



BAY AREA BIOSOLIDS TO ENERGY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENT TO PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

1. *May information marked "Confidential" be withheld from public viewing? If so, is there a certain way that you would want us to submit confidential or proprietary information in response to the RFQ?*

Any submittal is releasable under the under the Public Records Act. The Coalition may keep confidential only those items that qualify as a "Trade Secret" and are specifically identified as trade secret. We are willing to do so only if the proposer is prepared to bear costs associated with defense against any attempt to force the Coalition to reveal the information. Such packaging and providing the necessary agreement to bear costs of defense, should the confidentiality be challenged, shall be the responsibility of the Proposer.

2. *Can the Coalition clarify the statutory authority this RFQ process is being conducted under and how DBO proposals would be judged against DBOO proposals?*

The focus of the RFQ is to seek qualified teams for receiving a future request for proposals. The Coalition is operating under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the purposes of planning the B2E facility. Prior to issuing a RFP, and in a timely manner, the Coalition will establish the appropriate legal structure for project implementation. The timelines provided in the RFQ for the RFP and construction are estimated timelines, and may be adjusted as necessary as the Coalition establishes the appropriate structures to facilitate proceeding with a DBO or DBOO contract. At this time, the Coalition has not committed to a delivery model. Coalition members are equally open to both DBO and DBOO. The RFQ allows teams to propose under either or both model; the ranking of submittals will ultimately be based upon the qualifications presented and understanding of, and approach to, the issues associated with developing a B2E project to meet the Coalition goals.

3. *Please clarify the expected contracting mechanism and the commitments by Coalition members to move forward into construction.*

The expected contracting mechanism is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The commitment of Coalition members to move forward into construction is evidenced by the undertaking of a process to seek qualified teams.



4. *Please provide some clarification regarding what sites the Coalition would provide to the selected team to so this can be considered as Consultants review potential technologies to propose.*

Teams without proposed sites would not be relying on pre-selected sites provided by the Coalition, but rather would work with the Coalition in the siting process to select the most promising sites for the technology proposed.

5. *Uncertainty as to the amount and characteristics of the biosolids influent stream makes it difficult to develop the most appropriate technology. Our technological approach might differ depending on the amount of biosolids that will be processed, and the percent solids and character of those biosolids. Can the Coalition guarantee some baseline volume of solids throughput and quality?*

A range of volume and dryness is provided in the RFQ. Respondents may use the information in the RFQ to make some preliminary judgments while noting that final quantities and quality will need to be established prior to design of the facility. Respondents may also indicate technology options suited to different ranges of throughput/quality.