



WIH Resource Group and JRMA Selected for Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to Transfer Station Transition Project for the City of Flagstaff, Arizona

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Scottsdale, Arizona, June 16, 2022 – WIH RESOURCE GROUP, INC. (WRG) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT'S BEEN SELECTED BY THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE CITY'S TRADITIONAL MRF INTO A FUNCTIONAL TRANSFER STATION THAT WILL BEST SERVE THE CITY'S RESIDENTS, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL RECYCLING PROCESSING NEEDS. JOINING THE WIH RESOURCE GROUP TEAM IS JRMA.

WIH Resource Group (Scottsdale, Arizona) has been awarded the contract for professional and technical consulting services with the city of Flagstaff to assist the city in the transition of its traditional MRF into a functional transfer station that will best serve the community's recycle processing needs.



Working closely with city Management and staff, WIH Resource Group's project work will guide the city of Flagstaff in the transition of its MRF to a traditional transfer station. This includes assessing the facility layout, staffing, and design. JRMA will serve in this role, to perform the assessment and design of the layout of the new transfer station.

MESSAGE FROM WIH RESOURCE GROUP PRESIDENT, BOB WALLACE

"We are proud and pleased to be selected by the city of Flagstaff to conduct this important project work for them. The city of Flagstaff has been an outstanding customer to WIH Resource Group over the past decade on other project engagements and we are very honored to have been selected by them for this important project. We are extremely excited to have them as a repeat client again" – *Bob Wallace, President – WIH Resource Group, Inc.*

THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF MRF

The City contracts with Norton Environmental, Inc. to operate the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), which sorts and markets the recyclables collected by the City's Solid Waste Section.

The existing contract is set to expire in September 2023 and the City is in the final steps of working through the end of the existing contract. Material collections and recycling material processing is critical for the goals included in the Rethink Waste Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

Throughout the community, recyclables are accepted primarily using curbside and bin collections. The success of the city's recycling program, collection types, rate, and quality of sorted material is dependent upon the city's arrangements for the processing of recyclables and many market conditions that influence the recyclables market.

The City of Flagstaff retained WIH Resource Group in 2019 to conduct the initial MRF Alternatives Study. As part of that study, five recycling and MRF alternatives were considered and analyzed, including utilizing the City's MRF as a regional hub and spoke recycling collection and processing operation for



surrounding Cities, Counties, and tribes. However, the analysis and final report findings recommended that the City transition it to a transfer station, due to transportation expenses, recycling commodity end market values, and the lower volumes of available recyclables collected through recycling programs within the region to support the economics of operating the MRF. The City's collected recyclables will be transported to a larger MRF in the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area for processing once the MRF transition is completed.

During the October 27, 2020, City Council meeting, the City Council directed the Solid Waste Section to pursue the conversion of the existing onsite recycling facility to a transfer of the recycled material operation. This direction is based on the staff recommendation that will likely result in the lowest cost per ton of recyclables sorted, while likely increasing the accepted materials and types thus increasing the city's overall recycling success.

The reduced on-site processing and material handling will reduce costs for the overall operations and costs for the City. Processing in a large modern-day facility will be more efficient and cost-effective.

ABOUT WIH RESOURCE GROUP (WRG)

WIH Resource Group is a global leader providing in providing diversified environmental (waste and recycling), financial, alternative fuels studies, expert witness services, and transportation & logistics consulting solutions to its clients throughout North America, and internationally.



WRG provides solutions to complex challenges to its clients in the areas of environmental, waste management, recycling, alternative fuel fleet conversion studies, customer satisfaction surveys, fleet management matters, equipment and assets valuations, mergers & acquisitions (M&A), landfill gas management, renewable energy, waste & recycling collections, business process improvement, procurement services assistance, waste management operations, recycling processing, transfer stations, operational performance assessments (OPAs), recycling facilities (MRFs) studies, transportation, and other feasibility and related financial analysis.

Formed in 2005, WRG's Team consists of subject matter experts from the waste, recycling, alternative fuels, and transportation industries from both the public and private sectors. WRG's Team of experts has over 150 years of combined experience.

For more information about WIH Resource Group's diversified client services, and how we can best serve you, visit www.wihrg.com



ABOUT JRMA, WIH RESOURCE GROUP'S TEAMING PARTNER

Founded in 1982 by J.R. Miller and Associates, JRMA provides architectural, engineering, and planning services that have led to the development and implementation of industrial and commercial facilities of extraordinary value. Each JRMA project is a model of efficiency, economy, environmental sensitivity, and architectural relevance.

The low life-cycle costs of owning and operating JRMA-designed facilities have improved many clients' bottom lines and helped them be competitive in their respective markets. JRMA deeply appreciate the many clients who recognize the ways in which the firm has contributed to their success and who in turn have contributed to JRMAs'.

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