

**ADDENDUM 3**  
**Kern County – Waste Diversion Services**  
**Request for Statements of Interest**  
**September 18, 2019**

Addendum 3 provides answers to questions that were submitted by September 6, 2019. All other specifications, terms and conditions of this Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) not addressed in this or in other formal addenda issued on behalf of Kern County remain unchanged. There are four additional Background

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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- 1) Q: We see in the Request for Statements of Interest that an RFP may be released in January 2020. Can the County give any further details on their timing for entering into any sort of development or processing agreement related to the RFP?  
  
A: It is County intent to proceed expeditiously with the RFP process during 2020.
- 2) Q: Will the RFP process only be open to companies selected during the SOI process? Or will the RFP be open to any company interested in submitting a bid, even if they did not participate in the SOI process?  
  
A: It is County intent that the RFP process be open only to parties that submit an SOI through the current process.
- 3) Q: Can the County provide the methodology the evaluation panel will use to rank the SOIs?  
  
A: The evaluation methodology is described under “Step 6 – Ranking of Qualified Proposers” on page eleven (11) of the Request for Statements of Interest. The methodology will reflect the goals defined in Section 1.1 of the Request for Statements of Interest.
- 4) Q: What is the design capacity for the future landfill gas upgrading equipment, RNG Point of Receipt and pipeline extension at Bena landfill? Would there be potential opportunities to use this system for additional biogas from a new anaerobic digestion facility at Bena Landfill?  
  
A: Yes, there are potential opportunities. The proposed RNG plant would be able to accept digester produced gas at Bena Landfill. The proposed RNG plant will be designed to process approximately 2,000 SCFM of gas; and can be upgraded to accept more flow if needed. The gas would need to be piped to the plant location adjacent to the existing landfill gas flare station.
- 5) Q: What is the estimated organic waste recycling facility capacity needed in the County as reported in the latest Electronic Annual Report to CalRecycle?  
  
A: As reported in the Electronic Annual Report (EAR) submitted to CalRecycle in 2018, an estimated 6,400,000 cubic yards per year of organic waste will be generated by the entire County (incorporated and unincorporated areas), over a 15 year period. Approximately

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426,665 cubic yards per year of additional organic recycling facility capacity will be needed to process this organic waste.

6) Q: Does the County expect commingled residential organics waste collection, i.e., residential food waste will most likely be collected with leaf and yard waste in the green bins? If not, does the County intend to recover organics from MSW and/or anticipates that proposed projects will do so?

A: Yes. The County intends to add food waste service to the current curbside green waste service, such that the material shall be collected comingled in the green containers.

7) Q: Can the County provide the CAD files of the figures provided in the Pre-Proposal meeting presentation Slide 10 (Bena Landfill), Slide 11 (Shafter-Wasco Landfill) and Slide 12 (Mojave Landfill)?

A: Yes. Please refer to the following files that have been uploaded and included in the Background Information section of the Request for Statements of Interest website under number one (1.) "Facility Capacity Studies":

1.i 2019 Bena Facility Capacity Study (CAD)

1.j 2019 Mojave Facility Capacity Study (CAD)

1.k 2019 Shafter Facility Capacity Study (CAD)

8) Q: Can the County outline in more detail the composting facility to be implemented at Shafter Landfill? i.e. tonnage to be processed of mixed food and yard waste, total planned capacity?

A: The facility is currently intended to process 50,000 tons per year of mixed organics (food waste and yard waste) with a total planned capacity of 100,000 tons per year. A layout plan for the Shafter-Wasco Compost Covered Aerated Static Pile (CASP) has now been uploaded for reference. Please refer to file number nine (9.) titled "2019 Shafter-Wasco CASP Layout Plan" in the Background Information section of the Request for Statements of Interest website.

9) Q: The Company (*name deleted*) is experienced and well qualified in both Design/Build/Operate and Design/Build/Finance/Own/Operate project delivery models. Would Kern County be interested in such models where the Developer assumes more project risks, and funds some, or all, of the capital for this project?

a. If the Company were to fund the capital, the County's NPV would be most economical with at least a 20 year minimum term.

b. Would the County consider alternative RFP pricing options for the Developer to propose additional delivery models with a 20 year term vs the 15 years referenced?

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- A: As expressed in the Request for Statements of Interest, the County prefers a shorter term and the use of County funds toward meeting financing needs. SOI respondents may elect to submit alternative pricing options for County evaluation.
- 10) Q: If a compost technology was selected to be built on County property:
- a. Would the County consider merchandizing the facility by taking in material from outside of Kern for processing into compost, and then sharing in a percentage of the revenue from compost sales, as an example?
  - b. Would the County support and/or commit to the use of compost or wood chips produced at the facility be used at County and local projects at a pre-determined price?
- A: Please refer to the Feedstock discussion of Section 1.2 of the Request for Statements of Interest regarding feedstock-related issues. The financial terms of a final agreement resulting from the RFP process could provide for sharing of revenue from material sales.
- The County will evaluate all SOI submittals for inclusion in the RFP process, including any that provide for use of compost or wood chips produced at the facility for use in County and local projects.
- 11) Q: During the selection process, how will the County evaluate and rank:
- a. utilizing a private, established, permitted, off-site facility, with existing capacity and foot print, thereby taking advantage of already invested capital and other established social and economic benefits; vs,
  - b. building a new facility on County property
- A: As expressed in the Request for Statements of Interest, the County has greater interest in building publicly-owned capacity. The County has existing facility sites, operational expertise, and available financial reserves.