



**INVITATION FOR BID  
IFB #15-1915-GE  
COLLECTION OF WASTE TIRES FOR DISPOSAL**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter the "County") will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities organized under the laws of the State of Florida or authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK**

The purpose and intent of this Invitation for Bid (IFB or Bid) is to establish a firm, fixed price contract for the collection of waste tires and rims.

**INFORMATION CONFERENCE**

In order to ensure that all prospective Bidders have sufficient information and understanding of the County's needs, a non-mandatory information conference will be held **July 23, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Manatee County Landfill, Administration Conference Room, 3333 Lena Road, Bradenton, FL 34211.

**DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:**      **JULY 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM**

**TIME AND DATE DUE:**      **JULY 31, 2015 at 3:00 PM**

Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205

**Important Note:** Lobbying is prohibited (reference Bid Article A.08).

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**The following forms are required with the submittal of the bid:**

- Bid Form
- Contractor’s Questionnaire
- Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification
- Insurance Requirements

## INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

### A.01 OPENING LOCATION

These bids will be **publicly opened** at **Manatee County Purchasing Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205** in the presence of County officials at the time and date stated, or soon thereafter. All bidders or their representatives are invited to be present.

Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have their bid **delivered to the Manatee County Purchasing Division** for receipt on or before the stated time and date. If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, the bidder shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Division. Bids delayed by mail shall not be considered, shall not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the respondent's request and expense.

### A.02 SEALED & MARKED

**One original and two copies** of your **signed bid** shall be submitted in one **sealed package**, clearly marked on the outside "**Sealed Bid #15-1915-GE, Collection of Waste Tires for Disposal**" with your company name.

Address package to: Manatee County Purchasing Division  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803  
Bradenton, Florida 34205

### A.03 SECURING OF DOCUMENTS

Complete individual copies of the bidding documents for the project and/or products can be obtained; free of charge, at the Manatee County Administration Building located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Purchasing Division. Documents may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, exception of holidays. Complete set of the bidding document must be used in preparing bids. The County assumes no responsibility for errors and misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of bidding document.

### A.04 BID DOCUMENTS

**Bids** on <http://www.mymanatee.org> , Bid documents and the Notices of Source Selection related to those Bids are available for download in a portable document format (.PDF) file on the Manatee County web page on the Purchasing tab under "Bids." You may view and print these files using Adobe Acrobat software. You may download a free copy of this software (Adobe) from the Owner's web page if you do not have it.

**A.04 BID DOCUMENTS (Continued)**

Manatee County may also use an internet service provider to distribute Bids. A link to that service, <http://www.DemandStar.com>, is provided on this website under the Tab "DemandStar". Participation in the DemandStar system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Note: The County posts the Notice of Source Selection seven calendar days prior to the effective date of the award.

**A.05 MODIFICATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS**

If a bidder wishes to recommend changes to the bid specifications, the bidder shall furnish in writing, data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the request to modify the specifications. The County is not obligated to make any changes to the bid specifications. Unless an addendum is issued, the bid specifications shall remain unaltered. **Bidders must fully comply with the bid specifications, terms, and conditions.**

**A.06 DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS**

**JULY 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM** shall be the deadline to submit all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Invitation for Bids to the Manatee County Purchasing Division.

This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment for all potential bidders, while maintaining the expedited nature of the Economic Stimulus that the contracting of this work may achieve.

**A.07 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA**

Each bidder shall examine all Invitation for Bid documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Invitation for Bids shall be made through the Manatee County Purchasing Division. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

If any addenda are issued to this Invitation for Bid, the County will Broadcast the addenda on the Demand Star distribution system to "Planholders" on this web service, and post the documents on the Purchasing Division's web page at <http://www.mymanatee.org> which can be accessed by clicking on the "Purchasing" button and then clicking on the "Bids" button. It shall be the **responsibility of each bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to contact Manatee County Purchasing (see contact on page 1) to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their bid.**

**A.08 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any Invitation for Bid, prospective bidders, or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such bidder shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Invitation for Bid with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or as directed in the Invitation for Bid. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Invitation for Bid, and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the invitation has been canceled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Purchasing Code.

The County reserves the right to amend or to add to the names listed as persons to contact. All amendments or additions to the names listed as persons to contact shall be issued by the Purchasing Division, in writing.

