



ADDENDUM #1

Date: April 22, 2021

RFP Title: East Wake Transfer Station Operation

Owner: County of Wake – Tom Wester, Procurement

RFI Bid No.: 21-014

The following items modify, add, or delete from the Request for Proposals RFP #21-014. Acknowledge receipt of this addendum in your proposal.

This addendum consists of 6 pages. (8.5 x 11).

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1. Would the County accept and consider a proposal that contained a stipulation to utilize a different CPI index than the one described in the Sample Agreement?

Response: The Solid Waste Collection Index and CPI-U do not appreciably differ. The County will use the CPI-U for the duration of the agreement.

2. Please clarify the County's optional extension period. The RFP document indicates a 4-year extension, while the Sample Agreement indicates a 3-year. Please further clarify that this extension may be exercised at the sole option of the County.

Response: The RFP and the new contract will be set for a one time, 4-year extension at the sole discretion of the County. The Sample Agreement will be updated and reflected in the revised version.

3. The Sample Agreement dictates that the C&D haul shall have no fuel adjustment. While this is a relatively short haul, fuel would also be consumed during the loading and unloading process. In addition, while C&D tonnages are expected to be relatively low, there is the potential for these volumes to grow throughout the term of the agreement. In light of that, will the County accept and consider a proposal that includes a fuel adjustment for C&D hauls?

Response: No, all C&D haul rates will be a flat rate per haul. The number of C&D hauls per year are nominal.

4. In the event of a change in disposal site or in the required route, how will the fuel adjustment be determined?

Response: In the unlikely event of a disposal site change the County will renegotiate the Fuel Adjustment rate.

5. Will the County accept and consider a proposal that contains a fuel adjustment relating to transfer station operations (i.e. loading equipment)?

Response: No.

6. Since equipment manufacturer lead times are lengthier than allowed for by the timeframe provided in the RFP, would the County consider delaying the contract start date to October 1st or November 1st?

Response: It is anticipated that the winning vendor will be ready to start operations on September 1st.

7. Would the County please provide a history of the average load weights, similar to what was provided on Table 2-1.

Month	Count	Net Tn	Tons/Haul
Jul-19	1,422	30,916	21.74
Aug-19	1,509	31,907	21.14
Sep-19	1,363	27,566	20.22
Oct-19	1,412	29,966	21.22
Nov-19	1,339	30,066	22.45
Dec-19	1,285	29,908	23.28
Jan-20	1,452	32,474	22.37
Feb-20	1,301	28,290	21.75
Mar-20	1,329	29,057	21.86
Apr-20	1,284	27,607	21.50
May-20	1,233	27,964	22.68
Jun-20	1,370	31,094	22.70
Total	16,299	356,816	21.89

8. If Contractor provides two waste handlers or wheeled excavators, is a quick connect still required?

Response: Yes. The county desires there to be as many back-up options as possible to continue operations in the event of multiple failures.

9. The site inspection showed that fire alarms are installed only in the tunnels, and are not monitoring the tipping floor. Will contractor be required to install any fire alarms in any new locations?

Response: The fire alarms in the tipping floor are pull handled along with two fire hoses. The heat detection alarms are only in the tunnels. Since no trash should be left on the floor, there is no purposes to anticipate the need for heat detectors in the tipping floor area.

10. It is our understanding that DEQ now requires pressure washing of the facility four times annually. The RFP indicates Contractor is responsible for pressure washing the facility once annually, so would any additional instances be the responsibility of the County? The contractor is responsible for all changes to maintenance and safety issued by DEQ.

Response: In the RFP, Section 4.1.4.1, the first sentence of the second paragraph should be changed to read: "In accordance with new NCDEQ operation requirements, the Contractor is responsible for pressure washing the tipping floor, push walls and truck loading bays once per month. The remaining areas of the building, including side walls and any material storage areas outside the building shall be cleaned with a pressure washer at least twice per year. Cleaning may be required more frequently as conditions dictate."

11. Table 2-1 in the RFP provided a monthly history of MSW tonnages. Would the County please also provide a similar history of average load weights?

Response: Refer to question 7.

12. Table 2-2 in the RFP provided average tonnage by day of the week. Would the County please also provide a similar indication of average tonnage by hour of the day? If this level of detail is not available, please provide a description of the flow throughout a typical day.

