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## Q2Power wheeling and dealing in compost market

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**Q**2Power Technologies Inc., through its Q2Earth division, has signed a term sheet to acquire Naples, Fla.-based Environmental Turnkey Solutions LLC. ETS is one of the largest green waste hauling and compost manufacturing companies in Florida, with operations that span the state's west coast and plans to expand into two new facilities.

ETS provides high quality soils to major customers that include Scotts Miracle-Gro and Old Castle, with current annualized revenue exceeding

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Piles of organic waste, reportedly 70 feet high, burned for more than a month at Environmental Turnkey Solutions, in Collier County, Fla. Photo: Robert Smith, North Collier County Fire Department.

## Cedar Grove composting opens farm

**I**t isn't so unusual for a farm to start a composting operation. But Cedar Grove, a large compost producer in Washington state, has taken the opposite approach to close the organics loop.

This summer, Cedar Grove is opening Sound Sustainable Farms, in Redmond, Wash. Sound Sustainable Farms, Cedar Grove said, strives to bring fresh, locally grown, organic food to the tables of diners at fine area restaurants, to fans at iconic ballparks and to the tables of hungry families throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Earlier this year, Cedar Grove brought its locally manufactured, organic compost generated from local residents and restaurants to a dormant farm to restore soil health and initiate productivity on land that was intended for and protected for



Farmer Arturo Lopez (left) and founder Stephan Banchemo

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## Feasibility study suggests D.C. compost facility

**A** compost feasibility study for the District of Columbia recommends the establishment of a new composting facility within the district to process source-separated organics (SSO). The report doesn't address how to manage the manure that flows daily from Capitol Hill.

The Compost Feasibility Study, issued in May, provides an overview of the compost initiatives underway in the district and assesses the feasibility of the district implementing an organics curbside collection program, according to the Washington

Department of Public Works (DPW). The study was conducted by Ann Arbor, Mich.-based Resource Recycling Systems.

The study is the first of three that will inform the development a Zero Waste Plan, to achieve 80 percent waste

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