**A.09 UNBALANCED BIDDING PROHIBITED**

Manatee County recognizes that large and/or complex projects will often result in a variety of methods, sources and prices; however, where in the opinion of the County such variation does not appear to be justified, given bid specifications and industry and market conditions, the bid will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced bids will include:

1. Bids showing omissions, alterations of form, additions not specified or required conditional or unauthorized alternate bids.
2. Bids quoting prices that substantially deviate, either higher or lower, from those included in the bids of competitive bidders for the same line item unit costs.
3. Bids where the unit costs offered are in excess of or below reasonable cost analysis values.

In the event the County determines that a bid is presumed unbalanced, it will request the opportunity to, and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, etc., which the bidder obtained and upon which the bidder relied upon to develop the bid. The County reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any presumptive unbalanced bids where the bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs.

**A.10 FRONT END LOADING OF BID PRICING PROHIBITED**

Prices offered for performance and/or acquisition activities to occur early in the project schedule, such as: mobilization, clearing and grubbing; or maintenance of traffic, that are substantially higher than pricing of competitive bidders within the same portion of the project schedule, will be presumed to be front end loaded. Front end loaded bids could reasonably appear to be an attempt to obtain unjustified early payments creating a risk of insufficient incentive for the Contractor to complete the work or otherwise creating an appearance of an under-capitalized bidder.

A.10 FRONT END LOADING OF BID PRICING PROHIBITED (Continued)

In the event the County determines that a bid is presumed to be front end loaded, it will request the opportunity to, and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, etc., which the bidder obtained and upon which the bidder relied upon to develop the pricing or acquisition timing for these bid items. The County reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any presumptive front end loaded bids where the bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the front end loaded costs.

A.11 WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

Bidders may withdraw offers as follows: a) Mistakes discovered before the opening of a solicitation may be withdrawn by written notice from the bidder submitting the offer. This request must be received in the office designated for receipt of offers in the solicitation document prior to the time set for delivery and opening of the offers. A copy of the request shall be retained and the unopened offer returned to that vendor. b) After the responses to a solicitation are opened or a selection has been determined, but before a contract is signed, a bidder alleging a material mistake of fact may be permitted to withdraw their offer if: (1) the mistake is clearly evident on the solicitation document; or (2) the bidder submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made. Request to withdraw an offer must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

A.12 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

Any bid may be withdrawn up until the date and time set for opening of the bid. Any bid not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of 90 days to sell to Manatee County the goods or services set forth in the attached specifications until one or more of the bids have been duly accepted by the County.

A.13 BID EXPENSES

All expenses for making bids to the County are to be borne by the bidder.

A.14 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, the County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid, to increase or decrease quantities and to add related services/products to meet changed requirements of the County. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the County depending on available competition and current needs of the County. For all items combined, the bid of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder will be accepted, unless all bids are rejected. The lowest responsible bidder shall mean **that the bidder who makes the lowest bid to sell the product/services of a quality which** conforms to or exceeds the quality set forth in the attached specifications or otherwise required by the County, and who is fit and capable to perform the bid as made.

**A.14 RESERVED RIGHTS (Continued)**

To be responsive, a bidder shall submit a bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid. To be a responsible bidder, the bidder shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any bidder to furnish the service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the bidder. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to: current financial statements, verification of availability of equipment and personnel, and past performance records.

**A.15 APPLICABLE LAWS**

Bidder must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting agreement. Any involvement with any Manatee County procurement shall be in accordance with Manatee County Purchasing Code of Laws as amended. Any actual or prospective bidder who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County as required in Manatee County Code of Laws.

**A.16 COLLUSION**

By offering a submission to this Invitation for Bid, the bidder certifies that he has not divulged, discussed or compared their bid with other bidder, and has not colluded with any other bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to their own organization, that in connection with this bid:

- a. any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- b. any prices and/or cost data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder,
- c. prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;
- d. no attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- e. the only person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the contract to be entered into; and

A.16 COLLUSION (Continued)

- f. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding or a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by bidder for purpose of doing business.

A.17 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this bid, if any bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the Code of Ethics of Manatee County per Manatee County Purchasing Code, and/or the State of Florida per Florida Statutes, such bidder may be disqualified from performing the work described in this bid or from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future bids for work or for goods or services for Manatee County. The County anticipates that all statements made and materials submitted in a bid will be truthful. If a bidder is determined to be untruthful in its bid or any related presentation, such bidder may be disqualified from further consideration regarding this Invitation for Bid.

A.18 BID FORMS

Bids must be submitted on attached County forms, although additional pages may be attached. - **Bidders must fully complete all pages of the Bid Forms. Bid Forms must be executed by an authorized signatory who has the legal authority to make the offer and bind the company. Bidders must fully comply with all bid specifications, terms and conditions.** Failure to comply may result in contract default, whereupon, the defaulting vendor shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by the County.

