

Proposer Questions and Answers Set #3

Seattle Recycling Processing RFP

December 12, 2014

1. **RFP Forms** – *Will the City provide MS Word versions of the RFP forms to facilitate proposal completion?*

Yes, we have posted the MS Word version of Appendix A – Proposal Forms to the RFP webpage.

2. **Facility permits** - In Chapter 6 of the RFP, Section C, Question 7 (page 18) asks for a description of “relevant permits and regulatory conditions for processing facilities.” Can the City clarify whether “processing facilities” encompasses organics and recycling processing facilities, or just recycling processing facilities?

This question relates to permits and regulatory conditions for the specific facility that would be processing City recyclables if awarded the contract, and not to other processing facilities owned by the vendor.

3. **Glass marketing** - *Prior to marketing, is the Contractor expected to separate the glass by color (i.e. brown, clear, or green)? Market glass is sold as mixed glass from single stream MRFs, and not separated by color.*

No, the Contractor(s) would not be required to separate glass by color prior to marketing.

4. **Market values** - How often is the “current value index” used to calculate the Monthly Market Value credit to the City revised and calculated?

The market values will be updated every month based on the relevant index values for each service month.

5. **Motor oil processing** - *If a facility accepts motor oil, which is then collected from the facility by an end processor, does the end processor constitute a subcontractor under the Draft Recycling Processing Contract?*

No, the end processor for motor oil would not be considered a subcontractor.

6. **Processing share** - *The RFP allows bidders to propose on 40-60% and/or 100% of the City’s mixed recyclables, and for the City to select up to two processors. If the City selects two processors, how will the City determine how much material will ultimately be delivered to each processor?*

If there are two processors, then final allocation of processing share will be confirmed in contract negotiations. The City would expect to direct route trucks to track with the assigned processing share on monthly basis.

7. Variations to Draft Contract - *The RFP does not include a Question for proposers to identify concerns that they have with the draft contract. Does the City desire proposers to identify potential concerns with the draft contract in order to create a better dialogue during Phase 2 of the proposal schedule and before the City actually initiates negotiation with the selected contractor(s)?*

Yes the City encourages proposers to submit Alternative Proposals (along with a base proposal) that would identify variations from the Draft Contract that would improve services or reduce costs.