
Addendum No. 1

DATE: March 30, 2021

Project: *RFP 21-01*
Solid Waste Collection Services

In accordance with documents prepared by: *The Worcester Housing Authority.*

TO: BIDDERS

This Addendum No. 1 forms part of and modifies the Specifications, Exhibit A and Exhibit B dated March 2021. Acknowledge receipt of all *Addenda* on the FORM FOR GENERAL BID. **Failure to do so may subject the bidder to disqualification.**

The attention of bidders submitting bids for the above subject project is called to the following addendum to the Specifications and Exhibits A & B. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution, or clarifications are all to be included in and form a part of the bid submitted.

This Addendum consists of **ITEMS 1 –15**, which are hereby incorporated into the Bidding Documents:

REVISION TO SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM NO. 1: Background (2.)

DELETE: Number of Units – 2,972

INSERT: Number of Dwelling Units – 2,972

ITEM NO. 2: Background (6. Section b.)

DELETE: Dumpsters – all dumpsters are front loaders. All dumpsters are 7 yd. containers unless otherwise specified.

INSERT: Dumpsters – all dumpsters are front loaders. All dumpsters are a minimum of 7 yd. containers unless otherwise specified.

ITEM NO. 3: Vendor Responsibilities (5.)

DELETE: Be available to provide up to two (2) additional non-scheduled collection stops each day at no additional charge.

ITEM NO. 4: Schedule Basis Collection (3.)

DELETE: Vendor shall collect and dispose of all bulk items as described in Exhibit – D from any of the collection locations as long as they are within dumpster.

INSERT: Vendor shall collect and dispose of all bulk items, as described in the last section of specifications, from any of the collection locations as long as they are within dumpster, at no additional charge to the WHA.

ITEM NO. 5: Collection Routes/Details (2.)

DELETE: No collection shall take place before 6:45 a.m.

INSERT: No collection shall take place before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. per City of Worcester Ordinance.

ITEM NO. 6: Containers

INSERT: Replace all current containers with brand new containers as specified in Exhibit A.

ITEM NO. 7: Containers

DELETE: WHA may require additional containers in the future. All bidders must provide unit pricing for containers in a variety of sizes; separate and apart from their bid.

INSERT: WHA may require additional containers in the future. All bidders must provide unit pricing for additional containers in a variety of sizes; separate and apart from their bid.

ITEM NO. 8: Containers

DELETE: 4. Dumpster (7 yard)

INSERT: 4. Dumpster (7 yard minimum, larger sizes may be accepted)

ITEM NO. 9: Containers

INSERT: Amortization of cost of new dumpsters and totters should be reflected in the contract price for the initial term (five years). Upon renewal, contract price should be reduced to reflect complete amortization during initial term.

ITEM NO. 10: List of Bulk Items to be Collected

DELETE: Shall include but not limited to the following:

INSERT: Shall include, but is not limited to, the following items listed below that fit in and are placed in the container:

ITEM NO. 11: List of Bulk Items to be Collected

INSERT: Excluded items: Washers, dryers, stoves, and refrigerators.

REVISION TO EXHIBIT A

ITEM NO. 12:

DELETE: Construction and Special Circumstance

INSERT: Construction and Special Circumstance (once per month, flexible location)

REVISION TO EXHIBIT B

ITEM NO. 13:

INSERT: Additional 30 yard Dumpster for construction debris once monthly pickup with flexible location.

