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**Memorandum To:** *Interested Bidders*

**From:** *Marcus A. Jones, P.E.*  
*Director of Engineering*

**Subject:** ***Request for Proposals***  
***Henderson County Solid Waste Compost Pilot***

**Date:** *December 11, 2019*

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This request for proposals is presented to achieve an appropriate value for Henderson County to construct a custom forced aerated composting system. In turn, it is important to the County that we maintain a fair and competitive procurement process for the proposers.

Henderson County requests proposals:

**Mandatory Pre-Bid:** December 17, 2019 at 10:30 am  
Solid Waste Activity Center  
191 Transfer Station Drive  
Hendersonville, NC 28791

**Proposals are due:** December 27, 2019 by 5:00 pm  
Engineering Department  
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 6  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

**Location of Work:** Henderson County Transfer Station  
191 Transfer Station Drive  
Hendersonville, NC 28791

**Detailed Scope of Work:**

- Furnish and install the necessary equipment and technology for a successful custom forced aerated composting system that can process about 60 cubic yards of material annually.
- Provide the necessary supervision, onsite training and follow-up assistance for the project.

**The following information must be included in the proposal:**

1. Proposed Contract signed by bidder and ready for County's signature.
2. Work Schedule for start and completion.
3. Warranty on above work.
4. Resume with experience on similar projects in our market.
5. The following requirements:
  - a. Insurance per Article 11 see Insurance and Bond Requirements
  - b. E-verify Compliance see E-verify Compliance



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- c. Disadvantage Business Enterprise requirements, see Minority Business Participation Guidelines
- d. "Unit of Local Government has the meaning in G.S. 159-7(b)(15): A municipal corporation that has the power to levy taxes, including a consolidated city-county as defined by G.S. 160B-2(1), and all boards, agencies, commissions, authorities, and institutions thereof that are not municipal corporations.
- e. **Relationships of the Parties**
  - i. **Independent Contractor:** The Grantee is and shall be deemed to be an independent contractor in the performance of this Contract and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. The Grantee represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this agreement. Such employees shall not be employees of, or have any individual contractual relationship with, the Agency.
  - ii. **Subcontracting:** To subcontract work to be performed under this contract which involves the specialized skill or expertise of the Grantee or his employees, the Grantee first obtains prior approval of the Agency Contract Administrator. In the event the Grantee subcontracts for any or all of the services or activities covered by this contract: (a) the Grantee is not relieved of any of the duties and responsibilities provided in this contract; (b) the subcontractor agrees to abide by the standards contained herein or to provide such information as to allow the Grantee to comply with these standards, and; (c) the subcontractor agrees to allow state and federal authorized representatives access to any records pertinent to its role as a subcontractor.
  - iii. **Sub-grantees:** The Grantee has the responsibility to ensure that all sub-grantees, if any, provide all information necessary to permit the Grantee to comply with the standards set forth in this Contract.
  - iv. **Assignment:** The Grantee may not assign the Grantee's obligations or the Grantee's right to receive payment hereunder. However, upon Grantee's written request approved by the issuing purchasing authority, the Agency may:
    - (a) Forward the Grantee's payment check(s) directly to any person or entity designated by the Grantee, or
    - (b) Include any person or entity designated by Grantee as a joint payee on the Grantee's payment check(s).

Such approval and action does not obligate the State to anyone other than the Grantee and the Grantee remains responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

- v. **Beneficiaries:** Except as herein specifically provided otherwise, this Contract inures to the benefit of and is binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors. It is expressly understood and agreed that the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, are strictly reserved to the Agency and the named Grantee. Nothing contained in this document shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other third person. It is the express intention of the Agency and Grantee that any third



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person receiving services or benefits under this Contract is an incidental beneficiary only.

