

**Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island**

**Request For Proposal**

**Proposal Number P23-003**

**Services-Collection and Transportation of Residential Refuse, Recyclables, Yard Waste, and Bulky Waste**

**Addendum #2**

**August 31, 2022**

**Please attach addenda to your bid.**

- 1. Question:** The designated end site for the Town's yard waste in the RFP is RIRRC; the Town pays for the disposal of yard waste to this site. Would the Town consider utilizing Rhode Island Nurseries in Middletown for the Town's yard waste and for paying for the disposal at this end site? Middletown currently utilizes this site for their yard waste. Using this local site would significantly reduce windshield time and therefore the cost of service; use of this site vs RIRRC would also improve service reliability on those heavy yard waste collections weeks when the yard waste route vehicle packs out and needs to dump and return to the route.

**Response:** The Town does not pay for disposal at RIRRC for yard waste. If the contractor would like to dispose of yard waste at a different location, it would be the contractor's responsibility to pay for the tipping fees associated with yard waste.

- 2. Question:** Is it the Town's intent to close the transfer station and if so, when is the expected closure date?

**Response:** Yes, it is the Town's intent to close the transfer station on June 30, 2023, if the council approves the curbside collection bids.

- 3. Question:** Please provide current cost to residents for official PAYT bags?

**Response:** \$10.75 per sleeve. Large bags, 5 bags per sleeve. Small bags, 8 bags per sleeve.

- 4. Question:** Will PAYT bag cost increase or decrease if a Town wide collection program is adopted?

**Response:** The Town does not anticipate any increase for the PAYT bags.

- 5. Question:** Can you please provide # of bags sold and/or bag sale revenue in FY22?

**Response:** The bag sales are for calendar year that will end December 31, 2022. We estimate 83,500 large bags and 41,300 small bags with a revenue of \$215,630.07.

6. **Question:** The description of proposed refuse service indicates a limited number of 96G and 32G carts will be swapped out to residents for the 64G carts and vendors should provide all required sizes plus a surplus as part of their response. What will determine who and why a resident should receive an alternate size cart, other than the 64G cart? Will Town charge the resident if they opt for a larger size cart?
- Response:** The determination of cart size will be up to the resident signing up for the curbside collection service from the Town. The contractor will supply the cost for swap out in the proposal form 4.
7. **Question:** Description of works indicates all yard waste must be delivered to RIRRC. What is the Town's current cap at RIRRC and cost per ton? Would Town consider alternate disposal site for yard waste?
- Response:** The Town's cap at RIRRC is 437 tons with the ability to borrow 218.5 tons for a total of 655.5 tons at zero cost per ton. Yes, the Town would consider an alternate disposal site for yard waste, but with tipping fee cost the responsibility of the contractor.
8. **Question:** It was indicated in Addendum 1 that bids will be "presented" to the town council at their September 26th meeting. Will a formal award be made at this time?
- Response:** It is undetermined at this time when the formal award will be made.
9. **Question:** Section C.7. (Page 12) This details that the Town will provide a staging area for cart assembly and that excess carts will be stored on Town property. To obtain an accurate freight cost quote, could you confirm the address where the staging and storage area will be.
- Response:** The Contractor can use our "143 Hedly Street Portsmouth RI 02871" address for the shipping location for the carts.
10. **Question:** Section C.2. of the RFP (page 10) details that there are 22 private road miles in the Town. Please confirm that a standard full size 3 axle refuse, or recycling truck (approx. full weight of 26 tons) can traverse and collect on all the private roads. Please also confirm that the Contractor will be held harmless from claims and the Town will indemnify the Contractor for any claims related to damages stemming from collections services on the Town's private ways.
- Response:** The Town will not require the Contractor to collect from a resident on a private road if the truck cannot traverse the road and/or the Contractor cannot obtain a waiver of liability for use of the private road.