BID RESULTS FROM PREVIOUS BID

ITEM NO. 14:

WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
BID RESULTS FOR
IFB #11-21
SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Bid Opening: 7/28/11 @ 10:00 AM Contract Manager: Steve Alvarez	Bidders	Patriot Disposal Co., Inc. 2208 Plainfield Pike Johnston, RI	Casella Waste Management 49 Sword St. Auburn, MA	Waste Management 26 Patriot Place Foxboro, MA			
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT OR SERVICE	Est. Qty.	Unit Price	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost*	Unit Cost	Total Cost*
YEAR 1 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$125.00	\$ 371,500.00	\$134.58	\$ 399,971.76	\$193.12	\$ 573,952.64
YEAR 2 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$130.00	\$ 386,360.00	\$137.95	\$ 409,987.40	\$196.02	\$ 582,571.44
YEAR 3 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$135.00	\$ 401,220.00	\$141.40	\$ 420,240.80	\$198.96	\$ 591,309.12
YEAR 4 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$140.00	\$ 416,080.00	\$144.93	\$ 430,731.96	\$201.94	\$ 600,165.68
YEAR 5 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$145.00	\$ 430,940.00	\$148.56	\$ 441,520.32	\$204.97	\$ 609,170.84
YEAR 6 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$150.00	\$ 445,800.00	\$152.27	\$ 452,546.44	\$208.04	\$ 618,294.88
YEAR 7 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$155.00	\$ 460,660.00	\$156.08	\$ 463,869.76	\$211.16	\$ 627,567.52
YEAR 8 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$160.00	\$ 475,520.00	\$159.98	\$ 475,460.56	\$214.33	\$ 636,988.76
YEAR 9 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$165.00	\$ 490,380.00	\$163.98	\$ 487,348.56	\$217.55	\$ 646,558.60
YEAR 10 Collection, Transportation, Disposal	2972	\$170.00	\$ 505,240.00	\$168.08	\$ 499,533.76	\$220.81	\$ 656,247.32
TOTALS			\$ 4,383,700.00		\$ 4,481,211.32		\$ 6,142,826.80

ITEM NO. 15: QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

- Question: My first question is regarding qualifications to be your vendor. You have a stipulation in your bid requiring that we be in the waste & recycling business for at least 5 years.

Answer: Be specific regarding individual team member experience, predecessor firm experience, and comparable business activity/size experience.

- Question: Can you please provide us with what you are currently spending for your services and what your current monthly payments are with your existing vendor(s). Please also include the previous awarded bidders bid.

Answer: The previous bid is 10 years old and not relevant to this procurement due to changes in bid specification. For your reference however, please refer to Item NO. 14 of this Addendum for the Bid Results from our previous Solid Waste Collection Services Bid. Current monthly contract amount is \$42,103.

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- Question: Can you provide us with an accurate quantity and size of all your dumpsters, bins (compactor front load cans), and tote's. I am aware WHA has currently 8-yard dumpsters, 2-yard dumpsters, and 96-gallon totes. Please clarify this discrepancy for us and your actual needs.

Answer: We are requiring dumpsters that are at least 7 yards unless otherwise specified. Please see revised Specifications.

- Question: Can you provide us with your current schedule for each site and accurate pick-ups of each container for each site and day of the week. The bid has the schedule from many years ago and is not how you are currently being serviced. (I am aware of many dumpsters that are currently now totes and vice versa.)

Answer: See revised Exhibit B, as it details our proposed schedule.

- Question: Can you clarify your bulk item service for us. Currently you have a 30-yard container, I believe that is on a schedule for every other week pick up and has a haul, tonnage, and fuel fee charge. Is this a separate line-item charge?

Answer: Everything needs to be included in the bid price. See revised Exhibit A – one 30 yard dumpster is specifically for construction debris to be emptied monthly. Location is flexible.

See Bulk items section in the revised Specifications. Bulk items will be placed in each location's dumpster and included in regular pickups.

- Question: Under the section **Vendor Responsibilities**, you have requested “all tipping fees, and other related charges be our responsibility.” My question is will you provide us a provision for both tires (avg. cost \$15 to \$20 each), mattresses and box springs (avg. cost \$100 each) seeing that every dumping facility within a two-hundred-mile radius has a separate line-item charge for these items in addition to the normal tipping fee's?

Answer: Everything needs to be included in the bid price.

Also, see Bulk Items section in the revised Specifications. Bulk items will be placed in each location's dumpster and included in regular pickups.