## f. Indemnity

- i. **Indemnification:** In the event of a claim against either party by a third party arising out of this contract, the party whose actions gave rise to the claim is responsible for the defense of the claim and any resulting liability, provided that a party may not waive the other party's sovereign immunity or similar defenses. The parties agree to consult with each other over the appropriate handling of a claim and, in the event they cannot agree, to consult with the Office of the Attorney General.
- ii. **Insurance:** During the term of the contract, the Grantee at its sole cost and expense provides commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the contract. As a minimum, the Grantee provides and maintains the following coverage and limits:
  1. (a) **Worker's Compensation:** The Grantee provides and maintains Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer's liability coverage with minimum limits of \$500,000.00, covering all of Grantee's employees who are engaged in any work under this contract. If any work is sublet, the Grantee requires the subgrantee to provide the same coverage for any of his employees engaged in any work under this contract.
  2. (b) **Commercial General Liability:** General Liability Coverage on a Comprehensive Broad Form on an occurrence basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit. (Defense cost shall be in excess of the limit of liability.)
  3. (c) **Automobile:** Automobile Liability Insurance, to include liability coverage, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used in performance of the contract. The minimum combined single limit is \$500,000.00 bodily injury and property damage; \$500,000.00 uninsured/under insured motorist; and \$25,000.00 medical payment.
- iii. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Grantee and is of the essence of this contract. The Grantee may meet its requirements of maintaining specified coverage and limits by demonstrating to the Agency that there is in force insurance with equivalent coverage and limits that will offer at least the same protection to the Agency. Grantee obtains insurance that meets all laws of the State of North Carolina. Grantee obtains coverage from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The Grantee complies at all times with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the Grantee do not limit the Grantee's liability and obligations under the contract.

## g. Default and Termination

- i. **Termination by Mutual Consent:** Either party may terminate this agreement upon sixty (60) days notice in writing from the other party. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents and other materials, at the option of the Agency, be submitted to the Agency. If the contract is terminated as provided herein, the Grantee is paid in



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an amount which bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services of the Grantee covered by this agreement; for costs of work performed by subcontractors for the Grantee provided that such subcontracts have been approved as provided herein; or for each full day of services performed where compensation is based on each full day of services performed, less payment of compensation previously made. The Grantee repays to the Agency any compensation the Grantee has received which is in excess of the payment to which he is entitled herein.

- ii. **Termination for Cause:** If, through any cause, the Grantee fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner the obligations under this agreement, the Agency thereupon has the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Grantee of such termination and specifying the reason thereof and the effective date thereof. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports prepared by the Grantee, at the option of the Agency, be submitted to the Agency, and the Grantee is entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials. The Grantee is not relieved of liability to the Agency for damages sustained by the Agency by virtue of any breach of this agreement, and the Agency may withhold payment to the Grantee for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the Agency from such breach can be determined.
- iii. **Waiver of Default:** Waiver by the Agency of any default or breach in compliance with the terms of this Contract by the Grantee is not a waiver of any subsequent default or breach and is not a modification of the terms of this Contract unless stated to be such in writing, signed by an authorized representative of the Agency and the Grantee and attached to the contract.
- iv. **Availability of Funds:** The parties to this Contract agree and understand that the payment of the sums specified in this Contract is dependent and contingent upon and subject to the appropriation, allocation, and availability of funds for this purpose to the Agency.
- v. **Force Majeure:** Neither party is in default of its obligations hereunder if it is prevented from performing such obligations by any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.
- vi. **Survival of Promises:** All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees, and warranties contained herein shall survive the contract expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable Federal or State statutes of limitation.

## h. Intellectual Property Rights

- i. **Copyrights and Ownership of Deliverables:** Any and all copyrights resulting from work under this agreement shall belong to the Grantee. The Grantee hereby grants to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality a royalty-free, non-exclusive, paid-up license to use, publish and distribute results of work under this agreement for North Carolina State Government purposes only.

## i. Compliance with Applicable Laws

- i. **Compliance with Laws:** The Grantee understands and agrees that it is subject to compliance with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing



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requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

- ii. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** The Grantee understands and agrees that it is subject to compliance with all Federal and State laws relating to equal employment opportunity.

j. **Confidentiality**

- i. **Confidentiality:** As authorized by law, the Grantee keeps confidential any information, data, instruments, documents, studies or reports given to or prepared or assembled by the Grantee under this agreement and does not divulge or make them available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the Agency. The Grantee acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing or otherwise dealing with any confidential information it will safeguard and not further disclose the information except as otherwise provided in this Contract or without the prior written approval of the Agency.

k. **Oversight**

- i. **Access to Persons and Records:** The State Auditor and the using agency's internal auditors shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by State agencies or political subdivisions in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7 and Session Law 2010-194, Section 21 (i.e., the State Auditors and internal auditors may audit the records of the contractor during the term of the contract to verify accounts and data affecting fees or performance). The Contractor shall retain all records for a period of six (6) year following completion of the contract or until any audits begun during this period are completed and findings resolved, whichever is later.
- ii. **Record Retention:** The Grantee may not destroy, purge or dispose of records without the express written consent of the Agency. State basic records retention policy requires all grant records to be retained for a minimum of six (6) years or until all audit exceptions have been resolved, whichever is longer. If the contract is subject to Federal policy and regulations, record retention may be longer than six (6) years since records must be retained for a period of three years following submission of the final Federal Financial Status Report, if applicable, or three years following the submission of a revised final Federal Financial Status Report. Also, if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, disallowance action, or other action involving this Contract has started before expiration of the six (6) year retention period described above, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular six (6) year period described above, whichever is later.
- iii. **Time Records:** The GRANTEE will maintain records of the time and effort of each employee receiving compensation from this contract, in accordance with the appropriate OMB circular.

