

To Contractors for Invitation for Bids for Brushing Grinding Services at Washington County Closed Landfill:

The following questions were received from a vendor. In order to keep everyone informed, here are the questions and answers:

1. My question is on page 7. Can you tell me what, "file an acceptable performance security" means? The sentence referred to on page 7 is as follows: "Failure of Bidder to execute a contract, provide certificate(s) of insurance, and, if required, file an acceptable performance security within 15 calendar days of the date of the approval for awarding of the contract as herein provided will be just and sufficient cause for the denial of the award." A performance security is referring to a performance bond. The sentence states *if required*, file an acceptable performance security. In this procurement, a performance security (performance bond) is not a requirement.
2. What does "Direct Purchase" in the contract mean? This term is on Attachment 3 General Terms and Conditions on page 1, item #4. Direct purchase applies to procurements involving construction projects for which there are tangible personal property such as supplies, building materials, etc. that have to be purchased as part of the construction project. This term allows the County to enter into a direct purchase agreement to purchase the construction supplies/materials directly to save sales tax since the County is tax exempt. Otherwise, the contractor would purchase the supplies/materials and be subject to sales tax. The direct purchase option would not be applicable for the procurement of brush grinding since the contractor will be providing a service.