



ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF PHASE I FINALISTS

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In accordance with an RFP issued last fall, DEEP has selected finalists in a bid to redevelop the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (CSWSP), including the Connecticut Solid Waste System Resource Recovery Facility (CSWS RRF), formerly known as MidConnecticut RRF.

The three finalists – Covanta Energy, Mustang Renewable Power Ventures, and Sacyr Rooney Recovery Team – submitted preliminary proposals demonstrating their ability to redevelop the aging plant to extend its life while minimizing the combustion of waste. The proposed systems are capable of recovering more than 25 percent of incoming trash, including recovery of recyclable materials and composting of organics. All three developers provided preliminary concepts that would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air quality impacts, reduce truck traffic at the South Meadows site, and preserve or create over 100 jobs.

The three finalists will be invited to compete in a final selection process, expected to conclude in late 2017. DEEP may then direct the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) to enter into an agreement with the selected developer.

About the RFP

CGS Sec. 22a-268g directs DEEP to conduct a process to seek a qualified developer. The final details of the project will be determined by the facility's owner, MIRA.

Consistent with the statewide goal of DEEP's recently adopted [Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy](#) to divert 60 percent of waste from disposal, DEEP sought developers capable of significantly reducing the amount of trash that is sent for combustion at the MidConnecticut facility.

About the CSWSP

The Connecticut Solid Waste System Resource Recovery Facility (CSWS RRF) (formerly referred to as "MidConnecticut RRF"), has operated since 1988 with a permitted capacity to process 888,888 tons of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) per year. The CSWS RRF is approaching the end of its service life and must be upgraded or replaced. The facility is at the hub of a "hub and spoke" system of facilities identified above that are owned and managed by MIRA (formerly Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority or CRRA). MIRA provides services to over 50 towns in Connecticut and processes roughly one-third of the state's waste.

Other CSWSP facilities are:

- the MIRA CSWS Recycling Facility in Hartford, CT;
- a transfer station in Watertown, CT;
- a transfer station in Torrington, CT;
- a transfer station in Essex, CT (site owned by Town of Essex, leased to MIRA); and
- a transfer station in Ellington, CT (not currently in operation).

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