

**RESOLUTION REGARDING A THREE YEAR MOWING
SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE HARTFORD LANDFILL**

RESOLVED: That the President is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Earthcare Service to provide mowing services at the Hartford Landfill, substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

**Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority
Contract Summary for Contract
Entitled**

Hartford Landfill – 3 Year Mowing Services Agreement

Presented to the CRRA Board on:	June 18, 2009
Vendor/ Contractor(s):	Earthcare Service
Effective date:	July 1, 2009
Contract Type/Subject matter:	Public Bid/Construction
Facility (ies) Affected:	Hartford Landfill
Original Contract:	None (this is initial contract)
Term:	July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012
Contract Dollar Value:	\$163,100
Amendment(s):	Not Applicable
Term Extensions:	Not Applicable
Scope of Services:	Bi-Weekly mowing of entrance area, monthly mowing of paths to gas and pumping wells, and annual mowing and vegetative control of entire landfill.
Other Pertinent Provisions:	None

Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Mid-Connecticut Project - Hartford Landfill Three Year Mowing Services Agreement

June 18, 2009

Executive Summary

CRRA is in the process of final capping and closing the Hartford Landfill and is responsible for its care and maintenance through the end of a 30 year minimum post-closure period. Much of the required work involves maintaining the integrity of the landfill surface and membrane cap now under construction. Healthy, shallow rooted vegetation is very important in preventing soil erosion and protecting the geomembrane cap. Regular mowing of the surface of the landfill will help to ensure the health of this vegetation.

This is to request approval of the CRRA Board of Directors for the President to enter into an agreement with Earthcare Service (“Earthcare”) to provide landscaping and mowing services for the Hartford Landfill.

Discussion

CRRA is in the process of installing a final landfill cap over the 96 acre Hartford Landfill. As part of this capping process, shallow-rooted vegetation will be planted to prevent erosion of cover soils and protect the geomembrane cap. In order to maximize the health of the vegetation and prevent deeper rooted vegetation from establishing itself and jeopardizing the geomembrane, the entire landfill must be mowed on an annual basis. The annual mowing will consist not only of controlling the vegetation on the landfill surface, but also within drainage features to maintain their functionality, around access roads to keep them passable and around the landscape areas near the site entrance for aesthetic purposes.

In addition, the site entrance area will be mowed on a bi-weekly basis throughout the growing season, and paths will be mowed to each gas and groundwater pumping well within the landfill footprint on a monthly basis to maintain access for gas well field technicians and the groundwater flow control system contractor.

CRRA advertised the project for public bid in the following publications on Sunday, April 19, or the next published edition:

Hartford Courant
Connecticut Post
New Haven Register

New London Day
Waterbury Republican American
LaVoz Hispania de Connecticut
Northeast Minority News

The project was also posted on the CRRA and the State of Connecticut DAS websites

On April 29, 2009, six persons representing six different companies attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting at the Hartford Landfill.

A total of four sealed bids were received until 3:00 pm on May 21, 2009. At 3:05 pm that day the bids were opened. A list of the bidders and their associated bid prices is presented in the table below.

BIDDER	BID PRICE
Earthcare Service	\$163,100
Sebbens' Lawn Service	\$187,230
Niro Landscape Contractors, Inc.	\$201,450
Brook Valley Investments, Inc.	\$464,048

The detailed review of the bids was limited to the three low bidders. Each of these bids was found to be administratively complete.

CRRA staff checked the references provided by the low bidder, Earthcare. Staff spoke with two references, each of whom spoke highly of Earthcare. Comments received from the references included: "They come right out when I call them" "They have never had a problem with our steep slopes" "Jeff is a good guy, very reliable and accommodating, very self-motivated, a hard worker". Additionally, background information provided with the bid indicates Earthcare has the skill and equipment necessary to perform the work.

After careful review of the bid price submitted by the low bidder, Earthcare, CRRA environmental staff recommend award of the bid to Earthcare.

Financial Summary

The table below lists the annual cost breakdown for the agreement.

Fiscal Year	Bid Price
FY 2010	\$53,980
FY 2011	\$54,080
FY 2012	\$55,040
3 YEAR TOTAL	\$163,100

This activity was contemplated when the FY 2010 budget was developed. It is also contemplated in the 30-year post closure cost estimate. There are adequate funds in the Hartford Landfill Closure Reserve account for this activity.