



## Press Release

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### **JRMA Selected for Deschutes County Diversion Facility Planning Project**

**Portland, OR (July 18, 2025)** – J. R. Miller & Associates, Inc. (JRMA), a leading architecture, engineering, and planning firm, is pleased to announce it has been awarded a major contract by Deschutes County, Oregon, to provide consultant services for the planning of new diversion facilities, including a material recovery facility (MRF), composting operation, and Construction & Demolition (C&D) processing. The project represents a critical milestone in advancing the County's sustainable solid waste management strategy.

Building on prior work developing the County's Diversion Master Plan and Landfill Alternatives Analysis, JRMA will lead a multi-disciplinary team to evaluate, plan, and support procurement for a set of integrated diversion facilities. These improvements are designed to help Deschutes County meet or exceed its 45% recycling goal, enhance disposal cost avoidance ahead of the Knott Landfill's planned closure in 2031, and support compliance with Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act.

The 32-month scope of work includes:

- Developing updated master plan-level site and floor plans for the MRF, composting, and C&D facilities
- Evaluating facility ownership models and construction delivery methods with input from County staff and elected officials
- Providing financial proformas, a draft financing plan, and modeling rate impacts for residential and commercial customers
- Conducting economic analysis comparing local processing versus transport to Portland-area facilities
- Assisting with the development and review of operating contracts, RFPs, and contractor selection
- Offering technical support for design review, including processing equipment and building systems
- Facilitating coordination with County cities and the Board of Commissioners through regular presentations and work sessions

JRMA will also collaborate with partners Bell & Associates, Swordfish Consulting, Parametrix, and Michael Gross, LLC.

"This project is an exciting continuation of our work with Deschutes County, and we're proud to support them in developing high-performing, cost-effective, and sustainable infrastructure for the region," said Kevin McCarthy, Director of Solid Waste for JRMA.

**About JRMA:**

JRMA Architects & Engineers (J. R. Miller & Associates) is an architectural, engineering, and planning firm headquartered in Brea, CA. With over 40 years of experience, JRMA offers comprehensive services for the planning and design of processing facilities, including solid waste, organics processing, food and beverage, aviation, industrial, manufacturing, and commercial. With a commitment to sustainable design and technical excellence, JRMA serves clients throughout the United States and internationally. The firm's projects prioritize cost-effectiveness, operational excellence, and sustainable design features. With regional offices in Portland, OR, Brea, CA, and Houston, TX, and satellite offices in San Carlos, CA, Omaha, NE, and Lexington, KY, JRMA is dedicated to delivering innovative and impactful solutions for our clients.

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