Response: The average tonnage per day fluctuates by day, by hour and by season and therefore we are unable to provide this level of detail. Traditional garbage trucks dump from 6am through 3pm. Box trucks and smaller haulers dump from 10am through 3pm. Anecdotally, there is a rush in the morning, lunchtime and at the end of the day.

13. What are the current prices for hauling and loading, and what is the current fuel surcharge calculation?

Response: Vendors are welcome to submit a public records request at this [site](#). It is unlikely; however, that such a request would be able to be completed by 4/30/21. What we can provide, is the initial contracted value based upon the prior bid prices in 2013 which were as follows (note that these values have had similar escalators as shown in the current RFP):

Item and Description	Stafford Transport (now CEI)
Operate & Maint – per ton	3.59
Hauling – per ton	8.56
Total – per ton	12.15

14. What is the average monthly cost of utilities (copies of recent bills showing usage and rates would be helpful)?

Response: The current contracted vendor pays for all utilities and we are unable to provide this information.

15. RFP paragraphs 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 indicate that Contractor will be responsible for security and maintenance of the entire site, excluding City of Raleigh Public Works buildings and staging areas. Please clarify whether Contractor would have any responsibilities with regard to the scale house facility, since the scale house facility does not appear to be included (in the area marked in Attachment B, Figure B-2) as City of Raleigh Public Works buildings and staging areas.

Response: The scale house is monitored by Wake County Security, 24 hours a day and is not included in the contractor's purview.

16. During the last twelve months, how many days has the current contractor been required to keep the EWTS open beyond normal operating hours, and for how many extended hours in total? How has the contractor been compensated for the extended hours?

Response: None and no. It is highly unusual for the EWTS to have an extended hours request.

17. In the event disposal site hours are reduced, or access to the disposal site is otherwise limited outside Contractor's control (other than temporarily such as during inclement weather events), will the County agree to negotiate fair compensation for the additional costs incurred by Contractor as a result of the hours reduction or access limitation?

Response: Haul rates apply regardless of the hours of operation. In other words, typically the same volume of waste comes through the site regardless of the official hours the site is open.

18. RFP Paragraph 4.2 identifies the route that must be taken for hauls to SWLF. In the event that during the agreement Contractor is directed by County to change the route (other than temporarily due to road closures and emergencies), or in the event that any part of the route should become toll road, how will compensation be adjusted?

Response: The rate will stay the same regardless if the vendor takes the planned route or must use a secondary route due to issues beyond the control of Wake County.

19. What is the proposed or estimated amount of the FY 2023 tipping fee increase at EWTS?

Response: A tip fee is being considered for FY23 and is yet to be determined. The potential tip fee increase has no direct impact on this contract.

20. RFP paragraph 4.1.3 indicates that a new Operating Permit will be in place on or before September 1, 2021. What changes, if any, are anticipated with the new permit vs. the expiring permit, other than the contractor prepared O&M Manual, which will supplement the Operations Plan?

Response: The contractor will only be responsible for updating their Operating Plan and the County will handle any DEQ notifications regarding permits. There are no anticipated permit changes at this time.

21. RFP paragraph 4.2.2 describes a requirement that the contractor maintain average load weights of at least 19 tons, with financial penalties if that level is not achieved. During the course of a long-term agreement like this one, changes in the waste stream that are outside the contractor's control can have a substantial impact on load weights. With that in mind, would the County consider contractual language that provides for an exception to this penalty when it can be demonstrated the contractor has undertaken all reasonable efforts to maximize load weights?

Response: The County does not expect any significant changes in waste stream characteristics over the life of the contract that would impact the ability to achieve the minimum average load weights; however, we would consider revising the contract if the contractor documents an appreciable change.

22. Current Pricing.

Response: Refer to question 13.

23. What would have to be done for the county to entertain a tipper?

Response: The County will not entertain the option of a tipper system.

24. Would the County allow a lay down yard at the landfill for trailer swaps?

Response: No.

25. The additional 1 ½ hour (Closing at 4:30 PM instead of 3:00 PM) will that be for all haulers or just for City of Raleigh trucks?

Response: City of Raleigh trucks only.

26. If it is to be determined to use Operating Scenario B, will the landfill open earlier or stay open later Monday thru Saturday?

Response: No, it is anticipated that the waste will be stored onsite at the EWTS overnight to accommodate the extra hours.