

Proposer Questions and Answers Set #2

Seattle Recycling Processing RFP

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This set includes questions that were asked and answered in person at Proposer Conference.

- 1. Contamination in route trucks**– *What are the obligations of the City and collection contractors to ensure route loads are not contaminated with other waste streams, such as when a driver fails to fully clear a truck from a prior garbage or yard waste route?*

The City is responsible for preventing cross contamination by collectors and addressing operational gaps. Waste Management and CleanScapes have protocol in place to prevent cross contamination if a truck is used for more than one waste stream. The recycling facility reports problems to SPU and SPU follows up with the relevant collector to ensure resolution. These incidents have been rare (such as a partial load contaminated once per year) and with impacts too small to affect City contamination threshold.

- 2. Contamination & Residual** - *Can the City confirm again that the residual performance standard pertains to the facility's overall operation and that 6% contamination disposal pertains to the volume of City recycling materials?*

Correct, the 8% maximum residual target is for the overall recycling facility, measured as total residual disposed relative to all inbound materials from City and other customers. The maximum free contamination disposal provided by the City is based on the most recent City recycling sort (currently 6% contamination) and the City recycling tons received by the facility each month. For example a facility that processes 3,000 City tons and 4,000 non-City tons of recyclables in a month, would be allowed free contamination disposal of up to 180 tons that month (6% of 3,000 tons) and be expected to have residual under 560 tons that month (8% of 7,000 tons).

- 3. Customer Education** - *The processor is removed from the customer education component so how could they support the recycling outreach efforts?*

The City, with support from the collection contractors, does most of the customer education to increase recycling and reinforce which materials belong in the recycling containers. However, as stated in the RFP, the evaluation criteria do reward proposal elements that support City recycling outreach, such as facility tours or other initiatives.

4. Backup facility - *Are there parameters or limitations on backup facility location? For example, could we propose to transport materials to an out of state facility (at our cost) for a crisis or rare case?*

Yes, proposers could propose an out of state emergency back of facility. Any backup facility out the City would require the Contractor to provide an in-City receiving facility and provide for the shipping to the distant processer.