

## **RFP #2015-07 Chippewa County Recycling Collection and Transfer Services**

### **Questions:**

1. Is the length of the contract negotiable to extend longer than three years?

**A determination has not been made regarding whether or not the length of the contract is negotiable. This decision will be made by the individual municipalities during the contracting period with their preferred contractor. It is the intent of the consortium, however, to align contracts to the greatest extent possible, so that future bidding can be done in a coordinated manner that is efficient and economically sensible for all parties.**

2. Is the public going to be notified of a change (potentially) to their waste service providers? When will they be notified?

**The issue of public notifications has not been fully addressed yet. It is the intent of the consortium that the selected vendor will be involved in the notification and education of the public regarding changes to the collection system. Households will be sent a letter notifying them of all relevant changes once a preferred contractor is selected. The letter will explain the transition, including purpose of the transition, how carts will be handled, days of service, hauler, and billing arrangements.**

3. Information is requested for recycling to be delivered to a MRF or Transfer Station that has yet to be selected. Could the RFP be amended and due date extended, until such a time that the County has designated which transfer facility is chosen? It is virtually impossible to price the recycling collection without knowing where it will be delivered.

**The RFP is not being amended and a due date is not being extended. The County, on behalf of the consortium, is in the process of evaluating all collection, transfer, and processing options.**

**Respondents should factor the transfer of recyclables to their preferred MRF into their cost collection table responses (Table 6 and Table 8). Respondents should also answer Section 9.3 to the best of their ability. Section 9.3, question #2 states "Describe your firm's approach, including rate structure, for providing transfer services." Respondents are encouraged to provide a transfer cost (cost per mile) in response to this question.**

**In Section 9.3 respondents should clearly identify which MRF they intend to transfer recyclables to and which transfer station they intend to use to do so, especially if the respondent has a contractual agreement with a MRF. The respondent should provide as much information as possible regarding the length and terms of any contractual agreements with MRFs.**

4. Please provide a signed copy of the Consortium Agreement between the municipalities and Chippewa County.

**There is no signed copy of the Consortium Agreement between the municipalities and Chippewa County. Each municipality signed a resolution "Participation in a Facilitated Competitive Bid Process for Recycling and Waste Collection Services" (See attached).**

5. What is the amount of the Performance Bond that will be "may" be required?

**Any Performance Bond requirement(s) will be at the sole discretion of the individual municipality. Final requirements will be determined during the contracting phase after a preferred contractor has been selected.**

6. Where is the designated transfer site going to be?

**There has not been a determination made yet regarding which transfer station(s) will be used for recyclables transfer. The transfer station(s) sites(s) will be determined based on the results of this RFP. Respondents should provide as much information as possible regarding any contractual agreements or preferences with transfer stations in the region.**

7. Will the County be paying for all costs associated with transferring recycling from the designated transfer station and the cost of processing the recyclables?

**The contractor (winning bidder) will be responsible for paying all costs associated with collection of recycling and hauling from the household to the transfer station, and for the transfer of recyclables from the transfer station to the MRF. These costs should be factored into the collection cost tables #6 and #8 in the RFP.**

**The cost of processing the recyclables is not relevant to this RFP. The County, on behalf of the consortium, will enter into a contract with the MRF for processing and marketing of recyclables.**

**The respondent should provide as much information as possible regarding the length and terms of any contractual agreements with MRFs.**

8. Are the municipalities of Chippewa Falls and Lafayette really serious about going to a single hauler for trash collection and if so, why don't they put out their own RFP?

**Each of the municipalities listed in the RFP agreed to participate, in good faith, in this RFP and to make a good faith effort to contract for services based on the resolution "Participation in a Facilitated Competitive Bid Process for Recycling and Waste Collection Services".**

9. Please provide a copy of current contracts that are in place for the City of Chippewa Falls, Stanley and Cadott.

**Copies of individual contracts will be provided in response to individual requests.**

10. Consider moving the award date up in order to have adequate time to prepare for a January 1, 2016 start date.

**We realize that the schedule is tight and will work diligently with each of the consortium communities that are participating in the RFP to accelerate the timeline to the greatest extent possible.**