



**ADDENDUM NO. 3**

DATE: April 13, 2012  
TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS  
SUBJECT: Bid No. 9623-1/22  
Refuse Carts, Curbside Recycling Carts, and Recycling Bins Pre-Qualification

This addendum becomes a part of the subject Invitation to Bid (ITB).

A. The following are changes to the ITB.

1. All references in the ITB to the Department of Solid Waste Management are hereby changed to the Public Works and Waste Management Department.
2. Section 3.5 is deleted and replaced with the following.

**Cart Wheels**

Each cart shall be furnished with two (2) plastic molded snap on wheels, and each wheel shall have an inner lock pin made out of a corrosion resistant material. Wheels shall be molded from first quality 100% virgin high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin that may include recycled HDPE material. The wheels shall consist of approximately 1¾ inches cross-section, solid rubber tires pressed onto hubs. Wheels must be secured to the axle by a means that resists hard set downs, pushing, pulling, and testing. Wheel bearings, if provided, shall be maintenance-free and self-lubricating. Cart wheels for the 65 and 96 gallon carts shall have a diameter of 10 or 12 inches, while wheels for the 35 gallon carts shall be 8 or 10 inches.

B. The following are the inquiries received and the corresponding responses:

1. Are the roll carts and bins priced by Bidders at time of submission of the Pre-Qualification package?

Answer: No.

2. Item 2.7 requires pricing to be held firm until delivery. Please confirm that pricing will be obtained periodically through Request for Quotation processes, after Bidders have been Pre-Qualified by the current ITB.

Answer: Confirmed. The ITB will pre-qualify Bidders for future spot market quote pricing competitions.

3. Item 2.6a requires office space. Does this requirement apply only to those bidders that may apply for local preference in their ITB response?

Answer: No, it applies to all Bidders.

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4. Item 3.1 of the ITB requests the Bidder to provide carts, parts and bins. Can the County change this specification to allow carts and cart parts (axles, wheels, fasteners, etc.), to be pre-qualified separately from bins?

Answer: No.

5. Item 2.16 requires unloading and loading of product. Can this requirement be removed or allowed to be submitted as an option for larger orders (minimum quantity to be determined by each bidder)?

Answer: In the ITB, Section 2.16 is hereby amended to have Miami-Dade County unload carts.

6. Item 2.19 requires that a cart is defined as a complete unit. This same item, under "Replacement" requires that cart failures (failure of a part or of the body) shall be replaced with a cart. Can this requirement be removed from the specifications?

Answer: No.

7. Item 2.19 allows 30 days to replace parts. While this timeframe is adequate for standard, stock items, it may be inadequate for custom marked items (lids, bodies). Can 30-45 days delivery be allowed?

Answer: Yes. The ITB, Section 2.19, Replacement is hereby amended to allow for 30-45 day delivery.

8. Section 2 requires cart maintenance, with a facility to accomplish such repairs/replacements. Can the County establish a separate bid for this type of maintenance service contract?

Answer: The County intends to perform the maintenance service. The awarded Bidder remains responsible for the costs as specified in Section 2.19.

9. Page 7 indicates that the County will have final determination of warranty disagreements. Will the County allow 3rd party arbitration in cases of warranty coverage disagreements that cannot be resolved by direct negotiation between the County and vendor.

Answer: No.

10. Item 3.2, Item 1 requires that carts be manufactured using high density polyethylene. Would the County allow carts to also be manufactured using Rotational Molding with medium density polyethylene resin?

Answer: No. Past experience has shown that Rotational Molding carts do not stay upright in wind and the lids tend to crack at a higher rate than other carts in the market.

11. Item 3.4 requires Ultraviolet inhibitors to be added to resin at a minimum 2% by weight. Are Ultraviolet inhibitors added at sufficient amounts to ensure durability of color for the life of the cart acceptable?

Answer: Yes, but the warranty on the color of the cart shall be for the life of the cart.

12. Item 3.5 requires an inner lock pin within wheels made out of corrosion resistant metal, for snap-on wheel attachment. Can the County delete the requirement for a corrosion resistant

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metal inner lock pin, and require that wheels be securely attached with corrosion resistant methods?

Answer: Yes, see Item A (2) above. The inner lock pin does not need to be metal, but it must be non-corrosive.

**All other information remains the same.**

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