

Agenda Item Summary

To: CRCOG Policy Board
From: Robyn Nichols, CRCOG Municipal Services, Principal Program Manager
CC: Matt Hatt, CRCOG Executive Director
Pauline Yoder, CRCOG Chief Operating Officer
Date: April 27, 2022
Subject: Solid Waste Consulting Agreement

Background: With MIRA announcing its intent to shutter its trash to energy operations on or about June 30th, 2022, CRCOG's Policy Board approved \$50,000 for a Solid Waste Consultant to propose viable long-term solutions and strategies. CRCOG issued an Municipal Solid Waste Consultant RFP on January 28th, 2022 seeking proposals from qualified consultants with expertise in solid waste stream management, consulting and advising. CRCOG received 3 timely RFP responses and 2 finalists were interviewed by an Evaluation Committee comprised of CRCOG staff and members. After fully vetting the finalists, Resource Recovery Systems, Inc. was chosen by the Evaluation Committee to be the consultant as the best fit for the Project.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: CRCOG, our member municipalities, our Region and the State of CT face a solid waste crisis. Engagement of RRS in a Solid Waste Consulting Agreement will provide:

- expert systems analysis through review of current/historic data, inventory, infrastructure, strengths, and weaknesses of systems, KPI's and more
- short and long-term disposal solutions
- diversion continuous improvement options which can be undertaken with minimal investment utilizing existing infrastructure
- low, medium, and high waste diversion scenarios, including collection and processing innovation, education/outreach, public/private partnerships, supporting policies and legislative action, emerging technologies in waste management and thoughtful leadership will benefit Member Towns, CRCOG and beyond.

RRS partners with Tetra Tech, a leading expert in solid waste management/organics infrastructure and feasibility. Their combined expertise will be an enormous strength in developing a cost-effective, environmentally sound, sustainable, and feasible solid waste plan.

Financial/Operational Impact: Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) has provided a consulting project budget of \$75,000, divided into three (3) phases. Each detailed project phase shall cost \$25,000 and be billed to CRCOG at the successful completion of a project phase. Policy Board originally approved \$50,000. Given the Scope of Work and breadth of expertise and analysis involved in this Project, staff requests a Project Budget increase of an additional \$25,000 to fully fund this Project. Funds shall come from either the Regional Services Grant if available or the Regional Fund.

Project Schedule: Upon execution of a Consulting Contract, Project shall be parsed into three (3) phases over approximately seven (7) months, as determined by CRCOG and the Project leads, consisting of the following:

Phase 1 - System Assessment

Phase 2 - Short Term Disposal Solutions and Waste Diversion Continuous Improvement

Phase 3 - Resource Recovery and Disposal 10 Yr. Plans for Low, Medium, and High Waste Diversion Options

Recommendation:

CRCOG recommends that the Policy Board of CRCOG authorize CRCOG's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in negotiating, executing, and amending all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with **RESOURCE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, INC. (RRS)** to effectuate solid waste consulting and advising services and increase the authorized budget from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00, with funds provided from the Regional Services Grant or the Regional Fund.

Attachments:

- Please see attached Resolution of the Capital Regional Council of Governments Authorizing Execution of a Solid Waste Consulting Agreement with Resource Recycling Systems, Inc.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SOLID WASTE CONSULTING AGREEMENT
WITH RESOURCE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, INC. (RRS)**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking solid waste consulting and advising services to provide viable long-term solutions, contingencies, and strategies to Connecticut’s impending solid waste crisis, especially as it impacts CRCOG and its member municipalities.

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Committee comprised of CRCOG members reviewed various proposals and conducted virtual interviews with qualified finalists; and

WHEREAS, RESOURCE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, INC. (RRS) has been selected through the RFP process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Policy Board of CRCOG authorizes CRCOG’s Executive Director to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in negotiating, executing, and amending all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with **RESOURCE RECYCLING SYSTEMS, INC. (RRS)** to effectuate solid waste consulting and advising services.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board Executive Committee at its meeting on April 27, 2022.

BY: _____
Jason E. Bowsza, Secretary

DATE: _____