

Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority

MEMBERS

October 20, 2017

Avon

Re: Resource Rediscovery RFP Phase II

Bloomfield

Bolton

Dear Commissioner Klee:

Canton

Cromwell

The Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposals submitted by the three finalists in response to the Resource Rediscovery RFP Phase II. The CCSWA represents fifteen member municipalities which generate approximately 400,000 tons of solid waste annually.

East Granby

Enfield

Farmington

Glastonbury

The nature of the procurement process understandably limits the level of detail from the proposals that DEEP can release at this point. The summary information provided during the September 28, 2017 presentations, and provided in the redacted versions of the finalists' executive summaries, does not lend itself to pointed comments from CCSWA on the content of the individual proposals. Nevertheless, CCSWA offers the following comments and continued guidance as DEEP moves forward with the selection of a final proposal:

Granby

Hartford

Manchester

Simsbury

South Windsor

Wethersfield

1. As noted in the original RFP goals, and emphasized in Public Act 14-94, member municipalities seek stable and competitive pricing for solid waste disposal services.
2. CCSWA members also urge DEEP to consider the impact of proposals on the solid waste collection systems in each community, both municipal and subscription-based. The use of existing and planned solid waste system assets in each proposal should take into consideration both the impact on collection and disposal costs as well as impacts on the host communities.
3. Two of the vendors referenced utilizing MIRA's transfer stations in their proposals but did not make reference to the Ellington transfer station. This MIRA-owned transfer station is still permitted and could be put back into use. We encourage the proposers to include the Ellington transfer station in their plans.
4. The contractual relationship between the vendor and municipalities needs to be considered, and municipalities must retain a meaningful voice in the management and direction of the solid waste system.

CCSWA is confident that these priorities can be achieved in concert with attaining ambitious diversion goals and looks forward to working with DEEP on these efforts. Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-652-7774 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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