



ADDENDUM #1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

For the Period January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028

RFP #2023-05

Proposal Due Date
October 3, 2023, 12:00 PM

The City of Sanger, Texas
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SECTION 1: RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM PROPOSERS

The City received questions from four separate proposers. The answers to all questions submitted are presented below.

PROPOSER A

1. Will the City accept proposals on the 2x week service that utilize Wednesday for bulk collection? This could allow us to better utilize people and assets resulting in a more competitive rate.
 - a. **Yes.**

2. What occurred in May of 2022 that caused the residential trash tonnage to climb significantly to 723 tons? This is almost 2x the national average for pounds generated per home per week.
 - a. ***Upon review, the current provider determined the trash tons for May 2022 were incorrect. They have provided the correct number, and Table 5.1 presents the correct information below. This serves as a replacement for Table 5.1 (page 11) of the original RFP.***

Table 5.1: Residential Services Tonnage by Material

Month	Trash Tons	Recycling Tons
May-22	489.11	31.97
Jun-22	408.69	57.29
Jul-22	521.62	38.18
Aug-22	533	42.26
Sep-22	567.44	65.28
Oct-22	496.81	33.27
Nov-22	470.57	33.9
Dec-22	499.79	42.81
Jan-23	360.55	34.73
Feb-23	298.6	34.93
Mar-23	335.25	53.88
Apr-23	267.3	35.12
Totals	5,248.73	503.62
Monthly Average	437.39	41.97

3. Does the incumbent provide the city with a monthly tonnage report, or were the tonnages provided all at once when the city was gathering information for the RFP?
 - a. ***The current contractor provided this information as the City gathered information for the RFP.***

4. Can the City ask the incumbent if 100% of the recycling is being delivered to a material recovery facility?
 - a. ***The City has been told that some recycling is deemed contaminated and not delivered to the recycling facility. The current provider has been unable to provide more details or documentation of the frequency or amounts diverted from the recycling facility.***

5. Can the City provide the % of residential recycling volume that is considered contamination by the recycling facility (residential recycling contamination rate as a % of the tonnage delivered to the recycling facility)?
 - a. ***The City has been told that some recycling is deemed contaminated and not delivered to the recycling facility. The current provider has been unable to provide more details or documentation of the frequency or amounts diverted from the recycling facility.***
6. Does the incumbent hauler provide commercial recycling (carts or dumpsters) currently?
 - a. ***No.***
7. How many sludge hauls per month or week does the city's wastewater treatment facility require?
 - a. ***The average is 11.1 sludge hauls per month.***
8. What are the average sludge tons per month for the city's facility?
 - a. ***The average is 84.5 sludge tons per month***
9. Does the incumbent currently charge enclosure fees (to open and close enclosure doors) to commercial businesses?
 - a. ***Yes.***
10. Are there any roll off compactors in the city limits? If so, can you provide customer names?
 - a. ***No.***
11. Do the current rates provided in the RFP include franchise fees for residential, commercial and roll off services? Is it currently 6%?
 - a. ***Yes. The current franchise fee is 6%.***
12. Termination – Section 5.02.28 – Page 26 of 49 - Can the city provide a few examples of a default that “poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of any person or any property interest” which results in a 24-hour response/cure?
 - a. ***Examples of hazards include those that could***
 - i. ***Cause physical harm to people or property***
 - ii. ***Cause soil, water, or air contamination***
 - iii. ***Lead to the spread of disease***
 - iv. ***Become a breeding ground for bacteria, insects, and vermin***

