



CAMERON COUNTY PURCHASING

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DATE OUT: 4/27/23

RFP TITLE: COUNTYWIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES – RESIDENTIAL

RFP NUMBER # 230401

DEADLINE: ~~May 9th, 2023~~ May 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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1.- CHANGE # 1

RFP DUE DATE WILL BE CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:

FROM

DATE DUE: ~~MAY 9, 2023~~ DUE NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M.

TO:

DATE DUE: MAY 23, 2023 DUE NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M.

Note:

This addendum is issued for the purpose of answering request for clarifications submitted by participants

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2.- Questions submitted by Republic Services via email on April 12, 2023 at 3:52 p.m.

- Page 2 – Checklist
 - The addendum link does not work. When will this be active?
ANSWER: County link is active and working
- Page 3 – Governing law
 - What is the link which will be used to post the answer to questions?
ANSWER: Addendum # 2 will be issue to answer all questions.
- Page 3 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
 - This link is not active: site:https://www.cameroncounty.us/wp-content/uploads/Purchasing/docs/Conflict_of_Interest_Questionnaire_New_2015__.pdf. When will it be fixed?
ANSWER: County link is active and working
- Page 4 top of page (Disclosure of interests cont.)
 - This link is not active: <https://www.cameroncounty.us/wp-content/uploads/Purchasing/CIS>. When will it be fixed?
ANSWER: County link is active and working
- Page 5 section 13.
 - Is the County considering separating the brush from the 96-gallon cart service?
ANSWER: No, County is requesting for participants to submit a proposal to include brush and 96-gallon cart services.
- Page 5 section 15
 - Will the County be charging applicable taxes and fees to the customer directly?
ANSWER: No, awarded vendor will be responsible for billings and collections.
- Page 6 section 28
 - Does the vendor get paid for services rendered regardless of the County collecting from the residents?
ANSWER: No, awarded vendor will be responsible for billings and collections.
- Page 7 section Inspection
 - Does this item refer to the 96-gallon containers, vehicles used or both?
ANSWER: Only to 96-gallon containers (96-gallon capacity on wheels and enclosure lid).
- Page 14 section Pricing
 - Are annual price increases allowed?
ANSWER: Yes, annual price increases will be allowed. Limits to annual price increase may be discussed and negotiated to the firm awarded the contract. Furthermore, annual price increase will require Cameron County Commission Court approval.

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Continuation of questions submitted by Republic Services:

- Page 15 section Supplemental Materials
 - Is vendor obligated to include and disclose current agreements with other municipalities within Cameron County?

ANSWER: No, responders are not obligated to include and/or disclose current agreements.
 - Page 19 section 1.1
 - Will the County be providing a list of cities actually participating in this project? Will the County be taking over ALL accounts in the unincorporated areas including those services that franchised cities currently provide within their ETJ?

ANSWER: Addendum # 1 addressed this question. No Cities participating in this RFP.
 - Page 20 section 2.2
 - How was the 119,631 household number arrived at?

ANSWER: Addendum # 1 addressed this question. Unincorporated Cameron County residents is 16,453

 - What does it include?
- ANSWER: N/A**
- Will the County be providing a list of the residences not being billed by a water supply company?
- ANSWER: Awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections.**
- Who is responsible for payment if the individually billed resident does not pay?
- ANSWER: The awarded vendor will be responsible.**
- Page 21 Figure 2-1
 - Will the County be providing a house count per area?

ANSWER: No, please use the unincorporated accounts provided in RFP package.
- Page 22 Table 2-2
 - Several of the cities listed as "interested in participating in the procurement process" are currently under an independent agreement. Is the list accurate?

ANSWER: Addendum # 1 addressed this question.
- Page 23 section 2.4.5
 - Will the awarded vendor be allowed to discontinue services for non-payment?

ANSWER: Awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections.
- Page 24 section 3.4
 - What is meant by "contractual issues and costs"?

ANSWER: Contractual issues are related to outstanding legal matters. Cost is related to collection service fees.

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- Page 31 section h
 - Is the County requesting corporate or local financial documents?
ANSWER: The County is requesting Corporate financial documents.
- Page 34 section 6 (cost of container)
 - Are you asking for the cost of the container to the County or the internal cost to the proposer? Some of this information is proprietary.
ANSWER: Internal cost for proposer. (for the purpose of evaluating quality of container)
- Page 38 section Bulky / Tires
 - Since tires cannot be co-mingled with the rest of the solid waste, will there be an alternate pick up schedule established?
ANSWER: County would like to receive alternate proposals for tires pick-up schedule.
 - Bulky items are currently picked up once per month. Is this still an allowable option?
ANSWER: Yes, bulky items should be schedule to be picked up once per month. Will correct RFP to reflect the once per month Bulky pick up schedule.
- Page 53 Section 3.0 Basis and method of payment
 - Who pays the billing fee (contractor/resident)? Will the contractor be paid on billing or collection?
ANSWER: Awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections.
 - Will the County be establishing this percentage amount or the proposer?
ANSWER: N/A, awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections.
- Page 54 section 4.2
 - What does "order for the primary term to be extended for a first renewal term, the Contractor must notify the County in writing of its desire to extend the primary term for an additional three (3) year period, such notice to be given no more than ninety (90) days prior to the end of said primary term" mean?
ANSWER: Each term should be five (5) years, will correct RFP language to correct terms to five (5) year.
 - Is the three (3) year period referenced supposed to be five (5) years?
ANSWER: Each term should be five (5) years, will correct RFP language to correct terms to five (5) year.
- Page 59 section 21.9.2
 - Are profit margins able to be maintained during such events?
ANSWER: Yes.
- Page 59 section 21.10.1
 - If awarded all three areas, does this mean the contractor would pay the County a total of \$180k or that the County will collect \$60k from each vendor if 3 different vendors are chosen?
ANSWER: This question will be answered in a subsequent future addendum 5 days prior to RFP due date.

