

Subject: Question/Inquiry regarding CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA RFP-Waste & Recycling Services

With respect to the above RFP, I offer the following for clarification.

- Currently, the City of Baker owns all collection carts. In this RFP, it states the contractor shall supply the carts but there is no reference to ownership. Please clarify.
City's Response – The RFP indicates that, “New containers are NOT required...” because you are right. The City currently owns the containers. This practice will continue, but the Contractor will be responsible for providing the containers upon request of the customer or damage beyond repair noticed by the Contractor on their routes.
- Industry norm for cart size is 96 gallon for MSW and 64 gallon for RCY. The RFP states “95 or 100 gallon” carts. Please advise if 96 gallon for MSW and 64 gallon for RCY is acceptable.
City's Response – Yes, a 96-gallon cart for MSW is acceptable. The size currently used by the City for recycling is comparable to the 96-gallon cart, and we would prefer that vs. a smaller 64 gallon bin.
- III. COLLECTION OPERATIONS; A. Service Provided, states that “white goods, bulky waste, construction debris, and large wood products” will be collected “once per week”. On the City of Baker Price Sheet, it asks for rates for 1x week, Every Other Week, and 1x month. Please clarify.
City's Response – The Price Sheet allows the Contractor to offer services at a rate of less than once per week. These are options that the City will consider in order to make the service most economical to the customers.
- XII. BASIS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT; B. Modification to Rates. As written, this does not allow for any rate increase for the initial 3 year term of the contract. Please clarify that the City of Baker is looking for firm rate for 3 years. Or will rate adjustments be allowed for certain situations?
City's Response – The City is looking for a consistent rate for the initial 3-year period. Item 5 under B. Modification to Rates allows for significant changes in costs to be negotiated upon receipt of a comparative statement, the first of which would be provided in March of 2025.
- Please clarify the difference between the Garbage Contract and the Bulky Waste Contract. Is the Garbage Contract cart content only and everything else would be Bulky Waste?
City's Response – Please refer to the Glossary of Terms on page 6. The garbage contract, preferably twice a week, would include garbage whether in containers or bags and residential rubbish not identified separately. Everything else is considered bulky waste.
- I offer the following as suggested clarification for the Recycling portion of the RFP. What is currently in the RFP is subject to numerous interpretations.
 1. Is it in cart? 96 gallon or 64 gallon?
City's Response – Thank you for your suggestions. Items placed for recycling will be in a cart designated for recycling purposes. It typically is the same or a little smaller than the garbage container but preference is still within the 95- to 100- gallon range.
 2. Recommend definition of recycling processing services: Contractor shall process, or deliver to a recycling processor otherwise known as a Materials Recovery Facility, all program recyclable material collected through recycling collection services. The MRF shall utilize processing systems capable of complying with product specifications of secondary materials buyers. In addition, the contract shall utilize a MRF that is capable of processing a minimum

of 80% by weight of program recyclable materials into recovered materials on a monthly basis.

City's Response – The RFP requires the Contractor to dispose of garbage and recyclable items. The Contractor's disposal site and/or methods would be at their discretion provided that it meets all state laws and regulations related to same.

3. Defined recyclable materials:

A. Old Corrugated cardboard (OCC), Mixed Paper, Newspaper, #1 PET, #2HDPE – Color, #2 HDPE – Natural, #5 PP, Mixed Plastics #3, 4, 6, 7, Rigid Plastics, Aluminum Cans, steel cans, household scrap metal that fits in the cart.

City's Response – The glossary of terms includes these items in a general sense. It will be up to the Contractor and the City to work together to educate the public on how to effectively recycle items through the cart.

- RFP does not allow for additional carts at residences. Will additional carts not be allowed? Or if they are, how will the contractor be compensated?

City's Response – Additional carts at a service unit will be at the discretion of the City. Please include in your Price Sheet any additional fees for a service unit that has more than one garbage container or more than one recyclable container.

Thanks, please advise, or contact if questions or comments.