

Request for Proposals No. 2024-028 Municipal Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services

ADDENDUM No. 2

ISSUE DATE: December 7, 2023

Responding Offerors on this project are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named RFP document.

The following items add to, modify, and/or clarify the RFP documents and shall have the full force and effect of the original Documents. This Addendum shall be acknowledged by the Offerors in the RFP document.

Delete/Add/Replace Section

1. Section 4.7 Transportation and Tipping Fee Adjustments

At the end of this section **ADD**:

The Transport and Tipping Fee after Year 1 will not be lower than the original bid rate provided by contractor regardless of the Price Index Factor.

Question/Answer Section

1. <u>Question</u>: Can you explain why the County is opposed to a fuel surcharge for the transporter? <u>Answer</u>: See Addendum #1, Question 61.

2. Question: Can a truck deliver an empty trailer before 6 am or after 430 pm? Are drivers allowed a key to the gate?

Answer: No.

3. Question: Will the County add a "change of law" provision in the agreement.

<u>Answer</u>: The following provision will be included in the final contract: Controlling Law - This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

4. <u>Question</u>: If bidder loads at Transfer Station, will they be able to have a 2000 or less self- contained double walled fuel tank on site to fuel loaders and switcher vehicles?

Answer: Yes.

5. <u>Question</u>: If no to the above question, will the County allow the vender to purchase fuel from the County on site?

Answer: N/A

- 6. <u>Question</u>: If bidder loads at the Transfer Station will the County continue to provide liter control? <u>Answer</u>: Bidder loading operations must include litter control as part of required service.
- 7. Question: Addendum 1 had question 44 and question 47 inquiring about a fuel surcharge in which the County answered that there would be no fuel surcharge allowed. Since fuel is a very large portion of the cost to operate the contract, the vendor must have some sort of mechanism to cover any unforeseen spike in the cost of fuel. Would the County be open in paying for the actual fuel used each month? This will remove the risk of fuel spikes and the Transport and Tipping Fee rate would not include fuel costs. Thanks.

 Answer: No, the County will not pay for actual fuel used each month. Fuel costs do fluctuate. Usually this is within a range. The CPI adjustment accounts for this on an annual basis.

8. <u>Question</u>: Section 4.7 Transportation and Tipping Fee Adjustments- request County consideration that contract pricing after Year 1 will not be lower than the original bid rate provided by contractor regardless of index values.

Note - Current contract allowed this situation to occur. Granting this would provide each contractor a guaranteed floor price. Without this provision, all contractors may inflate cost estimates to ensure they are covered.

Answer: See the addition to **Section 4.7 Transportation and Tipping Fee Adjustments** in this Addendum.

END OF ADDENDUM #2