

Fact Sheet on Biomass-Fueled Generation Facility Request for Proposal

- Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) is a municipally owned and operated electric, water, wastewater, natural gas and telecommunications utility located in north central Florida. GRU serves approximately 90,000 retail and wholesale electric customers in Gainesville and the surrounding unincorporated areas. GRU reached a record peak demand of 481 net MW on August 8, 2007. GRU owns 611 MW of net summer generation capacity located at three sites, Deerhaven, John R. Kelly, and a partial ownership of Crystal River 3.
- GRU is seeking proposals for a biomass-fueled power plant to be built at its Deerhaven Generation Station or at another site to provide base load generation.
- ONLY biomass, or a combination of biomass and municipal solid waste, may serve as the primary fuel source of the proposed plant.
- The proposals are due by December 14, 2007, 2:00 PM EST. Proposals received after this time will not be considered.
- An optional pre-proposal meeting and site visit was held Friday, November 9, 2007, 1:00-5:00 PM EST at the Deerhaven site.
- Proposals must offer value to GRU's customers through:
 - Cost effective renewable capacity and/or energy benefits
 - Environmental attributes consistent with community values
 - Enhanced and reliable energy supply
- Biomass fuel options may include, but are not limited to:
 - Logging and Land Clearing Residues
 - Urban Wood Waste (non-bagged)
 - Forest Thinnings
 - Pulp
- Municipal Solid Waste fuel options should not include recyclable materials but may include:
 - Residential Class 1
 - Commercial Class 1
 - Automobile and Truck Tires
 - Sorted Construction & Demolition Debris
 - Bagged Urban Wood Waste
- A maximum of three proposals will be selected and invited to submit final, binding proposals.
- The City will notify the author(s) of the selected proposal within 60 days after the final day of presentations.
- The contract drawn up by both parties will require the approval of the City Commission.
- The Local Vendor Preference Ordinance will apply in this process: local businesses will receive preference when the contract is awarded, not more than 5 percent of the business' total bid price or \$25,000.