

INVITATION FOR REQUEST

FOR PROPOSAL

REQUEST FOR INTEREST NO. RFI 11-10-7

“INNOVATIVE USES FOR GROUND WOOD WASTE PRODUCT”

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LETTERS OF INTEREST DUE BY: 2:00PM, 3 FEBRUARY 2011

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REQUEST FOR INTEREST

1. INTRODUCTION

Purpose for this Request for Interest:

Chatham County Public Works and Park Services is soliciting interest from conceptual start-ups, commercial enterprises, bio-fuel entrepreneurs or large bulk industrial production facilities for innovative uses of large quantities of ground wood waste products.

Response to the Request for Interest (RFI) may lead to one or more of the following outcomes:

- A request for additional information from the RFI respondents;
- Direct negotiations with one or more respondents to this RFI;
- The issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP), Invitation for Bid (BID) or Request for Qualification (RFQ) to one or more respondents;
- The issuance of an RFP or RFQ open to all potential respondents; or
- Termination of this solicitation process without the selection of a respondent or issuance of an RFP or RFQ.

2. BACKGROUND

Chatham County Public Works and Park Services currently collects yard waste from the curb and from staffed residential drop-off sites operated under contract by Chatham County. Curbside materials may be collected loose, in customer provided reusable containers, or in paper bags. The yard waste is then placed in a rear-loading compactor truck and taken to a grinding location. Currently, all of the yard waste is processed with a tub grinder at one (1) of four (4) locations throughout Chatham County. The resulting mulch material is stockpiled and offered free to all residents to load themselves and take away for personal use. In addition, some of the material is used as erosion control for private and public projects. The product as currently produced has a moderate woody content.

3. FACTS AND FINDINGS

The public response to yard waste recycling has been tremendous and consistently more than anticipated with over 39,000 tons of the yard waste material being processed in 2009. Because of the continuous supply of yard waste material, we are generating much

more material than we can give away or utilize in public and private projects so the natural decomposition process is taking place with much of our existing stock.

4. CONTENTS OF VENDOR SUBMISSIONS

The County will consider all proposals and will recommend award to the proposal that offers the best value to the County and their customers for both the immediate term and long term.

Any interested individual or organization should submit a Letter of Interest along with a brief description of the interested party's background, qualifications and experience. Also include any other facts considered relevant to Chatham County for this RFI. Chatham County reserves the right not to award a contract. The County reserves the right to negotiate any agreement based solely on its decision of whether it serves the public's interest.

5. TERMS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- All cost and expenses incurred by prospective vendors relating to their Request for Interest will be borne by the vendors.
- Chatham County reserves the right to generate subsequent inquiries and/or expressions of interest concerning this or similar projects if deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the County, or to request in writing new or additional information regarding each prospective vendor and its submission in response to this inquiry.
- Agreements or contracting may be explored as a mutually beneficial conclusion with one (1) or more interested parties as a result of this initial inquiry.

6. RFI SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE PROCESS

- All communications regarding this RFI and any questions or requests for clarification regarding this RFI should be submitted in writing to the address below or emailed to rlmaurer@chathamcounty.org or faxed to (912) 790-1627. All correspondence must reflect the RFI solicitation number. The deadline for all questions to be submitted is 72 hours prior to due date.
- Please submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of your Letter of Interest. List the title and number of the RFI on the outside of the envelope and mail or hand deliver it to the address listed below:

Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Division
Ms. Robin Maurer, Procurement Specialist
P.O. Box 15180
Savannah, GA 31416

or

1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C
Savannah, GA 31406

LEGAL NOTICE

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Letters of Interest are due by 2:00PM, FEBRUARY 3, 2011 and must be mailed or hand delivered to the Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C Savannah, Georgia, 31406.

A copy of this Request for Interest is available in the Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, 31406. For additional information concerning specifications, please contact Ms. Robin L. Maurer, Procurement Specialist, at (912) 790-1623. Specifications can also be downloaded from the County's website at purchasing.chathamcounty.org.

A bid bond is not required. Performance bond may be necessary depending on contract.

CHATHAM COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY/AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ALL FORMALITIES. "CHATHAM COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, M/F/H, ALL BIDDERS ARE TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS".



WILLIAM R. PARSON, CPPO, PURCHASING AGENT

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Please send affidavit to:

Chatham County Purchasing & Contracting Department

P.O. Box 15180

Savannah, Georgia 31416

(912) 790-1623