



City of Flint

Finance Department

Division of Purchases & Supplies

TO: All Proposers

FROM: Joyce A. McClane, CPPB
Purchasing Manager

DATE: February 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Addendum #01 – Proposal #21000592 – Waste Collection Services for the City of Flint

This addendum has been issued because of the following:

Pre-proposal Meeting Questions and Answers

All other bidding terms, requirements, and conditions continue as indicated in the remaining original bid documents.

The Purchasing Manager, Joyce McClane, is an officer for the City of Flint with respect to this RFP.

In the submission of their proposal, Proposer must acknowledge receipt of this addendum. Proposer shall acknowledge this addendum by signing and returning one copy of this notice with their submission.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you.



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Questions for City of Flint Proposal NO. 21000592

1 Please confirm the mandatory pre-proposal meeting: would this be February 17th?

Virtual mandatory pre-proposal meeting is at 10:00 AM Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

2 Natural Disaster Debris Management: who is paying for this service? would this be an extra cost to City? Can you provide a scope of work?

The City is asking for a Natural Disaster Debris Management Plan from the vendor that is awarded the waste hauling contract for the City of Flint in order to have a plan in place that gives guidance to how the vendor will assist in the management of waste during a natural disaster. The vendor will articulate in the plan as to what their response will be and how it will be managed during a natural disaster including costs so that there is a transparent understanding of the partnership during such an event. The City will work with the vendor to develop a plan if requested in their proposal.

3 bulk item pickups: page 21 stated that the average of eight per week. Does it mean it is 8 bulk collection for the whole one collection day? Is the bulk pickup being collected on the same day as garbage date, but on an on-call basis?

The current bulk pick up program is scheduled by a resident calling the City Representative and a list is emailed to the waste hauler for service daily. The current waste hauler schedules the bulk pickups as necessary, and it can be completed daily, within the same day of service or weekly based on the service need.

The vendor will articulate in their proposal what their recommended bulk pickup program plan will be.

4 page 25, "penalty for failure to comply with the hour of operations as required in this agreement each incident is \$100". Does incident mean each day? Can you provide an explanation of the term "incident"?

For this specific question, each incident refers to daily compliance. Each day that the vendor does not comply with the agreed upon hours of service, the City may charge a penalty fee for non-compliance.

5 page 41, Pricing page: it Stated that "city dumpster for recycling at no additional cost" and "city dumpster for solid waste at no additional cost", does it mean that no cost for disposal or no cost for the pickup service?

It is requested that the City Complex and off site buildings will be provided with dumpster service for both refuse and recycling at no additional costs including no cost for delivery, pickup or disposal. The City dumpsters will be all inclusive and should be incorporated into the contract.



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#6 page, determination of participation rate is through sign up process of residential recycling, would the contractor be paid for 34305 units or 18% of 34305 units for recycling services?

The vendor should articulate what they are proposing the City of Flint recycling program will entail. Recycling should be made available to all City of Flint residents. The costs associated with the residential recycling program should be reflected on the pricing sheet.

#7 page 55, Q&A 38, please specify who retains the recycle bin at the end of the contract? The city, or the current contractor for all the resident's bins or carts?

Currently, the recycling bins are the property of the waste hauler, so a new vendor would be expected to provide a recycling bin/container for the City of Flint residents.

A new vendor should articulate in their proposal the ownership rights of the bins/containers for after the contract expires.

#8 page 56, Q&A 44, for compost collection: would the contractor be paid for the service over 12 months payments or for eight months service being paid during the eight months in which the service was rendered?

The contractor will be paid for the compost service over a 12 month period for the 8 months of service.

9 Please provide a cart specification for the new contract.

The contractor should articulate the cart specifications being offered in their proposal.

10 Can the City supply all the monthly reports submitted by Republic for the previous contract term?

This request would need to be submitted to the City of Flint Legal Department.

11 Are the extension periods mutual?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #24.

12 What is the expected Contract Start Date?

July 1, 2021

13 Does the City desire a cart-based recycling program?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #26.

14 What is desired collection frequency for Recycling Collection?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #27.



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15 How many fines have been levied against the current Hauler? What was total cost?

This request would need to be submitted to the City of Flint Legal Department.

16 Do you have a Scope of Work for the Litter Abatement, Eviction Collection, or Special Neighborhood Collection?

Vendor should refer to the bid proposal P21-592 for direction of expectations and articulate their proposed programs in their proposal. Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #30.

16 How many collections were performed for Litter Abatement Weekly? Volume/weight?

Litter abatement services are provided through various facets such as dumpster requests or bulk pickup services through our unlimited residential curbside service. This service varies week to week, and weights are included in the annual tonnage. Vendors may propose any solution in which they want to implement in handling abatement collection.

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #31.

17 How many collections were performed for Eviction Collection Weekly? Volume/weight?

"Varies week to week. Eviction Collection is currently included as a bulk stop service in the unlimited residential curbside service". (Frequent Questions and Answers #4)

Volume/Weight included in annual tonnage.

18 How many collections were performed for Special Neighborhood Collections Weekly? Volume/weight?

"There were 93 dumpsters requested in 2019, and 119 dumpsters requested in 2020 for Special Neighborhood Collections". (Frequent Questions and Answers # 5)

Volume/Weight not available.

