



City of Seattle

Michael Patrick McGinn, Mayor

Office of Sustainability & Environment

Jill Simmons, Director

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Greetings,

This letter is pre-notification that the City of Seattle anticipates issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to explore and develop the expansion of a district energy system in the First Hill area of Seattle, pending adoption of a City Council Resolution endorsing the solicitation. First Hill is one of the most energy dense areas of Seattle (with three existing hospitals) and will see significant new development in the coming years.

Through the RFQ, the City will be seeking utility providers to develop and operate a district energy system. The emphasis will be on firms or consortia with the interest, experience and capacity to develop and deliver district energy services. Consulting firms may participate as part of a larger consortium including a utility provider but will not be considered on their own. There is no requirement that potential utility providers partner or engage consultancies as part of their team, and preference will be given to providers with the flexibility to consider and explore a wide range of alternative technical and institutional arrangements for First Hill.

The anticipated issue date for the RFQ is February 27th, 2012, with responses due approximately five weeks later. More information regarding scheduling, as well as response scoring and other issues, will be included in the RFQ. A bidders meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2012. This meeting is not mandatory and may be attended in person or via conference call. The RFQ and any additional notifications regarding this solicitation will be posted at www.seattle.gov/environment/district_energy.htm.

You have been included on this pre-notification because you are known to the City or have been in contact with the City.

Receipt and response to this pre-notification is not mandatory, but if you would like to have your contact details updated, or to be removed from or added to the distribution for future communications related to this RFQ please contact Christie Baumel at christie.baumel@seattle.gov.

The RFQ will be open to all eligible firms or consortia, including those not contacted in this pre-notification.

Sincerely,

Jill Simmons, Director