PROPOSER B

1. Page 10 - how is loose brush currently handled? Is this a part of the weekly 4CY collection?
a. Brush collection service is handled by a separate vendor under a separate contract.
2. Page 12 – Table 5.2 – does this commercial customer count by size and frequency include the City locations at no charge?
a. No.
3. Page 13 - can the City / current contractor provide the number of billable roll off hauls for last 12 months? - excluding City free hauls
a. According to our current contractor, there have been 504 total hauls over the past 12 months - an average 42 hauls per month. The average tonnage per haul was 4.7. Our provider has not been able to provide us with a breakdown between City and Billable hauls.
4. Page 13 - can the City provide the number of sludge hauls for prior 12-months and tonnage? Does the current \$665.32/haul rate include all disposal or is there an additional cost per ton?
a. During the previous 12 months, there were 134 sludge hauls with a total tonnage of 1,014. The current rate includes 10 tons per haul. Hauls over 10 tons are charged an additional fee.
5. Page 14 - do any of the rates provided on page 14-15 include any additional fees (franchise fees, billing fees, admin, fuel, etc.), or are these fees net to the contractor?
a. Current rates included are gross charges charged to the City. The current provider pays 6% franchise fee based on these rates.
6. Page 10 and 16 - Yard Waste Bags - can the City provide more details on this? As it reads, residents can place yard waste in bags next to the 95g trash carts. Is there any limit to the number of bags, do they need to be in Kraft brown bags?
a. Currently, the only requirements are they must be bagged (type not specified), less than 40 pounds, and on bulk collection day.
7. Page 17 - Municipal Locations - are there any City facilities that have a roll off container that are hauled at no charge? If so, how many hauls are provided at no charge per year (outside the 20 total hauls for 2 cleanups and 2 hauls for special events)
a. No.
8. Does the City have the number of customers that have additional trash carts?
a. 24 additional garbage carts and 7 additional recycling carts.
9. Page 43 - Form 13.6 - RFP states that commercial recycling is not included in this franchise agreement, do we still need to provide contract rates if this is open to any hauler?
a. As stated in 5.01, "The City is considering adding recycling for commercial accounts in addition to residential accounts. A final decision on commercial recycling shall be made before issuing a new contract. For that reason, the Proposer is required to submit a proposal based on current levels of service and on alternative service levels as described in Section 5.02 and in the required forms in Section 13."

PROPOSER C

1. How many Sludge hauls per year / month?
a. The average is 11.1 sludge hauls per month.
2. How many city hauls on the open tops per year / month?
a. According to our current contractor, there have been 504 total hauls over the past 12 months - an average 42 hauls per month. The average tonnage per haul was 4.7. Our provider has not been able to provide us with a breakdown between City and Billable hauls.
3. Is the Yard Waste picked up with the Trash and the Bulk weekly?
a. Yes.
4. There is not any reference to Price Increase language in the RFP, does your current Price Increase language open to any specific indexes?
a. Historically, rates have been increased or decreased in accordance with the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for All Urban Customers, Garbage and Trash Collection, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Base Period 1983100, as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics) published by the Bureau during the month 90 days preceding January 1st. The amount of increase or decrease is the percentage that the CPI-U has increased or decreased over the previous 12-month period.

PROPOSER D

1. Under Exhibit A pages 45-49 “Agreement for Solid Waste and Recycling Services” there is no language on CPI-U or annual increases based on Government Fee and Disposal adjustments. Is it the City’s intent to keep rates locked during the length of the new agreement.
 - a. *Historically, rates have been increased or decreased in accordance with the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for All Urban Customers, Garbage and Trash Collection, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Base Period 1983100, as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics) published by the Bureau during the month 90 days preceding January 1st. The amount of increase or decrease is the percentage that the CPI-U has increased or decreased over the previous 12-month period.*
2. Section 5 paragraph 4. “The City is considering adding recycling for commercial accounts in addition to residential accounts.” Our question is does the City of an idea on the number of Commercial businesses are requesting Recycling? Will the recycling be for carts, or for dumpsters?
 - a. *The number of businesses for commercial recycling is uncertain, as is the container size. For this reason, Form 13:6 on page 43 requests fees for Cart, 3 CY, 4 CY, 6 CY, and 8 CY containers.*
3. Section 5.02.24 Franchise Fee, “The City may increase/decrease franchise fee”. Our question is will the successful proposer be allowed to adjust customer rates proportional to the increase/decrease in franchise fees?
 - a. *Yes.*
4. Section 5.02.27 “Administrative fees”. Our question is will the successful proposer be allowed a 24 hour period to cure complaints before being required to pay the administrative fees?
 - a. *Yes.*