

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
PURCHASING UNIT
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR
ITB NO. 20-18 Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Services**

Question #1: Part B- Special Provisions, #2, Page 8, Scope of Work - Who is the current vendor, what is the current pricing, and what is the current service level at each site?

Answer #1: The current Vendor is Waste Services of Florida, Inc. Service levels are identified in Exhibit A. Current service pricing is as follows:

- 6 Yard Solid Waste /Recyclable Dumpster: \$16.44 individual pickup fee
- 8 Yard Solid Waste Dumpster: \$21.92 individual pickup fee
- 36 Yard Compactor: \$250 monthly fee
\$92.00 individual pickup fee
(plus per ton disposal fee)
- 30 Yard Roll-Off \$140 individual pickup fee

Question #2: Part B – Special Provisions, #9, Page 9, Award - The Bid states that HCSO reserves the right to award by line item, or by overall total. Does that mean all 28 sites listed on Exhibit A could have various vendors servicing them? Was the previous contract awarded by line item, or overall total? Would the county allow a bidder to limit its bid to “all or none” basis?

Answer #2: HCSO reserves the right to award by line item or overall total, whichever is deemed in the best interest of the HCSO. The current contract was awarded to one vendor. Yes, a response may be submitted as an “All or None” which should be identified as an exception in Part D, paragraph 1, Exceptions.

Question #3: Part B, Special Provisions, #12, Page 10, Escalation/DE Escalation -Does the vendor submit the annual adjustment? What Index will be used to determine the adjustment? Does this include adjustments for change in law, disposal increases, and other possible situations that could affect pricing?

Answer #3: Per Part B, Special Provisions, paragraph 12: “The escalation/de-escalation will be allowed provided the Contractor(s) notify the HCSO, Financial Services Division of the pending increase or decrease a minimum of 60 calendar days prior to the end of each one (1) year period for which the Bid was awarded.” Yes, the Vendor must submit a request for any price adjustment(s) within 60 days of the anniversary of award. The Vendor must provide specific justification as to the reason of the increase with supporting documentation to allow the HCSO to verify the information provided.

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Question #4: Part B, Special Provisions, #14, Page 10, Cancellation – This clause does not contain any cure period, or a dispute resolution process. Would the county consider including these type dispute/cancellation steps?

Answer #4: No, the HCSO does not include a cure period or dispute resolution processes within the Bid. Please reference Part A, paragraph 15.

Question #5: Part B, Special Provisions, #19, Page 12, Invoicing & Payments – This clause states that the ACH & HCSO Purchasing Card are preferred methods of Payment. Is there a cost or fee to use this card for billing?

Answer #5: There are no fees associated with payment by ACH unless imposed by your financial institution. If you accept payment by HCSO Purchasing Card, the HCSO would remit payment with an HCSO Purchasing Card. Any Merchant fees would be determined by your financial institution.

Question #6: Part B, Special Provisions, #21, Page 12 Governmental Purchasing Councils – May the bidder take exception to this section which provides an opportunity to “piggyback” to various purchasing councils?

Answer #6: Yes, a response may be submitted to exclude Governmental Purchasing Councils and should be identified as an exception in Part D, paragraph 1, Exceptions.

Question #7: Part C, Technical Specifications, #2, Page 14, Scope of Work – This clause does not address recycle contamination. What would be the process for the vendor to reject individual contaminated containers, or possibly the entire truck load? Who would bear the cost of a rejected load?

Answer #7: The HCSO would bear the cost of a rejected recycle container. Any recycle container determined to be contaminated and rejected by the Vendor for recycle prior to collection shall be serviced with a standard solid waste truck at the specified rate for solid waste disposal service for the same size container.

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Question #8: Exhibit A, Service Sites - I have listed some questions below concerning the required service.

Answer #8: Identified below each question.

- Are there any service time restraints at any of the locations?
 - No
- Does the driver need an escort or “badge” while on any of the sites?
 - Escort required at Falkenburg Road Jail only.
 - No badges required at any location.
DJ Note: The dumpsters are in an open parking lot and generally does not require HCSO interaction for escorts or identification.
- Concerning the Temporary Service Sites for open top roll offs, is this upon request or do the containers remain at the site for the duration of the contract?
 - These are temporary service sites and are on request.
- Compactor specs – 36-yard compactor is not common among current manufacturers. Most are 34-yard container with a 2yd charge chamber. Can we get clarification on the container size?
 - The compactors in place are 36 yard compactors. If your company cannot provide these, reply with the most applicable pricing and identify the compactor size as an exception in Part D, paragraph 1, Exceptions.

Question #9: There appears not to be any provision that addresses force majeure events. Will the County consider adding a force majeure provision?

Answer #9: No, the HCSO does not include force majeure provisions within the Bid. Please reference Part A, paragraph 15.