

Please see the following questions concerning the RFP.

Section 501.03. Residential Services

The successful proposer will provide once per week solid waste services. The City is considering whether to maintain the current solid waste service level. Prior to award of the contract, the City will decide whether solid waste services will be (1) once per week solid waste or (2) twice per week solid waste. Solid waste and recycling services will be provided utilizing dumpsters. Residential customers may request 96-gallon carts for both solid waste for an additional fee, which will be determined in the final contract. The successful proposer shall collect all solid waste contained in solid waste containers. In addition, the successful proposer shall collect all Christmas trees outside of dumpsters and/or carts for the two weeks following December 25th.

The successful proposer will provide bulky waste services to each residential unit. The City is seeking monthly bulky pick up services. Bulky waste services will be limited to five (5) bulky items per household per bulky pick up.

Please clarify the motivation driving the consideration of (2) twice per week service for solid waste?

City Response: To reduce the number of overfilled dumpsters and encourage residents to properly dispose of solid waste in designated dumpsters. Residential in residential, not commercial and vice versa.

Section 501.06. City Services

The successful proposer will provide City services at no charge to the City. City services includes the following:

- 1. City Facilities Solid Waste Services and Recycling Services.** The successful proposer will provide solid waste services and recycling services to all current and future City facilities. This includes hauling and disposing of sludge from the City's wastewater treatment plant.
- 2. Collection and Disposal Illicit and Illegal Dumping on City Property.** The City will occasionally have appliances or other bulky debris illegally dumped on city property such as parks, medians, parking lots or rights of way. The successful proposer will collect and dispose of such materials at no charge. The City will be responsible for notifying the successful proposer and the successful proposer will have up to one week, seven (7) days to complete the task.
- 3. Animal Services Special Services.** The City will occasionally have dead animals located within City streets, medians, parking areas or rights of way. The successful proposer will provide collection and disposal of dead animals to the Animal Control Services located at 2900 Old Marathon Road, Alpine, Texas 79830. The successful proposer will collect and dispose of such materials at no charge. The City will be responsible for notifying the successful proposer and the successful proposer will have one (1) business day to complete the task.

In the above number 2, please clarify and define "city property". Does "city property" include alley ways?

City Response: City property includes all property listed by the Brewster County Appraisal District as owned by the City of Alpine; including alley ways.

For further clarification, is the expectation that the successful proposer be equipped to collect any/all dead animals in the specified areas or is it that the successful proposer will accept any/all dead

animals? Is the expectation that the successful proposer do both? Please expound for the sake of clarification.

City Response: Successful proposer is requested to accept any/all dead animals from City employees during normal working hours and assist with pick up at the City of Alpine Animal Shelter at 2900 Old Marathon Road, when City properly notifies successful proposer.

Section 501.08. Set-out Limits

The successful proposer shall collect all solid waste and recyclable materials set-out, bulky pick-up. For residential units, the successful proposer shall collect all Christmas trees from residential service units for the two- week period following December 25th of each year. If the City elects once per month bulky waste services for residential units, the successful proposer shall collect all bulky waste from each residential unit. The successful proposer is not responsible for collecting in excess of the set-out limits. It shall be the successful proposer's responsibility to give notice first to the customer and also to Contract Administrator if a set-out exceeds the set-out limits.

Is it the City's expectation that decorations, ornaments, etc. will be removed from Christmas trees for recycling purposes and to divert these items from the landfill?

City Response: Expectation is that Christmas Trees will be free from decorations, ornaments, etc to be diverted from the landfill.

Section 501.14. Bulky Waste

Bulky waste must, at a minimum, include yard waste and any item that will not properly fit inside of a dumpster, and or requires special attention. The successful proposer may opt to use a mulching or composting facility for the yard waste; however, the City will not place additional or special requirements on residents to separate or prepare yard waste for this purpose.

How will yard waste need to be managed by residents prior to collection? Will yard waste be bagged? Will brush and metal be separated prior to collection?

City Response: Expectation will be for yard waste, brush, and metal to be separated prior to collections for the purpose of bulky pickup. Items should be properly bagged or tied together.

Section 501.15. Disaster Debris

The City and the successful vendor will negotiate the services including compensation related to debris resulting from an event or occurrence, such as but not limited to wildfires, storms, floods, fires, tornados, earthquakes, etc., determined by the City to have caused widespread destruction and distress and increased residential services tonnage by 20% or more from the average per household of historical residential services tonnage for the same quarter for the prior three years. Collection of all other disaster debris shall be provided by the successful proposer at no additional charge. The City may further require the successful proposer to submit a disaster management plan that may be incorporated into the service contract.

Given the wide range of what defines a natural disaster, please elaborate on when the City intends the successful proposer provide a no charge service. Please share a circumstance when this would be necessary.

City Response: Natural Disaster Example - Major Ice/Snow Storm - assistance with the collection and disposal of dead trees, broken tree limbs, and debris from damaged buildings and homes as a direct result of the disaster.

Natural Disaster Example - Flooding - assistance with the collection and disposal of debris from flooded homes, buildings, trees, and/or plants as a direct result of the disaster.

Other natural disasters may include earthquakes, wildfires, tornados, and/or hazardous material spills.

Section 703. Modification to Rates

No modification to the rates will be allowed during the initial term of the contract. City billing fees will be determined by the City and added to the base for residential, commercial, and recycling rates. The City reserves the right to increase rates or charges to Customers without any increase in compensation to the Contractor. All fees shall remain fixed from the execution of the contract through February 2025, three year contract or February 2027, five year contract.

Please explain the ambiguity between the following from above, All fees shall remain fixed from the execution of the contract through February 2025, three year contract or February 2027, five year contract versus the price sheet that indicated The City expects prices changes. Please clarify what the City wants.

It sentence above indicate that the initial cost of service will remain the same throughout the entire term of the contract. If this is not the case, please explain the City's intentions.

City Response: The proposer has the option of setting one rate for all three (3) or five (5) years of the contract or different rates for each year of the contract. However, during the term of the contract the rates can not be changed.

Final Questions

When will we expect to receive answers to our questions?

City Response: November 23, 2021

Will the City of Alpine share the questions and answers to those questions made by other competitors for this bid?

City Response: All questions and answers will be posted to the City website.