A.19 LEGAL NAME

Bids shall clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the bidder. Bids shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer must have the authority to bind the bidder to the submitted bid.

A.20 PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the State's convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Florida Statute § 287.133, may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute § 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted list.

**A.20 PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES (continued)**

In addition, the Manatee County Code prohibits the award of any contract to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the purchasing official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a responsible matter. To insure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with the County to execute and file with the purchasing official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with the County. In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, such affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, such affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). A Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification is attached for this purpose.

**A.21 DISCOUNTS**

Any and all discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid and not shown separately. The prices as shown on the bid form shall be the price used in determining award.

**A.22 TAXES**

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Exempt Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; FL Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6); therefore, the vendor is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in his bid for any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind and character, including, but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award in accordance with the laws and Regulations of the place of the project which are applicable during the performance of the work. Nothing herein shall affect the bidder's normal tax liability.

**A.23 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION**

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition.

**A.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the County's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for an **Information Conference** or **Bid Opening** should contact the person named on the first page of this bid document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

**A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE**

Manatee County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all vendors that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

**A.26 MBE/WBE**

The State of Florida, **Office of Supplier Diversity** provides the certification process and the database for identifying certified MBE/WBE firms. This service may be directly accessed at: <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm>

If you have any questions regarding this State service, please contact their office at (850) 487-0915.

**A.27 MATHEMATICAL ERRORS**

In the event of multiplication/extension error(s), the unit price shall prevail. In the event of addition error(s) the extension totals will prevail. All bids shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to additional evaluation.

**A.28 DISCLOSURE**

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this Invitation for Bid becomes "Public Records", and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

**Bids become "Public Records" thirty (30) days after the bid opening or if an award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statute 119.071.** No announcement or review of the bid documents shall be conducted at the public opening of the bids.

**A.28 DISCLOSURE (continued)**

Based on the above, Manatee County will receive bids at the date and time stated, and will make public at the opening the names of the business entities of all that submitted an offer and any amount presented as a total offer without any verification of the mathematics or the completeness of the offer. Upon the expiration of the statutory term for exemption the actual documents may be inspected or copied. When County staff have completed a mathematic validation and inspected the completeness of the offers, tabulation shall be posted on [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org).

**NOTE: ANY OR ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: BASIS OF AWARD, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT, OR SPECIFICATIONS, WHICH VARY FROM THE INFORMATION TO BIDDERS, SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE.**

**END OF SECTION A**

**BASIS OF AWARD****B.01 BASIS OF AWARD**

Award shall be to the responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest Total Bid Price. Bid Prices shall include costs for furnishing all labor, equipment and/or materials for the completion of the Work in accordance with all specifications and requirements as listed herein.

In evaluating bids, the County shall consider the qualifications of the bidders; and if required, may also consider the qualifications of any subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons products proposed.

Whenever two or more bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the bid received from a local business shall be given preference in award. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received, and both bids and neither of these bids are received from a local business, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing conducted by the Purchasing Division and open to the public.

Local business is defined as a business duly licensed and authorized to engage in the sale of goods and/or services to be procured, which has a place of business in Manatee County with full time employees at that location.

**END OF SECTION B**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

### C.01 CONTRACT FORMS

The agreement resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be in the form of a Purchase Order.

### C.02 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this Contract or of his right, title, or interest therein, or his power to execute such Contract, or to assign any monies due or to become due there under to any other person, firm or corporation unless first obtaining the written consent of the County. The giving of such consent to a particular subcontractor assignment shall not dispense with the necessity of such consent to any further or other assignment.

Subcontractors shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this contract insofar as it applies to their Work, but this shall not relieve the prime contractor from the full responsibility of the County for the proper completion of all Work to be executed under this contract. No subcontracting will be allowed without the prior written approval of the County.

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any vendor is considered a violation of Section 274 (e) of the Immigration and Employment Act. If the vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this agreement.

### C.03 PAYMENT

Within 45 days after tire and rim removal services have been completed, accepted by the County and the vendor has presented the County with an invoice, the County shall pay the total amount due. Payment invoices must indicate the Purchase Order number.

Invoices must be received by the County prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following collection of the waste tires based on the tonnage recorded on the County scales from the first day of the collection month through the last day of the collection month. The monthly payment request shall be based on, and match, those weights originally documented at the Landfill at the time of collection.

