

How to be Eliminated from an RFI

The Site Selection Process is generally composed of three phases. The first phase is comprised of collecting and evaluating information from all potential states/sites. Many sites have already been eliminated at this point through the research done by the consultant/company based on information available from federal, state, regional and local websites. The second phase is a detailed review of the narrowed list of sites. Phase three consists of negotiations amongst the finalist sites.

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50 to 70 percent of sites submitted for an RFI get cut in Phase 1. The consultant/company is looking for any reason to disqualify your site.

- Direct the consultant/company to your website to collect the needed information
- Tell the consultant/company to call for more information
- Refuse to give a sale or lease price on property when requested (Consultant does not have time to barter with all preliminary sites.)
- Hide community challenges
- Don't provide contact information for utilities, properties, local economic development officials
- Use old information
- Provide minimal, preliminary information (Remember, this may be your only shot.)
- Don't individualize/customize your response
- Provide a laundry list of incentives vs. only those incentives this project is eligible for
- Send your response in the body of an email
- Supply information that is not requested