



On behalf of South West Devon Waste Partnership

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South West Devon Waste Partnership announces shortlist of contractors

THREE bidders proposing four solutions have been shortlisted to provide waste management solutions for the South West Devon Waste Partnership.

MVV Umwelt, SITA UK and Viridor have been selected to go through to the next stage of the process to put forward more detailed plans for managing the residual waste for the South Devon area, after all recycling has taken place.

The companies have submitted plans for their waste solutions including possible sites. MVV Umwelt has offered solutions based at Ernesettle and North Yard in Devonport Naval Base and SITA have put forward a proposal for South Yard in Devonport Naval Base. Viridor is focusing on its own site at New England Quarry, near Ivybridge. These sites could still change as the process continues.

SITA decided in advance of the latest shortlisting to withdraw its bid based at Ernesettle so it can focus on proposals for South Yard, Devonport.

The final solution will be selected by the partnership as part of the ongoing procurement process which looks at aspects such as environmental, technical, planning and financial criteria.

Once the bidder and solution is selected, they will put forward a detailed planning application, when members of the public will be invited to comment and give their views. They must gain consent for their chosen site and technology before any development can take place. An environmental permit will also have to be obtained from the Environment Agency before any plant can be put into operation.

The next stage is for the bidders to develop their proposals further before being assessed again in summer 2010 and shortlisted to two bidders. Final tenders will be invited in late 2010 and the contract will be awarded the following year.

A series of roadshows will be held in November so that members of the public can learn more about the project.

These are as follows:

Monday 9 November 5pm - 8pm Ernesettle Community School, Biggin Hill, Ernesettle, Plymouth

Tuesday 10 November 4pm - 8pm Torbay Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torbay

Wednesday 11 November 4pm - 8pm City College Plymouth, Kings Road, Devonport, Plymouth

Thursday 12 November 5pm - 8pm Ashtorre Rock, Saltash

Friday 13 November 4pm - 8pm The Watermark, Leonards Road, Ivybridge

Saturday 14 November 10am - 2pm Guildhall, Plymouth

Councillor Roger Croad, chairman of the South West Devon Waste Partnership, said: "Whether we like it or not, waste is everyone's problem! With more recycling and composting, we are steadily improving, but we will still need to treat the remainder.

"The Roadshow explains the current situation, the scope of the problem we face and potential solutions. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out what is being proposed, ask questions of our experts and understand more about this important subject."

More information on the work of the partnership can be found on the website www.swdwp.co.uk

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Notes to Editors

The South West Devon Waste Partnership is a collaboration between Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council. The main objective is to deliver a sustainable long-term waste treatment solution for the communities of Plymouth, South and West Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge and Torbay.

The overall contract value for the 25-year period is expected to be in the region of £800m.

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