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Current MRF vendor, Waste Management (WM), has indicated that the Country's largest glass recycler, Strategic Materials Inc. (SMI) plans to construct a processing facility in Florida capable of producing the sand-like material and they should be operational by July 2009. WM will market their glass through SMI. The Florida site may reduce the cost to procure materials for the 3000 ton test. It is uncertain, if the current market contraction has altered SMI plans. Glass to sand (especially high-grade, clean sand) is expensive.

## Conclusion

RRB should proceed cautiously and await FDEP decision on FY 2009-2010 funding before awarding any contract to procure or construct the 3,000 test site. It may be prudent to commit RRB funding to match the current \$216,535 grant and fully develop the bid documents, but defer the formal Bid process until FDEP funding is committed or the economic impacts of the SMI venture are better understood or incorporated into the project.