrofoam Collection and Recycling

Section 1-Request for Interest (RFI) Overview

1.1 Overview

The objective of this Request for Interest is to gather information to determine whether an interested party exists to implement a regional Styrofoam Collection and Recycling Program. Depending upon the number of responses to the RFI and experience of the organizations responding, the County may choose to use a more detailed Request for Proposal process, or proceed to negotiations with a single interested organization.

1.2 Background

La Crosse County is the hub of a regional solid waste management system that serves residents, businesses, and industry in this County, and in several surrounding counties in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. Our system provides reuse, resource recovery, recycling, and disposal services, in addition to programs designed to reduce the toxicity of various waste streams. Most of these services are managed at the La Crosse County Solid Waste Facility. Resource recovery activities are conducted at the Xcel Energy waste-to-energy facility on French Island. The services offered by our system are consistent with the State of Wisconsin's preferred waste management hierarchy. As a publicly owned, privately-operated system, we are focused on managing waste locally. This full-service approach is vital to our environmental and economic sustainability.

1.3 Partnering with La Crosse County

Due to regional requests, La Crosse County is seeking to work with private organizations who are interested in partnering with La Crosse County to provide additional Diversion programs. Primary strengths of Public/Private partnerships include the ability to apply for grants and funding from a wider array of sources.

Interested parties may contact the Operations Coordinator to request an individual meeting. (contact information in Section 2.3). Vendors may utilize this meeting to ask questions or request additional information concerning regional Styrofoam Collection and Recycling; along with discussion on other diversion programs offered at the Facility.

Interested parties shall submit an email response to this RFI detailing the following:

1. The vendor should discuss why the County would benefit from partnering with their organization for Styrofoam Collection and Recycling.
2. The vendor shall provide a summary description of any similar/like projects that they have been or are currently involved with.
3. Identify the suggested steps the partner will follow to develop a project. Provide preliminary timeline with major milestones necessary to bring the project on-line. The partner should indicate the preferred length of the contract term and any potential variations.

4. Describe the intended location where most of the processing would take place and possible management of the program from collection to processing. Included in this would be partner and County responsibilities for program start up and operation.

Section 2 - Response Submittal Instructions

2.1 RFI Schedule

The following is a list of the important dates for activities related to the RFI process. The County reserves the right to change these dates and will post the changes on its web site.

Activity	Time	Date
RFI released	8:00 am	March 8 th , 2023
Submission of Response	11:00 am	March 22 nd , 2023

2.2 RFI location

This RFI is posted on the La Crosse County web site. The County reserves the right to amend this RFI at any time. In the event it becomes necessary to amend, alter or delete any part of the RFI, changes to the RFI will be posted on the website. It is the partner's responsibility to be aware of amendments that are posted on the website. The address is www.lacrossecounty.org.

2.3 Contact Information

Scheduling a meeting to discuss Styrofoam Recycling and an optional site visit.

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2.4 Submission of Responses

All response shall be submitted via email. Responses should be marked "Styrofoam Collection and Recycling". Interested parties shall submit their response to jdavis@lacrossecounty.org. Responses must be received no later than 11:00 am, March 22nd, 2023.

2.5 Ownership of Responses

All responses submitted on time become the property of the County upon submission, and the responses will not be returned. By submitting a response, the partner agrees that the County may copy the response for purposes of analysis and evaluation.

2.6 Other information

Partners may submit any other information that is not described in this RFI that would be beneficial to the County. If in the partners opinion the County has overlooked anything material or relevant, such item(s) may be brought to the County's attention and be included in the response.