

LEGAL NOTICE

**Cecil County, Maryland
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bid proposals for "Bid 16-24-55069 REHABILITATE PORT DEPOSIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT" as described in the proposal package, for the Cecil County, Maryland, Department of Public Works will be received from qualified bidders until 1:30 PM, March 22, 2016 at the Purchasing Office, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1400, Elkton, MD 21921. This contract is for a project that will rehabilitate an existing wastewater treatment plant in Port Deposit, MD. The project will repair the existing contact stabilization treatment tank through the application of a protective liner or replacement. The contractor will be responsible for maintaining treatment at the site while construction operations are occurring on the existing plant. The contract will also require the installation of a manual transfer switch for the County's existing trailer mounted generator. A Mandatory pre-bid information conference will be held on March 3, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Perryville Conference Room, County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, MD 21921. A site visit will be conducted for all interested parties immediately following the pre-bid conference. Bids will not be accepted from any contractors that did not attend a mandatory pre-bid information conference. Bid packages are provided at no charge on the Cecil County web-page (http://www.ccgov.org/dept_purchasing/index.cfm) as a PDF document for all vendors to download. Bid packages may be purchased at the Purchasing Office at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00 per package for hard copies, or \$10 per package for electronic copies (PDF format) provided on a compact disc.

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legislators. Previously, McCarthy served on the Chesapeake City town council.

As Cecil County Executive, McCarthy said he would pursue a four major goals that would enhance both the residents and businesses.

His first goal is to make sure the proper infrastructure is installed in the county's growth area to make sure business and industry can come right in, set-up and open.

While some have suggested the infrastructure be added piecemeal, business by business, McCarthy said that will not work.

"Government has to take the lead," McCarthy said. "How can we make this county thrive and grow if we don't have services to offer? Businesses can't run off septic tanks. Businesses can't run off wells."

The candidate said the growth in the county has to be well-managed and should provide a variety of job opportunities.

Education is another one of McCarthy's priorities. He said county government needs to work with the public school system and Cecil College to make sure students are prepared for the 21st century job market.

Public safety is another top priority for the candidate.

"We need a safe and security living and working environment in the county," McCarthy said.

With drug addiction at the root of much of the criminal activity in the county, McCarthy said he will work on a multi-faceted approach to keep people off drugs and help those with addictions to find recovery so they can be productive citizens.

The fourth goal involves the

county government itself.

"I will work for an efficient and effective county government," McCarthy said. The focus will be to make sure customer service is a top priority when dealing with residents and businesses and will use specific strategies to foster this approach.

McCarthy said he brings a lot of experience to the office of County Executive and has the energy and plans to maintain and enhance services while keeping taxes low.

His message to voters is, "I will try to represent you as well as I possibly can. I will make sure tax dollars are spent in a prudent and sensible way and we will be solving problems, not putting bandages on them."

"We have to change the way we look at issues and work together," McCarthy said.

**Schneckenburger
Vows To Put Cecil
First**

"I continue to believe that Cecil County has great potential and I want to help realize this," said County Executive candidate Dan Schneckenburger.

Schneckenburger is in his first term on the Cecil County Council. He represents the Council on the county's Economic Development Commission and the Maryland Rural County Coalition.

Schneckenburger has been an active member of the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce where he served on their board for six years and was its president in 2005/2006. He was also appointed to the county's Water

and Wastewater Task Force which worked on infrastructure improvements and priority recommendations. The candidate was a member of the Charter committee that drafted the Charter that was approved by the voters for Cecil County. He is on the board of the Susquehanna Workforce Network.

Schneckenburger cited six major issues in the county.

"I will fight to minimize any state of Maryland mandates that infringe on our constitutional rights or cost taxpayers more money," he said.

While he thinks Governor Larry Hogan is beginning to turn the tide to make the state a better place, he still said something has to be done about Plan Maryland, restoring highway user fees and the TMDL strategy for the Bay, calling them as overreaching legislation that hurts the local economy.

Schneckenburger said the recession has been tough on the poorer members of Cecil County's population.

"The 2009 recession really hit this segment of the population hard and has led us to a growing drug abuse problem," Schneckenburger said, adding there is no easy answer to this issue which drains county services.

If more people can improve their skills and get a job, the candidate said these workers will contribute to the tax base and hopefully reduce the demand for services.

He also promises to make the needs of law enforcement a priority.

