

INVITATION FOR REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL

RFI NO.: RFI08-17-5

SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

LETTERS OF INTEREST ACCEPTED BY: 3:00 P.M. MAY 23, 2008

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose of this Request for Interest;

Chatham County is issuing this Request for Interest (RFI) to gather comments, conceptual frameworks, and indications of interest and to identify partnership teams from private parties interested in and capable of partnering with Chatham County to create a competitive curbside recycling program serving the County, its home owners, and possibly businesses and institutions. We encourage creative thinking and respondents may want to consider forming alliances before responding. While the focus of the RFI is on curbside recycling in conjunction with the County, we encourage proponents to discuss whether they envision a program separate and non-dependant of the County.

This 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 a respondent to this RFI;
- The issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) 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.

Chairman Liakakis' Curbside Initiative

Board of Commission, Chairman Pete Liakakis and the Board supports the goal of increasing recycling to spur the development of a Green Community, and seeks staffs recommendations as supporting his overall goals for the County.

2. Goals for Curbside Recycling:

- Provide affordable, true single stream curbside recycling to Chatham County residents and possibly to businesses and institutions
- Promote job creation, business growth and economic development in Chatham County
- Increase customer participation annually to reach 100%
- Enhance educational opportunities/ programs and the delivery of excellent customer service
- Ensure affordable service to low income populations
- Stimulate private innovation in recycling service delivery
- Promote Chatham County as a world leader in going green
- Enhance quality of life of Chatham County citizens

3. Desired Curbside Recycling Characteristics

- 50 Gallon or larger collection container with large wheels
- Weekly or Bi-Weekly routes
- Single stream collection
- Ability to maintain program if local MRF is no longer available
- Chatham County and Chatham County Recycles logo along with collectibles examples permanently burned or affixed to container
- Provide excellent customer service
- Chatham County does not provide any equipment or manpower

4. Topography/Unique Natural Features

The total area of unincorporated Chatham County is 281,856 acres. The Savannah River flows along the northern border into the Atlantic Ocean, and the Ogeechee River runs along the Southern boarder of Chatham County and also flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

Chatham County is comprised of one physiographic district - the Coastal Plain. The region is very flat, with minor exceptions, having the typical topography of the coastal plain found throughout the southeastern United States. The only notable exceptions are the dune ridges and river bluffs, where elevations may reach 30 feet or more above mean seal level. Elevations gradually increase as one moves inland, and the only natural contours are the remnants of prehistoric sea levels and associated movement of materials caused by ice formation and thawing. Due to the low contour of the region, rivers meander, having many miles of bending, winding channels creating oxbow lakes, broad floodplains and the most extensive marsh wetlands on the East Coast.

5. Population

Chatham County is the most populous county on the coast of Georgia. The total population of the County, including the incorporated areas was 232,048 according to the 2000 US Census. The incorporated portions of Chatham County had a population of 160,849 persons. Population estimates for 2005, based on the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan, show a total population of 71,199 for the unincorporated County. For purposes of this Solid Waste Management Plan, demographic data provided in the Comprehensive Plan will be used.

6. Seasonal Population Variation

Seasonal population is not a significant factor for unincorporated Chatham County. There are seasonal events and major attractions in Savannah, which draw significant crowds. Saint Patrick's Day Parade/Festival, an event which has been running each year since 1824, draws about 500,000 people. First Saturday, the numerous music festivals, and sporting events also draw large crowds into Chatham County throughout the year. The majority of these events and attractions are located within incorporated city limits, such as in the City of Savannah, and may have little seasonal effect on the population of the unincorporated areas.

7. 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 address below or emailed to kwscott@chathamcounty.org or fax to (912) 790-1627. All correspondence must reflect the RFI solicitation number. The deadline for all questions to be submitted is May 12, 2008 at 4:00pm. Responses to all questions will be provided to interested bidders no later than May 16, 2008.

Purchasing and Contracting
Kathleen Watson-Scott, Procurement Specialist
P.O. Box 15180
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LEGAL NOTICE

CC NO. 163334

Chatham County, Georgia is seeking Request For Information from firms who are interested in providing Single Stream Curbside Recycling for Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Request for Information No. I08-17-5.

A "Pre-Proposal conference will be conducted at N/A, in the 3RD floor conference Room of the "Old" Chatham County Courthouse, 124 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia, to discuss the specifications and/or misunderstanding that may arise. Firms are required to attend. Proposals will not be accepted from any firm that is not represented at the Pre-Proposal Conference.

Letters of Interest are due by **3:00 P.M., MAY 23, 2008** and must be mailed or hand delivered to the Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, 31406.

A copy of this Request for Information is available in Chatham County Purchasing Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite C, Savannah, Georgia, 31406. For additional information concerning specifications, please contact Ms. Kathleen Watson-Scott, Procurement Specialist, at (912) 790-1619. Specifications are also available on and can be downloaded from the County's website at www.chathamcounty.org

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
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Please send two copies of affidavit to:

Chatham County Purchasing Department
P.O. Box 15180
Savannah, GA 31416
(912) 790-1618