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Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority submits proposal to purchase Harrisburg Authority's Waste-to-Energy Facility

LANCASTER, Pa.—The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) announced Thursday that it has submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Harrisburg Authority and other city and county officials in Harrisburg, Pa to purchase the Harrisburg Resource Recovery Facility for \$45,000,000. The offer does not include assumption of any existing debt.

Under the LCSWMA proposal, disposal fees for waste from the City of Harrisburg would be reduced from \$200 per ton to \$78 per ton by 2019. Rates for other waste from Dauphin County would only see a slight increase over the next seven years, from \$72.60 per ton to the same \$78 per ton level. In total, the City of Harrisburg's tipping fees will be reduced by \$113,000,000 over the next 20 years as compared to previous forecasts. Dauphin County tipping fees would be reduced \$31,000,000 over the same time period, versus forecasts by consultants to the Harrisburg Authority. LCSWMA plans to spend \$12,000,000 in capital upgrades to the facility in the first three years.

The proposal by LCSWMA builds upon a regional approach to waste management for the two neighboring counties. LCSWMA owns a 1,200 ton per day (tpd) waste-to-energy

facility only 18 miles directly south of the 800 tpd Harrisburg Facility. In November 2010, LCSWMA announced plans to proceed with adding a 4th combustion unit, designed at 600 tpd, to its own facility. That plan will be postponed if LCSWMA acquires the Harrisburg facility.

“We think this acquisition, bringing a regional solution to differing situations in each county, would be beneficial to all citizens living in both Lancaster County and Dauphin County, and especially to the residents of the City of Harrisburg,” says Jim Warner, LCSWMA’s CEO.

LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. It’s integrated system consists of the following: (1) a transfer station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 ton per day mass burn waste to energy facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

The Authority’s mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.

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