



Question and Answer #1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #C00055-SWTDS-20
RFP for Solid Waste Transportation & Disposal Services with
Alternate 1: Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling/Disposal Services

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Question 1

Under Section 2.4.2, 5. on page 7, the RFP specifies the Contractor must use trailers “between 45 and 48 feet in length, can be loaded by a SSI compactor and must be designed for the transportation of at least 25 tons of solid waste per trailer”. Would the County consider permitting the Contractor to use trailers in excess of 48 feet that are still compatible with the SSI compactor and allow for more efficient transportation of MSW? Allowing the use of longer trailers would allow for efficiencies, resulting in savings to the County and ultimately the rate payers.

Answer 1

Yes, the County will consider larger trailers as long as they are road legal for distribution of weight. The specification in the RFP was intended to be a minimum specification.

Question 2

Fuel is a large portion of the cost in a transportation agreement. Fuel is currently priced around \$2.50/gallon. Would the County be open to negotiating a fuel surcharge if fuel exceeds \$3.50/gallon? This would allow proposers to submit lower pricing, and not have to “build in” future fuel risks that may not occur, into their pricing, resulting in lower pricing to the County and ultimately the rate payers.

Answer 2

Once a Notice of Intent to Award is issued to the successful Proposer, a contract can be negotiated where the parties may consider a fuel surcharge. Columbia County will not be amending the RFP at this time so Proposers should not assume a fuel surcharge will be implemented.