

**PRE-QUALIFICATION OF THERMAL WASTE
TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY VENDORS**

Summary of Proposed Anti-Lobbying Clause

- Once the draft Request for Qualifications is prepared, it is proposed that all communications with potential vendors be directed through a single Regional procurement contact and that no project related communications occur between potential vendors and Environmental Assessment team consultants, Regional staff & elected officials.
- Respondents will be required to adhere to a proposed anti-lobbying clause to be included in the Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposal documents, which is to remain in effect through the entire procurement process including both the Request for Qualifications and subsequent Request for Proposal.
- Proposed Clause:

“Anti-Lobbying

Respondents or their Team Members or anyone involved in the Team will not engage in any form of political or other lobbying whatsoever with respect to this project or seek to influence the outcome of this qualification process. This anti-lobbying clause extends to all members of Regional or Local Area Municipal Councillors within both Durham and York Regions, their respective staff members or their appointees, including members of the consulting team. In the event of any such lobbying, the Regions will reject any RFQ or subsequent RFP submission by that Respondent without further consideration and terminate that Respondent's right to continue in the process. All correspondence or contact by interested parties with the Regions must be directly and only with the Project Authority.

It should be duly noted by all Respondents that this anti-lobbying clause extends from the release date of this RFQ through the date and time when the two respective Regional Governments formally award the project, i.e., AFTER the RFP review stage. Any lobbying undertaken during this timeframe will result in immediate disqualification from the process be it during the RFQ stage, the RFP stage or anytime between and after the commencement of this process until the date of award.

This section shall not be intended to disallow any meetings, interviews or clarifications requested or authorized by the Regions' RFQ or RFP Contact Person(s) or authorized designates.”