

ADDENDUM NO 03

CITY OF FAIRHOPE

To

BID NO. 025-10 RFP FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL REBID

FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The bid documents for this Bid shall be amended, revised and changed in the following particulars:

Clarification

Per the Public Works Department:

1. The bid opening date is hereby moved to next Monday, July 12.

2. The posting of Adendum No. 3 concludes the time for accepting questions pertaining to this RFP.

Questions from potential bidders:

Question 1:

“On page iii-2, “Grit and Grease” – why is there a request for a separate price for collection since our visit to the treatment plant reveals that the City collects this material on a daily basis with their with regular ASL garbage trucks? Also, is the 1,300 lbs detailed in the specs weekly, monthly, ect.?”

Answer 1:

This is not standard solid waste(garbage,recycle, etc) which is collected at curbside, and its collection is more frequent. This is why we called special attention to its existence. The 1,300lb. quantity is actually a daily average.

Question 2:

“The City is requesting pricing quotes for servicing numerous special events; however, there is no “scope of work detail” provided from which to build pricing models. i.e. what type of waste is generated, how many people are required, how many days are they needed, what actions are to be taken, what would people specifically need to do?”

Answer 2:

We request that you follow the instructions regarding this item, and furnish an hourly rate for managing such an event. The solid waste generated is a combination of

garbage & recycling, other labor functions would be placing & collecting cans, etc. The thought process for pricing should be approached by the Contractor as any public type event would be. We will work with the Contractor of choice to better refine the scope of these events as they approach.

Question 3:

“Under the free municipal service requested, what type of waste is to be collected at the water wells – which is described as weighing approximately 60lbs?”

Answer 3:

Typical solid waste, mostly garbage. Very little recycle materials.

Question 4:

“Is the 46% recycling rate stated in the specs, a set out rate or an estimate of monthly participation? i.e. there is a difference. In other words, are you saying that each day that a City recycling truck goes out to collect recyclables in Fairhope, 46% of all homes and businesses will have placed recyclables out for collection? Or are you saying that over the course of a given month, 46% will have placed recyclables out at least once?”

Answer 4:

We are saying that an average of 46% of Fairhope customers recycle. This may not be typical of every week, but an time weighted average indicate that this number is accurate.

Question 5:

‘There is a difference between the number of containers we are being asked to purchase verses the number of containers the specs state we are to service and in turn bill the City for. Purchase calls for 7,905, service calls for 8,384?’

Answer 5:

The difference is likely caused by commercial customers having varying numbers of cans. You are to furnish a per can price regardless of the quantity, however, the quantity is estimated to give you a general picture of volume.

Question 6:

“The bid specs state that bidders shall bid the specs as written; however, they go on to state that alternatives will be accepted if called for. During the pre-bid conference associated with the first set of specs – representatives of the City, while answering questions, concerning our company’s interest in submitting alternatives – answered in the affirmative and called for alternative proposals. For clarification purposes, would the City please confirm alternatives are still called for in addition to a response to specs as written?”

Answer 6:

All bidders are to adhere to the specifications as closely as possible. Where there is a variance from the stated specs, the bidder shall submit a full explanation of said variance for our consideration.

Question 7:

“**Article II, Page VI-2:** We recommend inserting a detailed description of the waste Contractor will collect and dispose of, as well as definitions for hazardous/unacceptable wastes that Contractor will not collect and dispose of. Our goal with the use of these definitions is to provide clarity and responsibility for hazardous/unacceptable wastes.”

Answer 7:

Please adhere to published specifications. Where there is a variance from the stated specs, the bidder shall submit a full explanation of said variance for our consideration.

Question 8:

“**Item V, Page V-2:** Per section 7 of this item, Contractor is required to maintain coverage inclusive of explosion, collapse and underground hazards; we recommend deletion of this requirement.”

Answer 8:

Answer same as in Question 1.

Question 9:

“**Article VI, Page VI-7:** Per section 7 Customer shall pay Contractor within forty-five (45) days following receipt of an invoice. We recommend that Contractor should have the ability to charge interest if Customer does not timely pay Contractor. We also recommend that Contractor be able to pass-through increased costs such as increases to fees and taxes.”

Answer 9:

Provisions are written into the specifications as published to manage variable costs. No change will be made to published specs.

Question 10:

“**Per section 14,** Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify Customer from any acts for which Customer may be held liable arising from Contractor’s performance of the services. It is possible that Contractor’s performance of the services may not be negligent or wrong; however, Contractor still could be liable to indemnify Customer. We recommend that the indemnification obligations of Contractor shall be limited to the extent of Contractor’s negligence or willful misconduct.”

Answer 10:

Specifications will remain as published....no change.

Question 11:

“**Force Majeure:** We recommend that the Contract include the concept of force majeure so that Contractor’s performance is excused for events outside its reasonable control (i.e., severe weather, strikes, labor disputes, excess debris resulting from storm or other acts of God, etc.)”

Answer 11:

Specifications will remain as published....no change.

Question 12:

“**Page VIII-6 item 15** indicates ‘All garbage, not just garbage placed in a can, will be picked up on the garbage route at the time when the garbage route is being run. Garbage will not be left behind because it is not in a can, or if there are extra bags out for pickup’. Can you clarify as the City’s website indicates “for Residential “Garbage must be bagged and contained in a city issued automated garbage can”. And under Commercial “All garbage must be contained. Boxes must be broken down (for recycling) with all filler material, including Styrofoam peanuts, enclosed in garbage can/polycart.” Seek clarification as the City’s current service (per the website) appears to be contents of cart only and the rfp makes several references such as page VIII-5 item 9 to maintain the same services/quality but the rfp page VIII-6 implies service is to be more than contents of cart .”

Answer 12:

Specifications as published accurately describe our requirements. Where the bidder selects to vary from these specs, he will furnish a full explanation of said variance, and fully describe his alternative proposal for our consideration.

Responders are to sign and include signed Addendum No.3 with submitted qualification documents.

Acknowledged:

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