l. **Miscellaneous**

- i. **Choice of Law:** The validity of this Contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this Contract, are governed by the laws of North Carolina. The Grantee, by signing this Contract, agrees and submits, solely for matters concerning this Contract, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of North Carolina and agrees, solely for such purpose, that the exclusive venue for any



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legal proceedings shall be Wake County, North Carolina. The place of this Contract and all transactions and agreements relating to it, and their situs and forum, shall be Wake County, North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement shall be determined.

- ii. **Amendment:** This Contract may not be amended orally or by performance. Any amendment must be made in written form and executed by duly authorized representatives of the Agency and the Grantee.
- iii. **Severability:** In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds that a provision or requirement of this Contract violates any applicable law, each such provision or requirement shall continue to be enforced to the extent it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions and requirements of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- iv. **Headings:** The Section and Paragraph headings in these General Terms and Conditions are not material parts of the agreement and should not be used to construe the meaning thereof.
- v. **Time of the Essence:** Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.
- vi. **Care of Property:** The Grantee agrees that it is responsible for the proper custody and care of any State owned property furnished him for use in connection with the performance of his contract and will reimburse the State for its loss or damage. Ownership of equipment purchased under this contract rests with the Grantee. Upon approval of the Agency Contract Administrator, such equipment may be retained by the Grantee for the time the Grantee continues to provide services begun under this contract.
- vii. **Travel Expenses:** All travel, lodging, and subsistence costs are included in the contract total and no additional payments will be made in excess of the contract amount indicated in above. Contractor must adhere to the travel, lodging and subsistence rates established in the Budget Manual for the State of North Carolina.
- viii. **Sales/Use Tax Refunds:** If eligible, the Grantee and all sub-grantees shall: (a) ask the North Carolina Department of Revenue for a refund of all sales and use taxes paid by them in the performance of this Contract, pursuant to G.S. 105-164.14; and (b) exclude all refundable sales and use taxes from all reportable expenditures before the expenses are entered in their reimbursement reports.
- ix. **Advertising:** The Grantee may not use the award of this Contract as a part of any news release or commercial advertising.
- x. **Recycled Paper:** The Grantee ensures that all publications produced as a result of this contract are printed double-sided on recycled paper.
- xi. **Sovereign Immunity:** The Agency does not waive its sovereign immunity by entering into this contract and fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with respect to any action based on this contract.
- xii. **Gratuities, Kickbacks or Contingency Fee(s):** The parties certify and warrant that no gratuities, kickbacks or contingency fee(s) are paid in connection with this contract, nor are any fees, commissions, gifts or other considerations made contingent upon the award of this contract.
- xiii. **Lobbying:** The Grantee certifies that it (a) has neither used nor will use any appropriated funds for payments to lobbyist; (b) will disclose the name, address, payment details, and purpose of any agreement with lobbyists whom the Grantee or its sub-tier contractor(s) or sub-grantee(s) will pay with profits or non-appropriated funds on or after December 22, 1989; and (c) will file quarterly updates about the use



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of lobbyists if material changes occur in their use.

- m. **By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S. § 133-32:** It is unlawful for any vendor or contractor ( i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor’s Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Natural and Cultural Resources, Environmental Quality, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor). This prohibition covers those vendors and contractors who:
- (1) have a contract with a governmental agency; or
  - (2) have performed under such a contract within the past year; or
  - (3) anticipate bidding on such a contract in the future.

For additional information regarding the specific requirements and exemptions, vendors and contractors are encouraged to review Executive Order 24 and G.S. Sec. 133-32.

Executive Order 24 also encouraged and invited other State Agencies to implement the requirements and prohibitions of the Executive Order to their agencies. Vendors and contractors should contact other State Agencies to determine if those agencies have adopted Executive Order 24.”

Henderson County reserves the right to reject any and / or all bids. Qualified contractors interested in bidding on the project should contact Marcus Jones at [majones@hendersoncountync.gov](mailto:majones@hendersoncountync.gov)