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3.- Questions submitted by Redfish Recycling via email on April 19, 2023 at 4:38 p.m.

Can you please provide a map that documents the 16,453 household locations?

ANSWER: Information not available. See link for Trash schedule at: https://cameroncountytexas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Weekly_Schedule_Area_Map.pdf

Please provide current route sheets and route maps for residential trash service and brush pick up for review.

ANSWER: Please follow link for information: <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/collection-schedule/>

Please provide monthly tonnages by route for residential trash service and brush pick up for the last 5 years.

ANSWER: Total Residential tonnage over the last 5 years is: 97,225. Total brush tonnage over the last 5 years is: 74,249.

Is an after-hour phone system required?

ANSWER: Yes, a “1-800” phone number will be required from awarded vendor to customers. See page 23, 2.4.3

Please provide us the number of households serviced per day.

ANSWER: N/A, should be part of responder’s proposal.

In what instance is a credit done? Clarification

ANSWER: Awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections.

Is there a charge to the resident for damaged or burned residential carts?

ANSWER: Awarded vendor should be responsible for billings and collections. See Cameron County “Frequently Asked Questions” link: <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/frequently-asked-questions/>

How many third-party brush trucks did the current hauler hire due to the freeze in February 2021.

ANSWER: N/A, under separate “Emergency Management” contract.

How many months did the additional third-party brush trucks work in the county to help clean up after the freeze of February 2021.

ANSWER: N/A, under separate “Emergency Management” contract.

How many months did it take the current hauler to clean up the brush

ANSWER: N/A, under separate “Emergency Management” contract.

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4.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 37, Form E “Residential Service Rates” REPLACE WITH THIS REVISED FORM:

FORM E RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATES

The following Cost Proposal Form is to be utilized by the Proposer to provide the County with the monthly service rates to be charged for the provision of residential services as set forth in the Agreement.

| Cost Proposal Form E-1 West Service Area | |
|--|----|
| Collection Service Rates | |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (once per week) | \$ |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (twice per week) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per quarter) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per week month) | \$ |

DELETE THIS SECTION

| Cost Proposal Form E-2 East Service Area | |
|--|----|
| Collection Service Rates | |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (once per week) | \$ |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (twice per week) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per quarter) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per week month) | \$ |

DELETE THIS SECTION

| Cost Proposal Form E-3 South Service Area | |
|--|----|
| Collection Service Rates | |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (once per week) | \$ |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (twice per week) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per quarter) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per week month) | \$ |

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| Cost Proposal Form E-4 Countywide | |
|--|----|
| Collection Service Rates | |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (once per week) | \$ |
| Residential Solid Waste Collection Service 96-gallon cart (twice per week) | \$ |
| Bulky Goods Collection Service (once per quarter) | \$ |
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5.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 20, 2.2 Background and Demographics REMOVE WORDING IN RED:

2.1 Background and Demographics

According to the United States Census (2010), there are 406,220 residents in the unincorporated areas of Cameron County and the average household consists of 3.4 persons. Unincorporated Cameron County is made up of approximately 119,631 households. Our surveys of solid waste service providers operating in the unincorporated areas indicate that about 16,453 of these households currently receive solid waste services from either a private or municipal solid waste hauler. The majority of the remaining households are without regular solid waste collection service.

The County wishes to establish a countywide system to manage solid waste collection and disposal in order to eliminate the illegal dumping problems occurring within the County. Provisions under Texas Senate Bill 352 (77th) states that a public agency or county can mandate collection services in a territory, require the use of this service, and collect a fee.

The County ~~and several cities within the County are~~ is interested in obtaining costs for a countywide solid waste system that would include the County un-incorporated areas. ~~and participating cities. The County would provide for solid waste billing services through the Water Supply Corporations or other water suppliers.~~

6.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 23, 2.4.5 Billing REPLACE WITH THIS REVISED LANGUAGE:

2.4.1 Billing & Collection Services

The selected proposer will be required to provide billing ~~and collection~~ services for ~~Countywide customers located in unincorporated rural areas who do not receive a water bill.~~

7.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 23, 2.4.6 Service Areas REPLACE WITH THIS REVISED LANGUAGE:

2.4.1 Service Areas

Proposers ~~may~~ **must** propose to provide services for ~~one, two or all three services areas identified in Figure 2-1.~~ **Countywide customers located in unincorporated rural areas.**

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8.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 53, 2.2 BASIS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT REMOVE/ADD WORDING IN RED:

Section 3. BASIS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

3.1 Billing, and Collection: ~~County~~ **Awarded vendor must** provide billing and bill collection services **to all Countywide unincorporated rural participating customers.** ~~through Inter-Local Agreements with certain water suppliers operating in the County. The water suppliers shall include a billing fee in the customer bills as determine by the County and the water supplier. The County shall, on or before the 20th day of each month, remit to the Contractor, for accounts serviced per County billing records during the preceeding month, the net compensation due and payable per the current contractor's compensation. The Contractor shall provide billing and bill collection to customers who do not receive a water bill.~~

9.- Corrections to original RFP as follow: Page # 59, 21.10.1 Payment of Certain Costs: REMOVE SECTION COMPLETELY:

~~**21.10.1 Payment of Certain Costs:** The Contractor shall pay \$60,000.00 in full within thirty (30) days prior to the Effective Date and separate from all other remittances to defray Certain Administrative expenses related to the award of this Agreement.~~

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END OF ADDENDUM # 2

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