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PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S)

Official name: City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council

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of:

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Fax:

Internet address(es) (if applicable)

General address of the contracting authority (*URL*):

Address of the buyer profile (*URL*):

Further information can be obtained at:

- As in above-mentioned contact point(s)
- Other: please complete Annex A.I

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES

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| <input type="radio"/> Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General public services |
| <input type="radio"/> National or federal agency/office | <input type="checkbox"/> Defence |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regional or local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Public order and safety |
| <input type="radio"/> Regional or local agency/office | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="radio"/> Body governed by public law | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic and financial affairs |
| <input type="radio"/> European institution/agency or international organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing and community amenities |
| (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> Social protection |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, culture and religion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

(please specify):

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities

yes

no

II.6) CONTRACT COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT (GPA)

yes

no

II.7) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(if applicable)*

City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council ("the Councils") are planning a series of waste management procurements to assist them in delivering their Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Current waste arisings are approximately 520,000 tonnes per annum. Those procurements will include a jointly procured residual waste treatment facility.

The Councils expect the procurements to commence early in 2007 with a view to contracts being awarded by the end of 2008.

The Councils are considering a range of funding sources, including, PFI, other forms of PPP, prudential borrowing etc.

No final decision has been taken by the Councils as to the most appropriate form of treatment to be adopted although the Reference Project was based on a combination of Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) and Energy from Waste (EfW).

In order to inform the Councils, Enviro Consulting and Ernst & Young are hosting two open days at which interested parties will be invited to give their views on (amongst other things) preferred funding, technology and procurement options.

The first open day will be held for funders in London on the 25th July 2006. The second open day will be held in York on the 26th July 2006 and is intended for those companies interested in providing residual waste treatment facilities. Each event will have an open session followed by the opportunity for short one-to-one sessions.

This market sounding exercise is not part of the Councils' procurement, the start of the procurement will be the subject of a separate advertisement. The participation or non-participation by any person in this exercise will not prejudice any future participation in the procurement.

Persons interested in attending either open day are asked to contact Keith Corden at Enviro Consulting by email (keith.corden@enviros.com) in order to obtain further details. Please note that spaces may be limited, in which case invitations will be issued on a first come first served basis.

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.1) Reserved contracts *(if applicable)*

yes no

The contract is restricted to sheltered workshops

The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS

yes no

If **yes**, reference to project(s) and/or programme(s):

VI.2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(if applicable)*:

VI.3) INFORMATION ON GENERAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

Tax legislation:

Environmental protection legislation: www.defra.gov.uk

Employment protection and working conditions:

For additional details about relevant governmental services where information can be obtained on taxes, environmental protection, employment protection and working conditions, please fill Annex A.II-IV (if applicable)

VI.4) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:

03/07/2006 (dd/mm/yyyy)