

Mississippi State University
RFP 21-52 Waste Disposal and Recycling
Questions and Answers

July 2, 2021

See below questions received and answered on this RFP. Please also note that we are extending the opening date of this RFP to **July 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

- 1) Where is the current service provided taking recyclable material?
 - a. **Materials go to an off-campus sorting facility in Columbus, managed by the service provider.**
- 2) Is the service provided sorting the material?
 - a. **Yes, at an off-campus location.**
- 3) Is Mississippi State University receiving any data as to how much of the recyclable material is actual recycled?
 - a. **Yes.**
- 4) Where is the end lifecycle location for recyclable material?
 - a. **No Answer.**
- 5) Is the University open to separating recyclable material instead of the single stream approach?
 - a. **Our current buildings are set-up on a single stream approach. The proposal would need to justify and have a detailed plan for converting all buildings to a multiple collection stream. The proposal should also include the program in its current approach.**

- 6) Does the University have a staging area for empty open tops and front load cans?
- a. **The University can provide an area of approximately 150 feet long by 100 feet wide accessible off RL Jones Circle. The area is currently a relatively flat dirt/grass area that may require redressing with crushed stone and fencing as necessary for security and to meet visual requirements. Any site improvements would need to be provided by the vendor. There is also an approximately 100 feet by 50 feet area off Buckner Lane that may be considered for staging. This area would be subject to the same conditions as stated above.**
- 7) Can the University supply a high-definition map for plotting purposes?
- a. **No map available.**
- 8) Will the University please outline number of custodial staff members?
- a. **Facility Management employs between 90-120 depending on vacancies.**
- 9) Who supplies the 96-gallon carts in the staff housing area?
- a. **They are supplied to the University by the current vendor.**
- 10) Will the University consider an extension of July 30th for proposal submission?
- a. **The proposal due date will be changed to July 21st.**
- 11) Section 10 PCI Compliance Issues states if applicable in the RFP. Can you verify if this section is applicable to the current RFP for Waste Disposal and Recycling Services?
- a. **This section does not apply to this RFP.**
- 12) Are price increases allowed during the initial term of the contract or during any optional renewal periods?
- a. **No cost increase will be allowed during the initial term. A cost increase may be considered at the beginning of each renewal term and mutually agreed to by both parties. In the proposal, the contractor must provide the justification and methodology for applying the cost increase and indicate the proposed amount of cost increase.**
- 13) Are frontload lift rates to include disposal fees?
- a. **Yes. The lift price should be all inclusive.**

14) Are alternative proposals allowed?

- a. **The proposal must meet the requirements for the base scope of services and alternate stated in the RFP. In addition to the technical and cost components required in the RFP, the proposer may provide alternative solutions for consideration.**

15) Should the container quantities referenced in Appendix B mirror the detailed list in Appendix C or should they differ? For example, the detailed list shows less 20-yard roll-off containers for recycling than the quantities on the cost page.

- a. **They may differ slightly. However, the cost page should be the reference for the quote.**