

Company in Chicago offers a solution for municipal waste in three districts

Waste a good source of income

Among the co-owners of American companies is our famous basketball player Aleksandar Sasa Djordjevic

NIS – A company located in Chicago, whose owners include basketball player Sasa Djordjevic, Milan Kluko, George Grkinić, John Ostojic and Branislav Kesić, offered three municipalities of the county, a public-private partnership which would form a consortium "Ekoindustrija from Belgrade, to provide engineering and operations and distribution profits to the region bringing innovative comprehensive solid waste management to the Region. A presentation of their systems to comprehensively manage solid waste as well as proposed renewable energy and recycling technologies will be on Monday, Chief District Nisava Milan Lapčević.

The Letter of Intent, which arrived from Chicago, says the fact that Serbia is in the beginning of its process trying to find viable alternative solutions to manage solid waste in this area is good. The team has extensive experience needed to evaluate and select interim and long term technologies that effectively treat the current "mixed municipal waste stream". The first priority is to establish a "modern sanitary landfill system and avoid using the open dumps located in inferior geologic locations without liners and mitigate methane issues" according to Milan Kluko. The next step Kluko said was "to evaluate and work closely with the existing local garbage collection systems and then move into modifying collection systems for more separation of organics (for composting), recyclables (metals, plastics, bottles, wood) and manage then remaining solid wastes". This is the solid waste management plan for Serbia and other EU countries and it is also the approach in United States solid waste management plan. Milan Lapčević says that the technology offered could be customized for these "specifics" to be correct with Serbian national strategy for waste management.

As a partner with local governments the consortium will want to ensure the management of solid waste is profitable but costs will go up to modernize the system for environmental protection. We believe that it is pure Serbian interests of these three districts in southern Serbia that development of this strategy, among other things rely on the creation and export of recycling markets - said Director, George Grkinić.

The Chicago firm offers viable concepts and much experience according to the existing utilities and the utilities will still performed the function of collecting municipal waste and collection of other materials and provide all the same service. Therefore the call for the presence of a presentation given by representatives of utility companies from the six municipal seats Nisava, then next from the six municipalities of Jablanica and four municipalities Toplica county will gain support for this important undertaking. The National Strategy for Solid Waste Management in Serbia anticipated opening of a regional landfill for southern Serbia, and a multi-material factory for sorting and processing waste.

The Nis landfill which was inspected earlier this year was so bad that a lock was placed on the gate and garbage piled up outside the site. The usage permit however was extended with the promise that by the end of the year the site could have technology for the drainage of underground gas and water treatment all things Kluko said his firm has designed for larger sites in America.

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