

ECO CENTER INFORMATION MEETING

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FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO DESIGN, FINANCE, BUILD, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (ECO CENTER) IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



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The Kansas City, Missouri, Solid Waste Division (SWD) is seeking teams to design, finance, build, operate, and maintain a materials recovery facility (MRF) to process refuse, recyclables, and similar waste streams from residential customers, City facilities, and, in the future, other industrial and commercial sectors. This facility will be known as the Eco Center. The Kansas City Eco Center will contribute significantly to improvement in Kansas City's waste diversion rate. It is expected to acquire Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification and thus serve as a prominent example of successful green building strategies and principles—a high-profile illustration of the City's commitment to green development.

This fact sheet is not a formal solicitation. The City will be requesting proposals from project development teams in March 2010. The purpose of the meeting on January 20, 2010, is to:

- Briefly overview the project.
- Identify the universe of interested parties and obtain their contact information.
- Allow the parties to meet one another and begin building collaborative networks (we will subsequently provide a list of attendees).
- Provide the City opportunity to hear comments and answer questions (to the extent possible) about the project, assuming the City can use the information to improve and clarify the forthcoming Request for Qualifications/Proposal (RFQ/P).

Why Build an Eco Center?

- Promote “resource” management—not waste management—to provide income from the sale of recyclables and resource services.
- Improve existing solid waste services.
- Help the City accomplish an 80% waste diversion goal by 2020, improving from the current diversion rate of 18%.
- Highlight innovations and technology at the educational center.
- Provide regional industrial/commercial sectors access to alternative resource management.
- Furnish feed stock for future green enterprises.
- Increase reuse and recycling options in the City and region.

What is the Vision for the Eco Center?

- The Kansas City, MO Long Term Solid Waste Strategic Management Plan estimates Eco Center cost at \$46 million.
- It will serve as a waste and recyclable processing/transfer facility (“dirty” and “clean” MRF)
- It will provide drop-off areas for public recycling and leaf and brush waste.



- Consistent with its LEED certification (Platinum is desired), it will incorporate features such as rain gardens and other low-impact design stormwater features and net zero energy use.
- It will encompass facilities for the entire SWD operation, including employees and fleet.
- Future plans may include a conversion/waste-to-energy process for remaining non-recyclables and a materials exchange operation.

Where Will the Eco Center be Built?

- The project development team selected through the RFQ/P process will locate a suitable property.
- Several City properties may be available, or privately-held property may be proposed.
- The City prefers using a Brownfields property and is willing to consider existing buildings/facilities.

What are the Responsibilities of the Project Development Team?

- Site selection and acquisition of land/site
- Project financing
- Project design and construction
- Eco Center operation and maintenance for a negotiated period of time

How will the Eco Center be Financed?

- The project development team will provide financing for the site acquisition, design, construction, and operation of the project for a negotiated time period.
- The City will consider public/private partnerships, grants, and other innovative and appropriate alternatives.
- The City will retain ownership of the Eco Center.
- Revenue and/or fees for the project development team will be determined during contract negotiations.

What is the Proposed Schedule for the Eco Center Procurement and Construction?

Activity	Proposed Date
Hold informational bidders meeting	January 20, 2010
Issue RFQ/P	Early March 2010
Review Proposals	March to mid May 2010
Develop short list and conduct interviews	May 2010
Award Contract	September 2010
Complete Negotiations	December 2010
Complete Eco Center design	2011
Complete Eco Center construction and begin operations	2013

Where Can I Find Further Information?

For further information on the Eco Center, please see Section 23 of the Long-Term Solid Waste Management Strategic Plan available at

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/PublicWorks/Long-TermSolidWasteStrategicManagementPlan/index.htm>

For further information on obtaining Minority and Women Owned Business certification for appropriate team members, please visit the following website:

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/CityManagersOffice/HumanRelationsDivision/DisadvantagedMinorityandWomenBusinessEnterpriseSection/index.htm>

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