

**GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GARBAGE  
BID 2014-15**

**PRE-BID QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Ralph - Waste Pro

1. Could Cities add onto this bid to use CPI in future years with a time certain for pricing?

**We are looking to get recommendations from each vendor on what is the best way to go. You can bid a price certain for a period of time or you can do CPI. It is up to the vendor to explain their suggestions in the bid.**

2. Are there any recycling fees?

**If you place in the landfill, yes, but if you collect, dispose of recyclables, no.**

3. Would the County consider a reduction in the performance bond to \$1,000,000 or \$500,000.00?

**The County will consider to allow 100% of the annual county performance of services. Please specify if you request this option.**

Lynn Yort

4. Total Household Count

**3183 residential units inside the City of Port St. Joe**

**1693 residential units inside the City of Wewahitchka**

**4243 residential units remaining in the Unincorporated area of Gulf County**

**Figures were calculated as of 10-9-2012, so this doesn't include any new residences completed after this date.**

5. County probably won't go mandatory, but will the County use the information on the spreadsheet as a tool for putting garbage on the tax bill?

**Will not go mandatory for this year, but the County may look at this option in the future or do a voluntary mandatory.**

6. What are the County expectations for Amnesty Day and what is collected?

**You have facilities that handle this for you. We normally collect paint, electronics, mercury switches, cleaners, solvents, etc.**

Ralph

7. Most accounts, we collect, then the customer disposes of them.

**We request that the vendor collects and disposes**

8. What about pricing?

**We ask that you pick and choose by County and/or City.**

9. Pricing increases in years 5-11, how do you want it?

**You tell us what you want to do. You may want to do a flat rate, in the first 5 years, which is what we would like. The economic reality is tenuous. It's possible to see a CPI at 6-7%. In that case, it may not**

**be profitable for you. We would look at, if the CPI increases beyond a certain amount, that could be built in to the contract to end contract or an amount not to exceed.**

10. Would Cities consider a subscription service even though they are currently a single payor now?  
**The intent of the sheet was to allow for the Cities to be given a price as a single payor and keep the County as a subscription service. No intent of either City to be given a price otherwise.**

Ralph:

11. Can we get a good house count?

**Yes, to be provided as soon as possible.**

Ralph:

12. Need to add a 64 gallon tote price to the price sheet.

**For Seniors? I wasn't sure what you wanted here, so please feel free to add in alternative proposal or specify in your proposal.**

13. City of Port St. Joe has a low income rate as well as a senior rate. Will a consideration of this be done?

**It is something that we need to look at. We aren't sure what the City criteria is, but if this can be provided to the County Attorney, we can consider it, but we will probably leave it at a Senior rate only for the County.**

Lynn Yort:

14. Please explain the price sheet for columns 2, 3, 6 & 7.

**Column two: subscription price for County and single payor for the City of Port St. Joe, in a combined contract price. Same price for both.**

**Column three: subscription price for County and single payor for the City of Wewahitchka, in a combined contract price. Same price for both.**

**Column four: Subscription for the County and single payor for both Cities, in a combined contract price. Same price for all three. (This will assume that the City of Wewahitchka will wait until the current end of their contract with current vendor.) Column six: Price for the City of Port St. Joe without contract with County.**

**Column seven: Price for the City of Wewahitchka without contract with County.**

**This would require an Interlocal Agreement between the Cities and the County with the County executing the contract with the Vendor.**

Joe Kennedy:

15. How would you handle code enforcement? Will it be handled in the interlocal?

**Each City and the County all have their own ordinances and regulations. Each would require that their codes be enforced.**

16. Has the County/City discussed the City owned transfer station and the possibility of using the City of Port St. Joe station?

**Per the vendor with the City of Port St. Joe, the specifications do specify "vendor owned" station. On one hand - Class I, we don't care how it is disposed. Class III - we would like to see us get out of the landfill business. we want the cheapest price. Transfer is mostly for Class III, but could be used for both I & III. We would like to re-coup, if we provide a piece of land, but not as a revenue stream. We want to close the landfill.**

17. Why are you wanting to close the landfill?

**We are coming to the end of life at our landfill. However, there are still 30 years or more of monitoring to do once closed. There isn't enough space/capacity at the City transfer station to operate countywide. We do have 20 acres that can be portioned out to allow a lease of the property to place a transfer station across from the current 5 points landfill.**

18. Would the County consider building a transfer station and giving a possible lease situation, since it may be easier for the County to get permitted?

**We don't know what type to build. We want someone that knows what they need to build it. Another location (other than 5 Points) could be better for the Vendor. The County committee didn't want to "box" in the vendors. We welcome any suggestions or ideas.**

19. How much debris?

**The landfill produces 8 tons annually.  
The City transfer station struggles to get two trucks out of the transfer station per day.  
The County also has monitoring wells at 5 points.**

Kaleb Morain

20. Do either take other debris?

**Yes.  
The 20 acre site collects yard debris there.**

Lynn Yort:

21. Are the scales in good shape?

**Yes, they have just passed inspection and are above ground.**

Ralph:

22. Are we to put 10% in for what is not collected, or how do the Cities get paid for un-collectables: Collected or billed price?  
**Specify how your rates are done.**

Kaleb:

23. What do you consider the difference between yard debris and bulk waste?

**You will specify what you will do, amount, size, description, etc.  
The County would like to get the customers to contract with the Vendor for these services, unless otherwise in the contract.**

Ralph:

24. Do you have them call in to pick up currently?  
**We make rounds.**

**When proposals come in, if the City signs on, there will be one definition/uniform for yard debris.**

Joe:

25. What do you want in reference to the bear resistant/proof portion of the specification sheet?  
**For the specification sheet, please put price for rental/pick up costs in upper column and if you have a purchase opportunity, please place in alternative options at the bottom.**

26. Proposals are due the 11th. Asking to extend the transfer station portion of the bid for a couple of months to give opportunity to propose this portion?

**Idea was to get/realize a better price if all prices were bid. Unless we think it's a better idea to use one company that could get us a better price.**

Lynn Yort:

27. Because the transfer station is City owned and existing, is there room there to modify it? Has the **County discussed this with the City?**

**The fenced land is all there is to this transfer station. Even though Gulf County has an interest in this property, it is up to the City to determine changes. The County doesn't care how it gets done, just get the best price.**

Kaleb:

28. If the 20 acre site were used, how would it be separated out?

**The County would retain the property. As the process goes forward, best and highest use would be evaluated in the selection.**

**If the County retains the property, we could, due to long term agreement, see lower rates. If the vendor owns it, in 5-7 years, the contract could go to another vendor. All of these factors need to be reflected in proposals and prices.**

Joe:

29. There are transfer stations out there that can be moved within 30 days.

**The County must maintain a Capital Improvement rules. The plan we have in place must meet requirements.**

**The City of Mexico Beach is our only outside facility allowed to dump at our current landfill. If the transfer station is initiated, we won't be concerned about this anymore.**