"Taxpayers are customers of the county and we will treat them as valued clients," Schneckenburger said, promising to spend money wisely and restructure the county using lean methodology.

He also is committed to maintaining the property tax rate at its current level and will look for ways to cut the tax burden.

The candidate supports education and said he will fund it as far as the available dollars will allow.

"I especially support vocational training as a way to train our emerging workforce for productive careers, including the new vocational School of Technology in Elkton," Schneckenburger said.

As for the drug abuse issues in the county, the candidate said he will continue to work toward increasing treatment, working with safety and social service agencies, obtaining state assistance and bringing more jobs into the county.

Schneckenburger wants to assist existing businesses while attracting new companies.

"I will implement initiatives that make the county more business friendly," he said, adding he would invest in growth corridor infrastructure, speed up the approval process and

personally meet with companies interested in opening up a facility in Cecil County.

Finally, Schneckenburger wants to grow the tax base and increase employment among the residents.

To be able to grow the revenue the county needs to provide services, Schneckenburger said an emphasis on economic development will allow growth in the tax base.

"I will make it a top priority to bring investment, more jobs and commercial growth in the county," he said.

The candidate said he has spent the last 15 years developing a unique set of knowledge from private business and his public service.

"We cannot continue to have budgets that put pressure on the existing taxpayer or being balanced from our fund reserves," he said. "My administration will be a friend and advocate to those individuals and companies that believe investing in Cecil County is an excellent decision."

Schneckenburger categorizes himself as a fiscal conservative.

He said he is committed to building consensus and finding solutions.

"I believe we have a good comprehensive plan and we have been frustrated in the slow implementation of infrastructure in this area," Schneckenburger said. "Growing our tax base is essential in funding the needs and priorities of the county."

"I am running for this office because I believe I have the best skill set, motivation and plan to move Cecil County forward," Schneckenburger said. "As County Executive, I will always put Cecil First!"

**Tome Outlines Multi-
Faceted Platform**

If elected Cecil County Executive, Wayne Tome, Sr. would work on the economy, the drug problem, education and law enforcement.

Tome is the lone Democrat in the field, meaning he is running unopposed in the April Primary election and will be facing one of the four Republican candidates in November's General Election.

In recent years, Republicans have been sweeping the county elections.

Tome said that in county elections, voters should be looking at the message and not the political parties, saying the candidates should be judged on their experience and ideas.

"I'm a conservative Democrat," Tome explained. "I don't want my taxes raised any more than anyone else."

It is his love of his hometown and home county that has made him want to get involved in public service.

"I live in the same house that I

grew up in," Tome said of his Port Deposit home.

His family roots go back into Cecil County's history. Jacob Tome was a State Senator. His father served the public as an elected town official for more than 20 years.

"Public service is pretty much in my family," he said. Tome has served on the Port Deposit town board and is currently town Mayor. He has also previously served as a Cecil County Commissioner.

Tome has made his career in the fire service. He has been with the Baltimore County Fire Company for 33 years and is currently a battalion chief, working with eight stations with approximately 100 people.

"We provide the full array of fire, rescue, EMS services," he said.

Tome is a member of the Water Witch Fire Company in Port Deposit and continues to serve in a management capacity. He has been active in the state Firemen's Association.

It is through his dedication to public safety that he decided it was his turn to run for office.

"My involvement in politics really got started through Senator (William) Amoss," Tome said.

It started when Tome was interested in some legislation to assist people and Senator Amoss told him to get involved. He also worked with Delegate David Rudolph to help get money to assist all fire companies in the county and later worked with County Commissioner Mark Guns to help formulate the county's fire company equipment replacement program.

"That was when I was interested in being a county commissioner," Tome said.

Through his work as an elected official in Port Deposit, Tome said he has worked to move the town forward.

As County Executive, he wants to also move the county forward.

"We need to diversify job opportunities," Tome said. Cecil County has long been known as a bedroom community with some residents having two to three hours of commuting time each day to get to far-away jobs.

"We need to concentrate on how we will offer more job opportunities in the county," Tome said.

Tome wants to see all areas of the county included in economic development.

"We need to diversity where we promote economic development in the county," Tome said.

Issues have plagued the Bainbridge site for years and Tome said development needs to start in that area.

"We need to really get out there and market Bainbridge," Tome said, adding that once the first business or industry opens

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