### C.04 QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

Each bidder must possess all licenses required (in accordance with Chapter 489 Florida Statutes) for the Work which is the subject of this bid, and upon request shall submit a true copy of all applicable licenses. In order to select responsible and experienced contractors, bidders (the Company supplying the bid) shall have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in collecting waste tires as an alternative energy source to be considered for award. Bidders shall list all such information on the Contractor's Questionnaire & Reference Form provided herein.

**C.05 WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE PROVISIONS**

All work, materials, and equipment furnished as defined herein shall be guaranteed and warranted by the contractor for a minimum period of three (3) years, unless otherwise specified, from final acceptance by the County to be free from defects due either to faulty materials or equipment or faulty workmanship.

All materials, equipment, and workmanship furnished and installed by the contractor is warranted and guaranteed by the contractor to be such as to meet the specifications herein and to accomplish the purposes and functions implied and expected for this type of service.

The County shall, following discovery thereof, promptly give written notice to the contractor of faulty materials, equipment, or workmanship within the period of the guarantee and the contractor shall promptly replace any part of the faulty equipment, material, or workmanship at his own cost.

These warranty and guarantee provisions create no limitations on the County as to any claims or actions for breach of guaranty or breach of warranty that the County might have against parties other than the contractor, and do not constitute exclusive remedies of the County against the contractor.

**C.06 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS**

The contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees for equipment or processes in conjunction with the equipment and/or services being furnished. Contractor shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright, and shall save the County harmless from loss on account thereof, including costs and attorney's fees.

**C.07 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION**

The contractor, by virtue of submitting the name and specifications of a manufacturer's product, will be required to furnish the named manufacturer's product. Failure to perform accordingly may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed a breach of contract, and shall constitute grounds for the County's immediate termination of the contract.

**C.08 REGULATIONS**

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, FDOT, FTA or other federal or state of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

**C.09 CANCELLATION**

Any failure of the contractor to furnish or perform the Work (including, but not limited to, commencement of the Work, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment) in accordance with the contract, the County may order the stop of the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated.

C.09 CANCELLATION (continued)

If the contractor persistently fails to perform the Work in accordance with the contract, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract and select the next qualified bidder or re-advertise this procurement in part or in whole. The County reserves the right to cancel all or any undelivered or unexecuted portion of this contract with or without cause.

C.10 BE GREEN

All Vendors/Bidders/Quoters/Proposers (*as applicable*) are encouraged to use as many **environmentally preferable** "green" products, materials, supplies, etc. as possible in order to promote a safe and healthy environment. **Environmentally preferable are products or services that have a reduced adverse effect on the environment.** Provide detail of your organization's initiative and its ability to meet the goal of environmental sustainability.

**END OF SECTION C**

## SECTION D: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### D.01 SCOPE

Waste tire collection and removal by the successful bidder shall include removal of all applicable tires and rims, if attached, from the Waste Tire Collection Site at the Manatee County Lena Road Solid Waste Management Facility. The Contractor shall pass over the County scales prior to collection of waste tires and rims, if attached, and then again after collection has been completed in order to ascertain weights leaving the Landfill facility. All invoices shall be based on, and match, those weights originally documented at the Landfill at the time of collection. The Contractor shall use the waste tires collected and removed as an alternative energy source and documentation of that use must be provided to the County upon request at any time during the life of this contract. Use of these tires as an energy source provides the County with credits toward our recycled goal as per Florida House Bill HB 7243.

### D.02 FREQUENCY OF SERVICE

Services shall be on an on-call basis. The County will notify the Contractor by telephone at a minimum of three (3) business days in advance of the required collection in order to facilitate scheduling of both the Contractor's and the County's staff and equipment.

### D.03 REMOVAL

Proposed collection shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### D.04 OPERATIONAL PLANS

Collection vehicles **MUST** have loading capabilities that will accommodate loading from a gravel and dirt base site at the Landfill by a front-end loader owned and operated by County personnel.

### D.05 OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS

Ownership of all waste tires shall remain the property of the County at the time said materials are placed at the collection site and will remain the property of the County until such time as the goods are loaded onto the Contractor's transport vehicle at which point, ownership will then be with the Contractor.

### D.06. INSPECTIONS

The Contractor shall permit the County to conduct full and open inspection of their facility, payment and reimbursement records upon advance written request by the County.

### D.07 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide the name and telephone number of a permanent contact to address issues of collection program expansion, complaints, payments, etc.