- Question: Can you provide a provision in the contract for an act of god occurrence (ex. Hurricane) reason for this is the additional removal of waste that would be required for any clean up from such an occurrence.

Answer: No, everything needs to be included in the bid price.

- Question: Currently your existing service provider begins his route each day no later than 3:00am. Some of the reasons for this are as follows: safety concerns and dumping out.

Answer: See revised Specifications: No collection shall take place before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. per City of Worcester Ordinance.

- Question: Containers: Under this section of your bid you have requested unit pricing...could you please clarify if this is the cost of the actual containers. Also are you looking for the cost per lift and per pound or ton rate on each of the containers you have listed and lastly is this to be broken out in a per year rate as well?

Answer: See revised Specifications: WHA may require additional containers in the future. All bidders must provide unit pricing for additional containers in a variety of sizes; separate and apart from their bid. Bidders must also provide the capacity by weight for each container.

- Question: Question regarding new dumpsters. Is this additional or new sites? Or for containers that are beyond repair?

Answer: See revised Specifications: Replace all current containers with brand new containers as specified in Exhibit A.

- Question: Below is what you have listed for the pick-up totals per day. Is 47 accurate for Monday for example? GBV and Curtis alone are 48 containers. Is the hauler to pick what cans are fullest or do we dump all containers that are listed. For example all scheduled for Monday are 105 dumpsters.

Answer: We expect that 50% of containers at Lakeside/Curtis/GBV are emptied Monday – Saturday, as with current practice. Dumpsters that are visibly full or near full are the priority.

- Question: Each month billing will include all charges including disposal and cost associated with picking the trash up each month?

Answer: Everything needs to be included in the bid price.

- Question: According to our calculation there is 550 lifts per week is that number correct?

Answer: Please see revised Specifications and Exhibits.

- Can we mix the WHA trash with our own or will you accept and agreement between the hauler and the housing authority?

Answer: Because the contract price is all inclusive, comingling with other customers' refuse is irrelevant.

- Question: Can we get an updated list of all containers various locations?

Answer: See revised Exhibit A for locations.

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- Question: Looking for clarification under the Vendor responsibilities section in regards to providing all new dumpsters. What does that mean? Is this for growth properties or to replace the current dumpsters?

Answer: See revised Specifications: Replace all current containers with brand new containers as specified in Exhibit A.

- Question: Under Specifications: Vendor Responsibilities: “Provide All New Dumpsters” – need clarification (Front load dumpsters are customer owned correct?) Vendor must maintain good condition. Lids/paint etc.

Answer: See revised Specifications: Replace all current containers with brand new containers as specified in Exhibit A.

- Question: 30 yard open tops – Frequency – always / perm onsite? Average weights?

Answer: See revised Exhibit B: Additional 30 yard dumpster for construction debris once monthly pickup with flexible location.

- Question: Bulk Pick up (Couches /fridges etc.) – is this via open tops? Or occasional throw in dumpster from the ground nearby. And empty.

Answer: See revised Specifications regarding bulk items.

- Question: Clarification around the free extra pickup? Is that one per day, one per site per day?

Answer: See revised Specifications. We removed that language.

- Question: I’m writing to find out if I can do a site visit to the locations listed and I’d like to review the last bid that was accepted by WHA.

Answer: Locations are listed in revised Exhibit B.
Also, please see Bid Results above, Item NO. 14.

- The bid references 7yd dumpsters. The standard sizes are 2,4,6,8,10. Would I be allowed to price out 8yd containers?

Answer: Please see revised Specifications. WHA is requesting pricing for all container sizes, separate and apart from the bid.

- Question: Is general bid bond on IFB checklist equal to 5% deposit?

Answer: Yes.

All other terms and conditions of these contract documents remain unchanged.

**FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORMS
MAY BE CAUSE FOR BID REJECTION.**

END OF ADDENDUM No. 1