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## Solicitation Addendum

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Addendum No.: 1  
Solicitation No.: 24-R085012SB  
Solicitation Title: Yard Waste Processing Services  
Addendum Date: August 29, 2024  
Procurement Contact: Stacia Branco

**Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 24-R08012SB is amended as set forth herein. Responses to questions posed by prospective bidders are provided below. This Addendum is hereby incorporated in and made a part of IFB No. 24-R085012SB.**

**The deadline to submit all inquiries concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this IFB is August 27, 2024.**

### QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

**Q1. Please confirm that RFP 10-2415FL is in place now and getting ready to expire and that the pricing is active and has not changed since 2010.**

R1. Confirmed. Pricing has been amended.

**Q2. Attachment H, Pricing Form, states that effective October 1, 2025, the processing of dirty material, and the removal/disposal of dirty material will not be needed: Why will these services no longer be needed?**

R2. Effective October 1, 2025, Manatee County will not be accepting yard waste in plastic bags.

**Q3. Attachment H, Pricing Form, states that effective October 1, 2025, the processing of dirty material, and the removal/disposal of dirty material will not be needed: What is the estimated impact on the estimated quantity of tons to be processed once the acceptance of dirty material goes away?**

R3. Estimated annual amount of clean yard waste is 35,000 tons.

**Q4. Of the 35,000 tons per year estimated inbound quantity, what is the estimated tonnage of clean material vs. dirty material inbound?**

R4. The County does not track clean vs. dirty across the scales, just yard waste.

**Q5. Please provide historical inbound yard waste tonnage data by month for fiscal year 2022 to July 2024.**

R5. Refer to Exhibit 1, Scope of Services, 1.01 Background Information.

**Q6. In Exhibit 5, are the quantities of mulch for landfill use listed in tons or cubic yards?**

R6. Tons.

**Q7. Please define the County quality standards that the clean mulch must adhere to be used for dust control and for landfill use.**

R7. 3" x 3" with no plastics or other material besides yard waste.

**Q8. Please provide estimated annual demand for clean mulch for landfill use for the resulting agreement's term.**

R8. 17,500 tons per year.

**Q9. Who is responsible for the disposal expense related to contaminants removed from the incoming yard waste?**

R9. Contractor.

**Q10. Can the selected vendor dispose of this waste at the Lena Road Landfill? If so, will there be a tip fee associated with this disposal?**

R10. Yes, it can be disposed at the landfill with no fee.

**Q11. Please provide a list of acceptable materials to be received at the yard waste processing facility.**

R11. All vegetative materials including logs, stumps, tree trimmings.

**Q12. In the event a customer brings in an overly contaminated load, what ability does the vendor have to reject the load?**

R12. The Contractor must contact the County representative.

**Q13. If a dirty load is received after the end date for processing of dirty materials (October 1, 2025 per Attachment H), will the selected vendor be able to charge the price for dirty material?**

R13. Yes, starting October 1, 2025.

**Q14. How will "Clean Material" be defined in the resulting contract?**

R14. Processed vegetation not containing plastics or other materials.

**Q15. How will "Dirty Material" be defined in the resulting contract?**

R15. Processed vegetation containing other materials than yard waste.

**Q16. On P. 42, what do the numbers in the "Outbound (estimated)" column resemble? Is this mulch not used by the County for landfill maintenance, and removed/disposed of elsewhere? If not, please clarify.**

R16. The total amount of material removed from the Landfill location. This excess material not utilized by the Landfill.

**Q17. Section 1.04 of the Scope of Services states that the selected vendor will be responsible for unloading dirty yard waste and clean yard waste. However, based on a recent personal visit to the landfill, it appears that customers unload themselves. Please define the County's expectations for unloading of customers further, whether this requires a mini excavator to unload trailers directly, or a block customers tie on to unload, or other preferred method.**

R17. Customers are required to unload their own loads.

**Q18. Please provide the current operations, health, and safety plan for the yard waste processing facility.**

R18. This plan is the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain a safe environment for their employees and Landfill patrons.

**Q19. Please provide the County's current agreement for these services.**

R19. Refer to Section B, Terms and Conditions, B.18 Public Records.

**Q20. Please specify the start date for this contract.**

R20. Refer to Section A, Instructions to Bidders, A.28 Solicitation Schedule.

**Q21. Can we come inspect the site?**

R21. Yes.

**Q22. Is the contractor responsible for everyday operations to unload and stack inbound material?**

R22. Yes.

**Q23. Is the contractor responsible for loading the off-road trucks with mulch used on the landfill working face?**

R23. Yes.

**Q24. What is the difference between "clean" and "dirty" material?**

R24. Refer to Exhibit 1, Scope of Services.

**Q25. Can some of the material be hauled off-site unground?**

R25. No.

**Q26. Will County commit to accepting all processed YW with plastics, after it has been size – reduced; at its landfill for use as daily cover material so as to mitigate the difficulty of marketing yard waste with plastics? If not, will the County allow it to be hauled off, unprocessed and disposed of in a landfill, in the event no other recycling markets are available?**

R26. Dirty mulch will be accepted prior to October 1, 2025, but will only accept the amount that is needed for daily operations. The County will not allow unprocessed material to be disposed of at another landfill if there are no other recycling markets available.

**Q27. Will County provide the successful bidder any operational flexibility on when a spotter is required in addition to the loader and loader operator; so as to successfully manage and direct the incoming customers during the Facility hours of Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.?**

R27. The Contractor must at all times have a spotter other than the loader operator.

**Q28. Do you have a projected volume of dirty mulch to be hauled offsite before Oct of 2025?**

R28. Refer to R3.

**Q29. After Oct of 2025, what is the expected volume of mulch to be hauled offsite.**

R29. Refer to R3.

**Q30. If we debug the dirty mulch, can we take the plastic to your landfill, for no charge? If so would the facility be able to supply dumpsters to haul the plastic waste for no charge as well?**

R30. Refer to R2.

**NOTE:**

Deleted items will be ~~struck through~~, added or modified items will be underlined. All other terms and conditions remain as stated in the IFB.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Receipt of this Addendum must be acknowledged as instructed in the solicitation document. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum may result in the response being deemed non-responsive.

**END OF ADDENDUM**

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