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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following are questions and responses regarding RFP 4127.6 Recycling Services

Question 1	What is the current dumpster type, sizes and quantities for each school?
Answer	<i>See the attached list of current dumpster sizes at each location. However, each contractor must determine appropriate dumpster sizes and service frequency needed based on their business knowledge and experience.</i>
Question 2	List of schools and county facilities and their addresses that are covered under the contract?
Answer	<i>See the attached list.</i>
Question 3	Who is the current recycling contractor? And is their scope of work the same?
Answer	<i>The scope of work is listed in the RFP. Current Contractor is WB Waste</i>
Question 4	Currently, how many schools receive single-stream recycling?
Answer	<i>All MCPS schools, facilities, and offices receive single-stream recycling under the current contract. The current contract began being a dual-stream recycling service; therefore, all locations have one dumpster for paper/cardboard and one dumpster for commingled recycling. For the past year, the recyclables have been serviced as single-stream even though there are two separate dumpsters. Dual-stream is done only inside schools, not at dumpster level.</i>
Question 5	Currently, how many schools receive dual-stream recycling?
Answer	<i>See question 4</i>
Question 6	Are shredded papers inside plastic bags accepted at the county transfer station?
Answer	<i>As a contractor, you need to be knowledgeable and determine what is acceptable and/or not acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Station. Paper shredding service at the MCPS Central offices is not included in this contract</i>
Question 7	How are the current cardboard bales serviced?
Answer	<i>Cardboard is baled at one location—8401 Turkey Thicket Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Baled cardboard recycling is included as part of this RFP. A subcontractor of the current contractor picks up the baled cardboard twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays.</i>

Question 8	RFP mentions Attachment A. Please provide Attachment A of this bid package
Answer	<i>Revised Attachment A is attached.</i>
Question 9	Who is the current trash contractor for the schools?
Answer	<i>Trash is handled In-house by MCPS Staff</i>
Question 10	The RFP states that the contractor should flag the dumpster for separate trash collection if contamination is noted. It won't be cost-effective for the contractor to return to one school to pick up one trash dumpster. Can the contractor flag and have the trash contractor service this contaminated dumpster as part of the school's trash collection?
Answer	<i>No, the trash is In-housed by MCPS staff using rear-load trash trucks and will not be able to service a contaminated front-load dumpster. Contractors must manage contaminated recycling dumpsters.</i>
Question 11	Section 19.5, b is unrealistic for the contractor to bear these unforeseen expenses. The contractor has no control over when the County changes its policy. It is financially risky for a contractor to bear disposal costs if the county changes its policies mid-contract. Can the school consider making this requirement a cost-reimbursable line item to the contractor if the county changes its policy on disposal fees? It is only fair to any contractor
Answer	<i>No cost adjustments are permitted during the first two years of the contract.</i>
Question 12	Section 19.7: Please confirm that the school wants to have the contractor install a scale system in their trucks so that the weight of each dumpster at each school can be weighed at the time of pickup, not the total weight at the disposal facility. This is an added cost to a contractor.
Answer	<i>The contractor must install an onboard weighing scale on all trucks that will service this contract and provide the weights collected from each location every month.</i>
Question 13	Can the school provide a 30-day transition timeline to place bins at 245 schools, and at each school, multiple bins need to be placed? Two weeks is unrealistic
Answer	<i>Due to the expiration of the current contract and the timeline of this RFP, it won't be possible to extend to 30 days. We may be able to allow the contractor to stage the dumpsters at a temporary location at each school and then move them to the permanent location. However, this may not be possible at all schools due to space limitations. MCPS may also be able to provide three staging areas (one per region) to assist with the implementation.</i>
Question 14	Can the school extend the due date of this proposal submission due to a technical submission? An extension of one week would be durable.
Answer	<i>We are unable to extend the due date of this solicitation.</i>