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RFP Document # 2025-447, Hazardous Waste Management and Transportation Services

Response to Submitted Questions

1. Can the County please confirm if supplies are to be included in disposal or will they be charged separately according to the Supplies table on page 15 of the RFP?
 - a. *Our preference is that they're included in disposal but if the vendor prefers to separate them or there are situations where we would be charged separately then the costs should be included.*
2. Is the County requesting a per lb. rate as well a per container for each line item?
 - a. *Vendor should specify if the cost is being listed as per pound or per container but not both. Vendors may want to provide pricing on some materials per drum and others per pound.*
3. For the cylinders, can the vendors price be per cylinder rather than per pound?
 - a. *Yes. Cylinders can be priced per cylinder or per container, but vendors need to be specific. For example, 1 lb. propane tanks are packed in a 55-gallon drum so they should specify if the cost is per cylinder or per drum.*
4. Are vendors required to provide a price for each size container that is not blacked out? For example, Used Oil- are we to provide both a 30-and 55-gallon drum rate?
 - a. *We would like to have as much pricing information as possible to avoid delays and confusion in invoicing. An alternative option is to provide pricing for a 55-gallon drum with percentage pricing based on alternate drum sizes included. For example, a 30-gallon drum will be 50% of the cost of a 55-gallon drum.*
5. The Proposal Contents section states vendors are to complete contact information form provided on the County's Bids/RFPs website. Is there an actual form that needs to be provided in the proposal or is this just a requirement that we need to complete this online?
 - a. *This is just a requirement to complete the on-line form for getting access to the RFP and associated documents. If you received the RFP from our website the form was completed.*
6. Can Deschutes County provide recent volumes shipped or expected/anticipated volumes?
 - a. *Page 13 and 14 of the RFP has a schedule with estimated annual quantities based on previous years data. Please note that these are estimates only and packing procedures and service hours have changed in the last several months.*
7. Please confirm that bidders will supply rates for transportation of wastes, labor drivers and charge for service vehicle/van separately.
 - a. *Vendors can supply rates however they would like to charge with regards to mobilization, driver labor, etc. For example, these costs can be rolled into disposal for routine pickups but charged separately for non-routine events.*



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8. The scope of work indicates that the County will purchase supplies (drums) from the vendor, but the price sheet for disposal indicates “including the cost of drum if applicable”. Please provide clarification if the waste disposal pricing should or should not include the cost of the drum.
 - a. *We would prefer that supplies are included in the cost of disposal but any supplies that may not be, for example, extra drums that are requested outside of normal use should be itemized in the bid.*
9. Background, page-6: RFP references that the County transfers hazardous waste it receives at the temporary collection facilities to the permanent facility at Knott Landfill.
 - a. Please confirm it is **not** the contractor's responsibility to transport any collected materials from the temporary collection facilities to the permanent facility at Knott Landfill.
 - i. *Yes, that is correct.*
 - b. And- all wastes collected at a temporary facility will be transferred to the Knott Facility, and not a direct ship to a waste disposal facility at the completion of the temporary collection event.
 - i. *This is the plan moving forward but there may be some situations where we prefer to ship directly from the events if needed.*
 - c. Confirm- contractor responsible for shipping of waste from the Knott Landfill site only to a waste disposal facility.
 - i. *Correct, except as outlined above.*
10. Labor Services, page -7: The Contractor shall provide temporary, trained staff to work under the direction of the County staff to assist in the operation of the County's hazardous waste collection program on an as needed basis when staffing shortages or other logistical needs arise.
 - a. What is the anticipated need for temporary labor services (staffing levels and frequency) provided by the contractor for the temporary collection site events?
 - i. *As of now this is not anticipated but could be if we are short staffed. If needed, we anticipate no more than 1 person needed for 3-6 events per year.*
 - b. What is the anticipated need for temporary labor services (staffing levels and frequency) provided by the contractor to support work at the permanent Knott Landfill facility?
 - i. *There is no need anticipated at this time.*
11. Hazardous Waste Transportation and Management Schedule, page 7: The Unit of Measure is listed as both 'per LBS' and 'price x-gal' container size.



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- a. The County is asking the contractor to provide the most appropriate/applicable unit of measure per specified waste disposal item, not both units of measure for each item – correct?
 - i. *Correct*