

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (District) is seeking proposals for interest in constructing and operating a solid waste facility on its property, at a location commonly referred to as “Phase 1 North”, in North Hartland, Vermont. The District will consider any solid waste facility that is conformance with the District’s Charter and is consistent with existing permits. The property in North Hartland received an Act 250 permit in 2008 for a 50,000 ton per year landfill. It also received a Solid Waste permit which the District has allowed to expire.

**The District, will consider at a minimum, the following in the selection process:**

1. Proposed uses of the of *Phase 1 North site* for a solid waste facility. The proposed uses must be consistent with the District’s Charter and be in conformance with the District’s existing permits.
2. An Operation’s Plan based upon the selected activity at the *Phase 1 North site*.
3. Experience and financial capability to construct, operate, and manage the proposed facility.

The issuance of this request for interest (RFI) constitutes only an invitation to submit proposals to the District. The District reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether the proposal satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this RFI and reserves the right to reject, all proposals, with or without cause.

This RFI is issued by the District to provide proposers with information and guidelines to prepare and submit proposals. Proposals must satisfy all criteria established in this request for proposal (RFI).

## **1.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GUVSWMD**

### **1.1.1 Location, Size and Population**

The District landfill site is in the Town of Hartland, Vermont on the eastern side of the state along the Connecticut River, opposite Lebanon, New Hampshire. The District's current population is approximately 11,000. The District was formed with the goal of providing solid waste disposal services for District residents in 1990, when its charter was approved as a Union Municipal District under 24 VSA Section 4861.

In 1993, the District purchased 112 acres of landfill property in the town of Hartland, located between Interstate Route I-91 and the Connecticut River, with the intent to develop this property as a landfill for its use as a disposal location for District members and other regional waste sources.

In the intervening years, the District has pursued its intent to develop the North Hartland landfill in the town of Hartland and has completed several activities toward this end, including the following:

1. Geologic and Hydrogeologic Investigation Report, Wagner, Heindel and Noyes, September 1993.
2. Solid Waste Facility Siting Agreement with the Town of Hartland, dated December 8, 1994.
3. Land Use Permit (Act 250), April 25, 2008.
4. Agreement with Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., for access rights for the I-91 highway bridge improvements, October 2007.
5. Airspace Lease, Inspection Agreement, and Maintenance Agreement with Vermont Agency of Transportation for lease of the bridge airspace, October 2007.
6. Town of Hartford Solid Waste Facility Permitting Settlement Agreement, September 8, 1999. These agreements and related conditions for construction and landfill operation provide the District with the basis for proceeding with the project.

### **1.1.2 General Description**

#### Landfill Areas and Volumes

The Landfill, as presently permitted and designed per Dufresne – Henry (now Stantec) drawings, has been calculated to have approximately the following areas and volumes available for waste disposal:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Area (Acres)</b>	<b>Volume (Cubic Yards)</b>	<b>Estimated Service Life (Years)*</b>
1 North (permitted)	9.3	490,000	6.4
1 South (future)	12.5	1,250,000	16.2
2 (future)	19	2,000,000	26

\*In-place density of 1,300 pounds per cubic yard, annual waste disposal of 50,000 tons per year, and final slope of 3H:1V.

This information is provided for general reference only. Proposer should make its own estimates based on reference documents.

### **1.1.3 Evaluation and Recommendation**

After a completeness and conformance review, the District will evaluate the proposals to determine whether proposers can adequately meet District needs considering the following criteria:

1. Construction and operation plan
2. Financial capabilities
3. Experience

The selection of the proposer shall be based on the proposal which is in the best interest of the District considering the proposer's construction and operation plan, financial capabilities, and experience.

Following the foregoing evaluation, proposers will be invited to discuss their proposals with the District and to clarify questions that the District may have regarding any aspect of the submittals.

#### **1.1.4 1.1.5 Schedule**

<b>RFP issued</b>	<b>October 7, 2020</b>
<b>Pre-bid Conference and Site Tour</b>	<b>10 a.m. October 26, 2020</b>
<b>Proposal Due</b>	<b>4 p.m. December 11, 2020</b>
<b>Interview Proposers</b>	<b>January 15, 2021</b>
<b>Selection of Proposer</b>	<b>February 15, 2021</b>
<b>Proposal Due</b>	<b>September 15, 2021</b>

#### **1.1.7 CONFIDENTIALITY**

Proposer must identify specifically those portions of their financial history and submittals, if any, which they deem contain confidential information. Any data or information considered confidential must be clearly marked “Confidential” and provided, to the extent possible, in a separate, sealed and clearly labeled envelope. These portions of the proposer’s submittal will not be released as public documents.

#### **1.1.8 Negotiation of Contract**

After selection of the successful proposer by the District, negotiations will commence with respect to the proposal. If at any time, negotiations are judged to be ineffective by the District, the District will cease negotiations with the proposer and may begin negotiations with the next highest rank Proposer at the District’s discretion. The District may continue this process until an agreement can be reached or the District determines that no acceptable alternative exists.