

Town of Easton

Office of the First Selectman

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

For services provided by a
Waste Water Engineering Firm

RFQ # 012015

January 2015

The Town of Easton is seeking to engage an Engineering firm to provide waste water engineering services for the renewal and / or possible modification of the existing discharge permit for the Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, Ct.

It is the intent of the Town to contract with a firm to provide engineering services to renew the existing individual permit or to modify the existing sewage disposal system and to apply for a new General Permit with regard to the future development of this 127 acre parcel.

The consideration of a future subsurface sewage disposal system that will support the next phase of this parcels' development will help identify the best current course of action for the Town. This following summation, as authored by an analyst of the Ct. Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection, is included for a better understanding of the type of services the Town will need.

DEEP – Water Permitting & Enforcement Division – Subsurface Disposal & Agriculture met with representatives of the Town of Easton to discuss the potential development of the 127-acre parcel of land located at 515 Morehouse Road in Easton. The Staples Elementary School is located on this parcel, as is the subsurface disposal system serving the school, which is currently permitted by wastewater discharge Permit No. UI0000399. The town has plans to further develop the site for recreational purposes, including restrooms and concessions, and this development must be coordinated in connection with Permit No. UI0000399.

It is important to note that the school's current onsite sewage disposal system discharges produces a combination of groundwater and surface water discharges. At this time, however, only the school's groundwater discharge is covered under wastewater discharge Permit No. UI0000399. Since the time of issuance of Permit No. UI0000399, DEEP subsequently determined

that surface water discharges from onsite sewage disposal systems such as these must also be permitted to ensure consistency with Connecticut Water Quality Standards. This means that any request to renew or modify Permit No. UI0000399 will need to address the surface water discharge, and additional regulatory and monitoring conditions will apply.

Permit No. UI0000399 was issued on March 8, 2006 and will expire on March 7, 2016. Renewal applications for permits are due 180 days prior to expiration, which is September 9, 2015 for UI0000399. For this site, the renewal application would need to be submitted as a renewal modification, as the Department would need to evaluate the site for a joint groundwater and surface water discharge permit.

Should the Town of Easton wish to proceed with the proposed development, the town will have two options for seeking permit coverage for the current system as well as any future site developments: **one** is to modify the current system to only discharge to the groundwater (which may involve re-engineering the stormwater infiltration basin and eliminating the constructed wetlands biofilter discharge), register for the General Permit to Discharge from Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems Serving Existing Facilities, and submit technical plans for modifications and expansions under the General Permit; or **two**, submit an application to modify (and reissue) UI0000399 as a joint UI/NPDES permit, and submit a modification application for expansion when the town is prepared to move forward with further site development.

Based on the permitting approach selected, the consultant may be required to develop any sewage disposal system modifications into a complete set of plans and specifications suitable for bidding and construction.

The consulting Engineers will be evaluated and selected based on qualifications and technical competence, the capacity and capability to perform the work in a timely manner, past record of performance on similar projects, and knowledge of Town procedures, appropriately weighted in descending order of importance. It is anticipated that a number of firms will be short listed for further interviews and eventual proposals.

A letter of interest, together with general information on the firm and proposed subconsultants, the firm's brochure, current Federal GSA Forms 254 and 255, the firms' experience with similar Ct DEEP permitting issues, and a resume of the key personnel should be addressed to: Adam Dunsby, Easton First Selectman, Easton Town Hall, 225 Center Road, Easton, CT 06612.

All letters of interest must be received in the office of the First Selectman no later than 4:30 P.M. on February 12, 2015. Responses received after this date will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Adam Dunsby
Easton First Selectman