

To Contractors for Invitation for Bids for Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services:

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

1. Will alternative bids and terms be considered? Modification of or additions to any portion of the bid form may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, the County reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a bid as nonresponsive. Based on the current solicitation, alternative bids and terms would not be considered.
2. What fuel price should the hauler use for bidding purposes? Also, what fuel surcharge methodology would be used? In Attachment 4, Bid Form, in Option 1, 2, and 3, the County is requesting a Bid Price Per Ton for each option. The Bid Form is not requesting a separate cost for fuel surcharge or an explanation of the fuel price used in the calculation. In the procurement process, it is not the practice of the County to advise the bidder on how to calculate the Bid Price Per Ton with regards to fuel price and fuel surcharge. It is left to the discretion of each bidder to determine how to best calculate the Bid Price Per Ton.
3. Please confirm that the first 4 years of CPI's are forfeited and each year after are capped at a maximum of 2% annually. The Invitation for Bids, Attachment 2, Item 5, Fee Structure, states the fee structure for the solicitation. Per Attachment 2, Company agrees to provide disposal or transportation service for price per ton as indicated on bid form during years one, two, and three of the Contract. This figure shall constitute the initial service fee for purposes of calculating any inflationary adjustment as provided herein. Commencing with the fourth July 1 following the date of this agreement and on each July 1 thereafter, the initial service fee shall be adjusted and revised according to the Consumer Price Index South formula as set forth in Exhibit A. The fourth July 1 following the date of this agreement would be July 1, 2027. Based on the fee structure it would be as follows:

7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025	Bid Price per Ton
7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026	Bid Price per Ton-no CPI adjustment
7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027	Bid Price per Ton-no CPI adjustment
7/1/2027 to 6/30/2028	Fourth July 1 following date of this agreement and on each July 1 thereafter, the initial service fee shall be adjusted and revised according to the Consumer Price Index South Formula as set forth in Exhibit A.

The parties agree that in no case shall the adjustment allowed for inflationary increases, as described above, exceed two percent (2%) of the previous year's service fee without prior written approval of such an increase by County.