



Addendum #1 **Issued April 22, 2019**

Residential Single Stream Recyclables Collection and/or **Processing Services**

1. **Question :** Please provide a list of pre-bid attendees.

Response : Please see attached

2. **Question:** PAYMENT - The SWDA will be invoiced, in arrears, by the total number of Qualifying Units. The Qualifying Units information will be confirmed to the Contractor by the SWDA on a monthly basis. Contractor will invoice the SWDA by the 10th of every month. Invoices shall include total occupied Qualifying Units, from which Single-Stream Recyclable Materials were collected for the month, total Tons collected for that month, and weekly participation percentages for the month. Household counts and tonnage numbers shall be separated out by their respective weekly designation.

Am I reading this correctly to assume we only bill for units that have a cart?

Response: The total Qualifying Units that opt-in and have received carts on the 15th of each month will be invoiced for that month.

3. **Question:** Where is OCC (old corrugated cardboard) included in the historical tonnage report in Exhibit B? OCC does not seem to be included.

Response: OCC and other paper appears to be in the magazine category.

4. **Question:** How many households are participating now?

Response: For the month of March 2019 SWDA was billed for 104,747 Households. Expanded territory will have approximately 126,000 households eligible to opt-in for service.

5. **Question:** Is the service 1x a week collection now, or monthly?

Response: Current service is once a week picking up 18 gallon bins. The new service will be once a month with 95/96 gallon carts.

6. Question: Can the residues/outthrows be backhauled and disposed at no cost at the WTE facility in Huntsville?

Response: No, although, SWDA is willing to discuss receiving MRF residue at the WTE facility for a fee.

7. Question: What is the current recycling processing fee paid by the Authority?

Response: Currently the fee is included in the service of collection. The prior multiyear contract that was effective through February 2019, for collection and processing rate paid per unit by SWDA was \$2.75. The current negotiated interim rate through July 31, 2019 is at \$3.85 per unit.

8. Question: What is the current cost for rejected/residual loads?

Response: There has not been any loads rejected during the current contract.

9. Question: Why is the residue/out-throw tonnage so high in Exhibit B, and what is the cost to dispose of this?

Response: Our understanding is that this is a total facility percentage that includes residential, commercial, industrial and drop-off material. This is not a good representation of SWDA recyclables, which do not include glass. Additionally, SWDA will be rolling out a large educational campaign to educate residents of what to include and not include in their cart. The cost of the residue is currently included in the total rate per unit.

10. Question: What is the definition of "out-throw"?

Response: Residue from Recyclable Materials.

11. Question: Will there be a fee to dump at the Transfer Station?

Response: The collection Contractor will not be charged a tip fee at the transload facility or MRF.

12. Question: SWDA expects revenue from recycling. Is the revenue to come from the hauler or the processor?

Response: *If and when the Recycling markets change, the revenue share will be from the Processor.*

13. Question: The hauler may have to collect 18-gallon bins for up to 60 days. Is that collecting material from the bins or removing the bins?

Response: *No, the collection Contractor may be asked to remove the bins, placing into the collection vehicle with the rest of the recyclables collected.*

14. Question: the weights of each cart is required for reporting. Do you want actual weight or average weight?

Response: SWDA is not requiring scales on the collection vehicles.

15. Question: If the SWDA provides the trucks, is that only available to small businesses?

Response: No, it is available any and all Proposers.

16. Question: How many trucks run per day currently?

Response: Route maps of existing routes is attached.

17. Question: What size truck (GVW, axle count) is used to collect in alleys?

Response: The City of Huntsville services less than 10% of the households in alleys, they service the alleys with a 34yd tandem axle automated side loader (normal route vehicle). The County of Madison does not pick up in alleys and require all set outs at the front of house.

18. Question: Please provide an alley list.

Response: We are not able to get an alley list at this time. For just the City of Huntsville, we estimate less than 10% of the households are serviced in the alleys with the normal route truck. See answer to question 17 above.

19. Question: What is the current, per household, rate charged?

Response: As stated in question #7 above, the prior multiyear contract that was effective through February 2019, for collection and processing rate paid per unit by SWDA was \$2.75. The current negotiated interim rate through July 31, 2019 is at \$3.85 per unit.

20. Question: Section 2.4 Proposal Bond and Performance Bond, will the Authority accept a Company Parent Guarantee in place of bonds? Financial strength of Companies such as WestRock should more than provide surety of our ability to perform. Parent Guarantees in place of bonds reduces cost.

Response: No, the SWDA will require bonds as required in the RFP.

21. Question: Does the ADEM grant, or any other grants that may be a part of this project, have requirements specific to the residential recycling program that is not included in the RFP document?

Response: No, the ADEM grant requires the reporting that are part of this RFP.

22. Question: AMV Example in an up and down market