**D.07 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)**

2. Accept all expenses associated with the removal and subsequent handling of the waste tires for resale, reuse, or processing.
3. Provide the name, address and telephone number of all final designated disposal and/or processing sites. The final designated site(s) must be a permitted facility and approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
4. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County upon receipt of any of the following notices from Local, State, or Federal Agencies:
  - a. Warning Notices
  - b. Consent Orders
  - c. Notices of Violations
5. All bidders shall provide a safety plan with their bid submittal. All vehicles in the transportation of the waste tires leaving the Landfill must be equipped in a manner that will prevent the escape of materials that may create litter or otherwise may become dislodged in transport.
6. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, such as tornado, hurricane, explosion, etc., the Contractor shall be capable of responding within seventy-two (72) hours after being requested by the County. This response shall be targeted to initiate collection and removal of all applicable tires and rims, if attached, from sites so designated by the County. The Contractor shall provide the County with a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day a week emergency activation number for notification.

**D.08 LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT**

<b>WASTE TIRE MATERIAL SUMMARY REPORT</b>		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Incoming Tires</b>	<b>Outgoing Tires</b>
2010/2011	1,822	1,585
2011/2012	1,728	1,519
2012/2013	1,755	1,677
2013/2014	1,707	1,372
Note: the tonnage differential between in-coming and out-going is a result of material received sometime prior to removal.		

**OPTION:**

Off-the-road and large equipment (such as bulldozers and other construction equipment) tires are included as an option.

**END OF SECTION D**

**BID FORM**  
**For: COLLECTION OF WASTE TIRES FOR DISPOSAL**  
**(SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE)**

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we have carefully reviewed the bid documents, and with full knowledge and understanding of the aforementioned do submit this bid, meeting each and every specification, term, and condition contained in the Invitation for Bids.

We understand that all bid documents in their entirety shall be made a part of any agreement or contract between Manatee County and the successful bidder. Failure to comply shall result in contract default, whereupon, the defaulting contractor shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by the County.

Description	Unit Price Per Ton	Estimated Annual Tons	Total Bid Price
Waste Tires	\$ / ton	1800 X =	\$

Option: Large Equipment Tires *	\$ / per each
* Optional price shall <b>not</b> be considered in the basis of award for this bid.	

COMPANY'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME/TITLE OF SIGNER: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF INCORPORATION \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledge Addendum No. \_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledge Addendum No. \_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE WITH YOUR BID.**

The Bidder warrants the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained.

1. COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE of INCORPORATION \_\_\_\_\_

2. The successful bidder must have three (3) years experience under this company name collecting waste tires for energy production to be considered for award.

How many years experience does your firm have? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any notice of violations, formal notices of regulatory non-compliance, safety violations and accidents resulting in a Worker's Compensation claim.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever failed to complete work awarded to you or has a contract been cancelled by the other party within the past three (3) years? If so, state when, where (Contact name, address, phone number) and why?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

BIDDER'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S REFERENCES**

**THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE**

5. Three current references for similar services.

A. CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE  
DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

C. CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION**  
**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V,**  
**MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING CODE**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.**

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

\_\_\_\_\_ [Print individual's name and title]

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ [print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is? \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a county contract for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or a county lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of county monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to the County that it has not:

- (1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or
- (2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise; or
- (3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of the County's Purchasing Director, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or
- (4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or
- (5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors. For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

(Cont'd.)

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to the County's Purchasing Director. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with the County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT **SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Personally known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced identification  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[Type of identification]

\_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

**Signatory Requirement** - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

### **Attachment "C" Insurance and Bonding Requirements**

The Vendor shall at its own expense, carry and maintain insurance coverage from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida as set forth in the Insurance and Bonding attachment of this solicitation. The Vendor shall procure and maintain property insurance upon the entire project, if required, to the full insurable value of the scope of work. The awarded Contractor shall show proof of coverage for all owned and non-owned vehicles while in the Contractor's possession.

The County and the Vendor waive against each other and the County's separate Vendors, Contractors, Design Consultant, Subcontractors agents and employees of each and all of them, all damages covered by property insurance provided herein, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The Vendor and County shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from the County's separate Vendors, Design Consultants and Subcontractors and shall require each of them to include similar waivers in their contracts.

Manatee County shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining its own liability insurance.

Certificates issued as a result of the award of this solicitation must identify "For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County."

The General Liability and Automobile Liability Policies provided by Vendor to meet the requirements of this solicitation shall name Manatee County, Florida, as an additional insured as to the operations of Vendor under this solicitation and shall contain a severability of interests provisions.

