

Acceptance of RDF for use in a Gasification Facility RFP– Addendum Two



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Addition(s)/Change(s)/Clarification(s):

- Change in Solicitation Response Due Date
- Change in Terms and Conditions
- Other

Please Note the Following Addition(s)/Change(s)/Clarification(s):

Questions and Answers:

Q1: Is 50,000 tons per year the amount of RDF available?

A1: It depends. If there is a guaranteed use, additional tons could be available. The R&E Board's current Xcel RDF Agreement requires a minimum delivery of 325,000 tons of RDF for 2018 to 2022 and 300,000 tons of RDF for 2023 to 2027.

Q2: If the biofuel facility is a private facility, to what extent is flow control in place?

A2: Ramsey and Washington counties both have waste designation (flow control) in place for MSW. Waste generated in the two counties has been designated to the R&E Center. The R&E Board would determine how much RDF may be managed at a biofuels facility.

Q3: Is there a score card for the evaluation criteria?

A3: No, it has not been developed yet.

Q4: What is the tipping fee?

A4: In 2018 the tipping fee is \$77 per ton. In 2019 the tipping fee is \$79 per ton. However, there is a rebate of \$12 in 2018 and \$10 in 2019 for contracted haulers. Tipping fees beyond 2019 have not been determined. It is expected the rebate will be phased out.

Q5: Can an offer be withdrawn after extension?

A5: A proposal can be withdrawn or amended prior to the proposal deadline of July 27, 2018 at 4:00 pm CST.

Q6: Section 5.11. is inconsistent with section 5.12 (line 2) found on page 18 of the RFP.

A6: Section 5.12 states that a proposal may be withdrawn or amended **prior** to the proposal deadline, which is July 27, 2018 at 4:00pm CST. Section 5.11 states that the proposal/offer must be held open and valid for at least 180 days **after** the proposal deadline. Vendors may withdraw an offer prior to the proposal deadline. Once the proposal deadline has passed, the offer must remain open and valid.

Q7: Intellectual property/trade secrets: 5.18 and attachment 2, trade secrets; not guaranteed to be productive during a FOIA process.

A7: There is a State of Minnesota Data Practices Act that governs release of such information. Please see §13.37 of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=13.37>.

Q8: Section 5. Will provisions for a force majeure be added or accepted?

A8: The Force Majeure provision (5.24) is the standard provision to be included in contracts resulting from the solicitation process. Respondents should add any exceptions to this language in the exceptions section of the response.

Q9: What are the plans for re-negotiations with Xcel for RDF usage?

A9: Xcel is updating its resource plans in 2019. By 2027 Xcel plans to phase out its two combustion plants the R&E delivers RDF.

Q10: Why isn't the R&E Board interested in continuing RDF combustion?

A10: The R&E Board is looking alternatives to RDF combustion to get more value from waste generated in the two counties.

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