

Responses to Questions from Potential Respondents  
City of Afton Request for Proposals for  
Solid Waste and Recycling Services

1. Question: Please provide a copy of the contract between The City of Afton and the current hauler for trash and recycling as well as the rates currently being charged to the residents.  
Response: A copy of the current contract is attached, which includes rates for the various services.
2. Question: Would the City consider a later proposal due date?  
Response: No, a later due date for proposals will not be considered.
3. Question: What time on Monday, October 3rd will the City provide responses to questions?  
Response: The Responses to Questions will be posted by noon on Monday, October 3.
4. Question: After the Responses to Questions are posted, will counter-questions be received and answered?  
Response: Questions received after 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 2016 will not be answered.
5. Question: Is there a current list of commercial contracts?  
Response: As stated in Section III of the RFP:  
“It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to identify residents and businesses that need services and the service sizes required. Current customer lists are not available.”
6. Question: Are the commercial contracts opt-in or optional?  
Response: All commercial properties having solid waste or recycling services will be serviced under the Contract.
7. Question: What is the criteria for commercial contracts to be part of the City of Afton’s RFP?  
Response: All commercial properties having solid waste or recycling services will be serviced under the Contract.
8. Question: What type of business are located in Afton, i.e. restaurants, office buildings, etc.  
Response: As stated in Section III of the RFP:  
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9. Question: When is the last time this contract has been out for bid?  
Response: Prior to 2009.

10. Question: Can you please give me the details on how the City currently handles clean-ups (where, when, what types and how much materials are picked up)?  
Response: Past clean-ups have occurred one day in the spring or fall. The Contractor has placed a twenty (20) yard roll-off in the parking lot of Steamboat Park. Volunteers have cleaned up the park using plastic trash bags, and placed the bags or any other items (non-hazardous) in the roll-off. The Contractor removed the roll-off and disposed of the material in the roll-off.
11. Question: What was the process, volume and dates for the past clean-up days?  
Response: Past clean-ups have occurred one day in the spring or fall. The Contractor has placed a twenty (20) yard roll-off in the parking lot of Steamboat Park. Volunteers have cleaned up the park using plastic trash bags, and placed the bags or any other items (non-hazardous) in the roll-off. The Contractor removed the roll-off and disposed of the material in the roll-off.
12. Question: What is the current pricing?  
Response: A copy of the current contract is attached, which includes rates for the various services.
13. Question: What is the frequency for bulky items?  
Response: Article 9 of the Draft Solid Waste Services Agreement States:  
“9.1 Collection. Contractor shall provide Collection, processing and marketing or disposal services related to Problem Materials including Electronic Waste from Premises at their request. Collection shall be made within one (1) calendar week of the request.”
14. Question: Would the Washington County reporting requirements be sufficient for the City of Afton Reporting?  
Response: Article 12.2 of the Draft Solid Waste Services Agreement details the Reporting Requirements for Customer Service issues. Article 13.3 of the Draft Contract details required City Report contents and frequency and compliance with County and State reporting requirements.
15. Question: Can you provide us with a commercial and residential address list?  
Response: As stated in Section III of the RFP:  
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16. Question: Do you feel it would be helpful to have all trash collected on one day?  
Response: As stated in Article III of the RFP:  
“Collection in the City currently occurs two days per week. The portion of the City north of 30th Street is collected on Tuesdays. The portion of the City south of 30th Street is collected on Thursdays. It is the City’s preference that collection days will not change in the Contract, however the City will consider such a change. In no event shall there be more than two collection days for residential service; additional days to accommodate commercial/business service collections shall be allowed. If the Respondent proposes changing the days of collection the appropriate sections of Form B shall be completed.”
17. Question: Mow(sic) many households currently participate in the walk up service?  
Response: As stated in Section III of the RFP:  
“It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to identify residents and businesses that need services and the service sizes required. Current customer lists are not available.”
18. Question: Batteries should be included (Refer Sections 1.11 and 1.19 – Page 2 & 3)  
Response: Section 1.19 of the Draft Solid Waste Services Agreement states that:  
“1.1.19 Recyclables: Shall have the meaning set forth in Minnesota Statutes and means materials that are source separated from MSW for the purpose of recycling. At a minimum, the list of recyclables shall be at least inclusive of the Washington County Standard List of Residential Curbside Recyclables.” (Emphasis added) If the Respondent wishes to include batteries in the list of Recyclables, it should be noted in the Respondent’s Proposal.
19. Question: I noticed there are some long driveways. Do you have residents that require drive up service? If so, do you know how many?  
Response: As stated in Section III of the RFP:  
“It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to identify residents and businesses that need services and the service sizes required. Current customer lists are not available.”
20. Question: In Section 3, bullet point 4: will you, please define “problem materials”?  
Response: Section 1.1.19 of the Draft Solid Waste Services Agreement defines Problem Materials:  
**1.1.19 Problem Materials:** As defined in Minnesota Statutes 115A.03, subdivision 24a, waste that is too large to fit into a standard trash cart and requires special collection by Contractor. Problem material waste includes (but is not limited to): furniture, appliances, mattresses, and bed springs, and may be referred to as “bulky waste.” Problem material waste does include household electronic waste.