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The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC or the Commission) is required under the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, Health and Safety Code, Chapter 361, as amended (the Act), to identify and assess facilities that may constitute an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and safety or the environment due to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment. Pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, §361.184(a), the Commission must publish in the *Texas Register* those facilities which are identified as eligible for listing on the state registry. The most recent registry was published in the *Texas Register* on March 31, 1995. The following is a facility or area that the Executive Director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has determined eligible for listing and which the Executive Director proposes to list on the state registry. Also specified is the general nature of the potential endangerment to public health and safety or the environment as determined by information currently available to the Executive Director.

The facility known as the former Aztec Ceramics Corporation (the site) is located in southeast San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The company utilized three surface impoundments on the property, located at 4735 Emil Road for the management of solid wastes. Several drums of waste oil have been spilled in various locations throughout the warehouse. Many glaze drums are uncovered and deteriorating, and have released their contents to the floor. There are large piles of dry clay in the mixing area. The northwest center of the warehouse is covered with large piles of unglazed, unfired tiles. Three sumps (unknown dimensions) full of an oily sludge are located in the small room next to the southwest corner of the warehouse.

This facility manufactured ceramic tile products for approximately 50 years prior to ceasing operations in 1988. Solid wastes generated by this process were fired and unfired tile rejects as well as glaze waste. Heavy metal pigments were used as the coloring agents in the glaze mixture. Various metal pigments utilized in the ceramic tile process included lead, barium, titanium, cadmium, nickel and chromium. Analysis of samples collected indicated that the glaze waste contains hazardous waste concentrations of lead and barium. A public meeting has been scheduled regarding the proposed listing of the site. The public meeting will be legislative in nature and not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code Annotated, §§2001 et seq (Vernons 1988). Persons desiring to comment on the proposed listing of this site may do so in the context of the public meeting either orally or in writing. Written comments may also be submitted to the attention of Rob Conti, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Pollution Cleanup Division, Superfund Investigation Section, mail code MC-143 P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087; 1-800-633-9363. All comments must be received by the Commission on or before May 16, 1995. The public meeting has been scheduled for the following

time and place: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, 1995, Carver Library, 3350 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a brief summary of the Commission's public records regarding this site. This summary, as well as a portion of the public records for the site, are available for inspection and copying during the business hours of the Carver Library, 3350 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas; (210) 225-7801. Copies of the complete public record file may be obtained during regular business hours of the TNRCC by contacting Ms. Beth Wigham, Central Records Center, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087; (512) 239-2920.

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Request for Proposal

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), under the authority granted in the Consulting Services Procurement Act, Texas Government Code, §2254, Subchapter B, solicits qualified consulting firms to submit proposals describing the procedures and methodologies they would utilize if awarded a contract under this request to develop a comprehensive report assessing recycling market capacity in Mexico for recovered materials from Texas-Mexico border areas.

Project Objective. The Recycling Market Development Program of the TNRCC initiates programs and provides assistance to communities, businesses, and individuals for the development and expansion of markets for recovered material generated within the state. This request for proposal is for the development of a comprehensive report identifying Mexican markets that exist or could be developed for recovered glass, plastics, and steel cans from recycling programs in communities on the Texas-Mexico border. Besides identifying and surveying such markets, the report shall include specific information and recommendations concerning how best to gain entry to those markets; how to meet market specifications; and how best to transport materials cost-effectively from Border communities. Primary funding for this contract will be provided through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Proposal Contact Information. Prior to submitting proposals, proposers are encouraged to call Oscar Carrillo, Recycling Market Development Specialist at (512) 239-6013, and request a Project Information Packet, which contains details concerning the TNRCC's intended scope of work for this project.

Proposal Requirements. All proposers must describe the experience and professional qualifications they would bring to the proposed project. Proposers must also set forth clearly and specifically those procedures and methodologies they would use in the course project design and development.

Submission Procedures and Response Deadline. Any consultant interested in submitting a proposal shall provide three copies of the proposal by certified mail to Oscar