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RFP FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

HARNETT COUNTY

Addendum #1

TO: Prospective Vendors

FROM: Renea Warren-Ford, Finance

DATE: October 21, 2026

PROJECT: Solid Waste and Recycling Services

NOTICE: Questions and Anwers

1. What is the location for Buies Creek WWTP?

   The location for Buies Creek is 451 Pearson Road, Lillington, NC 28546.

2. Can you provide the quantity of containers for each facility listed on page 11?

   The quantity is listed in the "container/frequency" column. Single container unless noted with (2).

3. For the Triangle South facility in Dunn, would the County accept an alternative offer utilizing a commercial dumpster instead of carts?

   The dumpster will not fit in the space provided.

4. TERM OF CONTRACT: Start date to be determined upon award. Can you provide an estimated timeline between the bid being awarded and start date? Operationally, we want to ensure there is adequate time to get containers ordered and delivered if awarded this contract.

Best case scenario is mid November 2026 or December 2026.

5. Can the County provide copies of the most recent three (3) months of invoices for solid waste and recycling collection services to assist proposers in understanding current service levels and costs?

   There are 91 individual invoices from the past three months. Invoices will be provided upon individual requests.

6. Who is the current service provider for solid waste and recycling services?

   GFL is the current service provider.

7. Can the County provide the current contract expiration date and any optional extension periods associated with the incumbent agreement?

   The contract is through October 1, 2026, with month-to-month services thereafter.

8. How are extra collection or missed collection requests handled today? How would the County like to see this support in the future?

   We call the vendor's representative to address issues. Each department serviced would use designated employees to reach out to vendor with any issues.

9. Who owns the containers?

   The vendor owns the containers.

10. Is there any contamination data available for the recycling program?

    None. Very limited amount of tonnage for recycling.

11. Since fuel and environmental surcharges are prohibited, does the County anticipate allowing any annual CPI-based adjustment or disposal-cost indexing throughout the five-year term?

    The County would be willing to explore possible CPI increase years 2-5.

12. Will proposers be permitted to propose alternative service frequencies if equal or better service levels can be maintained?

    Yes.

13. Does the County anticipate awarding to a single provider or would separate awards for MSW and recycling be considered?

    No, we are seeking a single provider.

14. I noticed there are a couple of different addresses between all the sites. Will these locations all be billed separately or can it be one invoice for the entire scope of work?

    The invoice can be sent to one address, but each location should be easily identified on the invoice so that the Solid Waste department can distribute and code appropriate charges for each location.

15. Can you please share the current cost breakdown for this scope of work?

    A spreadsheet with locations and charges provided by GFL will be uploaded.

16. Section D (Financial and Insurance Information) requires the Contractor to submit a financial statement in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as part of its proposal. Because our financial statements would become public record upon submission, we would like to ask whether the County would accept, in lieu of the financial statement itself, a letter from our CPA attesting to our financial capacity to perform the contract.

    The bidder can write that financial statements are "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the financial information exempting it from public records. That aside, yes, a statement from the CPA will be acceptable.

17. Attachment A requests a fee proposal with fixed monthly and annual pricing for each of the five contract years. Section 34 (Price Adjustments) describes a process for price adjustment requests after an initial 180-day period for term contracts generally. Could the County clarify whether the Year 2 through Year 5 pricing submitted in Attachment A is intended to be fixed for the life of the agreement, or whether contractors may request adjustments under the process described in Section 34?

    Vendors are expected to have fixed pricing throughout the term (Attachment A) and account for when the contract would warrant a price adjustment, typically for unforeseeable issues, such as the cost of diesel rising, rise in CPI above a certain threshold, and the like (Section 34).

18. Page 11: There are 2 identical line items for recycling carts for WWTP at 310 W Duncan St. Is there a line-item missing for commercial MSW/trash collections? Is the County asking for a quote for 2 recycling carts at this facility?

Based on the most recent invoices reviewed, 310 Duncan Street has two 96-gallon carts and one 8-yard MSW container at the location.

19. How does the County handle recycling containers if they have become contaminated with garbage?

    The vendor will be responsible.

20. Please provide a copy of the current contract.

    A copy of the contract will be provided upon individual request.

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