

Addendum 1 to Newport Request for Sealed Bid Proposals Residential and Commercial Solid Waste & Recycling
First response to questions from a prospective bidder.

1. Please provide your City's annual trash and recycling tonnage.

Total tonnage for 2016, both front load and rear load was: 14,642.68.

Recycling tonnage, combined for both commercial and residential: 335.36 tons of material recycled in 2016.

2. Please confirm that we will need to provide every resident with one (1), 95-gallon cart before the commencement of the contract.

Yes.

3. Could there be an opportunity to know which homes will need a 65-gallon cart or a 95-gallon cart beforehand since the upfront cost of ordering carts is significant?

No.

If not, is there an opportunity to have residents use the 95-gallon for a period before exchanging them for 65-gallon carts?

Yes. The specification indicates the Contractor is to notify residents of transitions, starting all with 95 and changing to 65 for those who request it would be acceptable to the City.

4. When reviewing the City's invoice, please provide clarification between "2x week trash w/ toter @ \$12.59" vs. "2x per week trash w/ cart @ \$13.22".

The terms toter and cart are used interchangeably in the specifications.

5. To confirm, multi-unit with two – five family residential units with be billed per unit.

Yes. However, please note up to five units are residential, not commercial.

6. Can you provide me with your City's recycling participation rate? How many units?

Please note recycling is currently offered by subscription only, we are changing to city-wide. Currently 416 households participate.

7. What is the current price for subscription recycling per unit?

Subscription price is \$58 per unit annually.

8. Will the awarded hauler provide every resident with a recycling cart even if the recycling participation rate does not reflect this need?

Yes. If residents choose not to use the recycling cart and request pickup, the Contractor will be responsible for collection and tracking and providing a new cart to that address if subsequently requested.

9. Please provide clarification if compactors are included with commercial collection? If so, there needs to be a place to add pricing.

Yes, lease for compactor equipment is negotiated between businesses and Contractor.

The current contractor has provided the following information about the current total numbers. Compactors leased: 3 - (6 yard VIP-front load compactors) 2 - (8 yard VIP-front load compactors).

10. Does the awarded hauler invoice businesses directly?

Yes.

11. How does the City foresee handling the “stop service” for no payment when a company stops paying for service?

Contractor should report interruption of service to the City. Beyond that, the Contractor will pursue collection with individual businesses.

12. Within the RFP, we are asked for Port-O-Let service pricing. Could you kindly provide what your City’s needs are? Are they temporary (event) or permanent (weekly service)?

Approximately nine to twelve special events per year (one to four days in duration) with anywhere from ten to 100+ temporary port-o-lets. (For example, Riverfest would require a large number, smaller one day festivals may only require 4-10.)

Parks may have seasonal (semi-permanent) port-o-lets in service – approximately two units at up to six parks.

13. Please provide container size and service level for the dumpster service at the City Facilities.

Six to eight yards at City Building, Veterans Memorial Pool, and Mussman Field at least once but as many as three times per week as needed (use fluctuates during busy seasons.)

14. From reviewing the current service days, if there is an opportunity to run the routes more efficiently and cost-effective, can the routes be changed?

Yes, see specifications page 8.

15. Item 2, on Bid Form Page II, is for additional toters/carts that residents could rent?

Yes, as stated in the specifications the first trash toter and first recycling toter are to be provided as part of the bid, Item 2 is for the cost of additional carts rented or purchased by the customer. Direct customer billing for this item would be responsibility of the Contractor.

16. Item 3, on Bid Form Page III, only gives an area to place commercial trash containers and not for recycling. Is the City not franchising recycling?

Yes, as stated in the specifications, we are franchising all waste collection including recycling. If the bidder has different pricing for large container trash and large container recycling both rates should be noted, add additional pages if necessary.

17. Could you kindly explain how/what does the City uses 130, 30 yards per year?

This is for litter and other trash collected throughout the City by the Public Works Department as well as debris collected from operation of street sweepers.

18. Item 7, on Bid Form Page V, Could you kindly provide the tonnage for the two (2), citywide clean-ups and the logistics of the event?

The City has not held this event in the past but is interested in instituting this event as done in many other local municipalities. The Contractor should provide information including whether this would be done, for example, city-wide on a designated Saturday or done in conjunction with a regular collection day.

19. Is there opportunity to present alternative bids for the City to consider?

Bidders should respond to all items requested in the specification and list responses for all items on the bid form, the exception being Item 8 (port-o-lets) is optional. Bidders may include additional information or alternate suggestions as a part of their submitted proposal.