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners shall be named as the Certificate Holder. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County. The "Certificate Holder" should read as follows:

Manatee County  
Board of County Commissioners  
Bradenton, Florida

The amounts and types of insurance coverage shall conform to the minimum requirements set forth in Insurance and Bonding attachment, with the use of Insurance Services Office (ISO) forms and endorsements or their equivalents. If Vendor has any self-insured retentions or deductibles under any of the below listed minimum required coverage, Vendor must identify on the Certificate of Insurance the nature and amount of such self-insured retentions or deductibles and provide satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility for such obligations. All self-insured retentions or deductibles will be Vendor's sole responsibility.

Coverage(s) shall be maintained without interruption from the date of commencement of the Work until the date of completion and acceptance of the scope of work by the County or as specified in this solicitation, whichever is longer.

The Vendor and/or its insurance carrier shall provide 30 days written notice to the County of policy cancellation or non-renewal on the part of the insurance carrier or the Vendor. The Vendor shall also notify the County, in a like manner, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage or limits received by Vendor from its insurer and nothing contained herein shall relieve Vendor of this requirement to provide notice. In the event of a reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy to be provided by Vendor hereunder, Vendor shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.

Should at any time the Vendor not maintain the insurance coverage(s) required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverage(s) and charge the Vendor for such coverage(s) purchased. If Vendor fails to reimburse the County for such costs within thirty (30) days after demand, the County has the right to offset these costs from any amount due Vendor under this Agreement or any other agreement between the County and Vendor. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverage(s) purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverage(s) shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.

If the initial or any subsequently issued Certificate of Insurance expires prior to the completion of the scope of work, the Vendor shall furnish to the County renewal or replacement Certificate(s) of Insurance not later than ten (10) calendar days after the expiration date on the certificate. Failure of the Vendor to provide the County with such renewal certificate(s) shall be considered justification for the County to terminate any and all contracts.

**Insurance and Bonding Requirements Worksheet (to be signed and submitted with bid)**

Insurance / Bond Type	Required Limits
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation	Statutory Limits of Florida Statutes, Chapter 440 and all Federal Government Statutory Limits and Requirements
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability (Occurrence Form) patterned after the current ISO form	Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. This shall include Premises and Operations; Independent Contractors; Products and Completed Operations and Contractual Liability. County additionally insured.
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indemnification	To the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless Manatee County, its officers and employees from and against all claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees; caused or contributed to by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant or anyone employed or utilized by the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph or deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of the County as set forth in Florida Statute Section 768.28.
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000 Each Occurrence; Bodily Injury & Property Damage, Owned/Non-owned/Hired; Automobile Included. County additionally insured.
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other insurance as noted:	<input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft \$ _____ Per Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> United States Longshoreman's and Harborworker's Act coverage shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the work. <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Coverage (Jones Act) shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the work. <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Liability coverage shall be carried in limits of not less than \$5,000,000 each occurrence if applicable to the completion of the Services under this Agreement. <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution \$ _____ Per Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability \$ _____ per claim and in the aggregate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate</li> <li>• \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Project Professional Liability \$ _____ Per Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Valuable Papers Insurance \$ _____ Per Occurrence

- 6.  Bid bond  
 Shall be submitted with proposal response in the form of certified funds, cashiers' check or an irrevocable letter of credit, a cash bond posted with the County Clerk, or proposal bond in a sum equal to 5% of the cost proposal. All checks shall be made payable to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on a bank or trust company located in the State of Florida and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
  
- 7.  Performance and Payment Bonds  
 For projects in excess of \$200,000, bonds shall be submitted with the executed contract by Proposers receiving award, and written for 100% of the Contract award amount, the cost borne by the Proposer receiving an award. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be underwritten by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida and otherwise acceptable to Owner; provided, however, the surety shall be rated as "A-" or better as to general policy holders rating and Class V or higher rating as to financial size category and the amount required shall not exceed 5% of the reported policy holders' surplus, all as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc. of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038.
  
- 8.  Vendor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements that he is required to meet. The same Vendor shall provide County with certificates of insurance meeting the required insurance provisions.
- 9.  Manatee County must be named as "**ADDITIONAL INSURED**" on the Insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability where required.
- 10.  The Certificate Holder shall be named as Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, OR, Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County, OR Manatee County Government, OR Manatee County. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County.  
 **Thirty (30) Days Cancellation Notice** required.

**Vendor's Insurance Statement**

We understand the insurance requirements of these specifications and that the evidence of insurability may be required within five (5) days of the award of this solicitation.

Name of Firm \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_