19 How many collections were performed for Tire Collections Weekly? Volume/weight?

Not applicable. Weekly collections not provided.

20 Are Fuel Adjustments allowable?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #35.

21 How was the 18% recycling participation rate determined?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #36.



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22 Are alternatives proposals allowed?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #40

23 Does City desire to Split the award of this contract between multiple vendors?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #41.

24 Professional Liability Coverage page 9 under Insurance Requirements, this is typically for professional services and consulting contracts, is this coverage mandatory for Waste Collection Services?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #42.

25 What is the amount of the required Performance Bond?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #43.

26 Frequency of Special Neighborhood events, Dead Animal, and Tire Collections?

Answered in "Frequent Questions and Answers", section of RFP #21-592 #43.

27 Can the due date for proposals be extended two weeks?

Not at this time.

28 In the bid packet "Frequent Questions and Answers", I forgot to update the response to incorporate the house count of 34,305 being used in the current bid specifications. The response has the old information of 37,323 for the house count from question #43 on page 56 of the bid packet.

29 The question that I did not answer from the pre-proposal questions submitted by Priority was: "What is the performance bond set to equal? ½ of the annual, full annual, full contract etc.?"

The answer that we have given in the past was the following:

Contractor shall furnish to the City at his or her own cost, performance bond which shall become binding upon the awarding of the contract to the Contractor. The performance bond should represent an amount of vendor's cost to collect waste and compost

Full annual amount of the Waste Service - Performance bond is required.

House Counts (Ref. Pg.21-Waste Collection Services)

30 In the 2012 RFP, the city acknowledges 43667 units in the house count – how did the city verify the most recent published house count of 34,305 homes?



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A house count was performed by two representatives of the City of Flint (current waste hauler was not available to participate) in 2016.

31 What process or technology was used to complete the house count?

From September 9, 2016 through October 26, 2016, an assessment of habitable houses was counted within the city limits of Flint. The process used included breaking the city down into blocks of area using major roads as the perimeters for each block. Then each block was assessed by starting at an Easterly perimeter heading in a Westerly direction. Once all East-West roads were evaluated, the roads running in a North-South direction were assessed starting in a Northerly perimeter heading in a Southerly direction.

The criteria used for determining that a house was habitable or occupiable, was based on various conditions including roof conditions, whether there were energy and water meters intact, broken windows, and whether there was evidence of a home owner. Additional resources used was the Land Bank data base, the City of Flint demolition list, BS&A Tax database, DPW Streets Division, and DPW Traffic Engineering Division, various mapping material and street lists (not an all-inclusive list of resources) to determine validity of ownership and livability of the house.

Weights (Ref. Pg.52 Question #1- Waste Collection Services Frequent Questions and Answers)

32 With a 9000 unit decrease in house count from 2012 to 2020, what drove the 7000 ton increase in disposal, particularly from 2015 to 2020?

		trash tons
10 mos	3/13 - 12/13	28,004
12 mos	2014	29,567
12 mos	2015	28,713
12 mos	2016	29,561
12 mos	2017	33,685
12 mos	2018	32,370
12 mos	2019	32,350
12 mos	2020	35,597

The house count from 2012 was an estimation for the City's first bidding process for contracting waste services within the City and was not a verified house count. Changes in services throughout the years have evolved the increase in volume of waste material. E.g. currently using an unlimited curbside services waste service program as opposed to dumpsters paid for by the landlord for evictions.



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Rental Statistics (Ref. Pg.52 Questions #2,4,6- Waste Collection Services Frequent Questions and Answers)

- 33 Can you please provide any statistics on eviction rates to better understand the eviction collection? Is it the landlord's responsibility to pay for eviction collection?

No statistics are available at this time.

Due to the City's unlimited curbside waste services, landlords are not required to rent dumpsters for their eviction debris removal and can place eviction debris at the curb for residential curbside service.

- Please estimate the number of annual collections associated with landbank properties?
This information is not available at this time.
- How many properties in the City of Flint does the city own?
This information is not available at this time.

Contractor Frontload Containers (Ref. Pg.52 Questions #7,8-Waste Collection Services Frequent Questions and Answers)

- 34 Please provide the frequency for front load containers utilized for cities facilities.

Water Pollution Control – Trash & Recycling 1x a week; **12th Street** - Trash 2x a week & Recycling 1x a week; **City Hall Complex** – Trash 5x a week & Recycling 4x a week; **Water Service Center** – Trash 2x a week & Recycling 1x a week; **Fire Station #1**- Trash & Recycling 3x a week; **Fire Station #'s 5,6,8** – Trash & Recycling 1x a week; **Water Plant** – Trash & Recycling 1x a week.

Bagged Recycle (Ref. Pg.22-Additional Requests-3rd Bullet Point)

- 35 How many homes participate in the bagged water recycle program? Is that number included in the current 26% recycle participation in the bid specs? Could you please provide details on the water recycling program?

It is estimated that approximately 70-80% of the City of Flint residents participate, in some capacity, in the bagged water bottle recycling program including residents registered in the opt-in recycling program. The water bottle program is not included in the recycling participation rate.

The water bottle recycling program allows for the residents of the City of Flint to place empty water bottles in a clear plastic bag at the curb for recycling services on their service day without having to sign-up for recycling though the City's opt-in program.